

Skyline Eagle News

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Principal's Message:

Thank you to three of our parents, Sandy Straley, Mark Olsen and Marilyn Taft, and three of our staff members, Jo Berry, Jolene Davidson and Judie Roberts, who were just elected to serve two-year terms on the **Skyline Community Council**. Elections were held during the last Parent/Teacher Conferences. These six will join the other six members of our council to help decide how Trust Lands and Quality Teaching money will be spent.

Spring and warm weather are just around the corner, which always brings more **dress code** violations. Please help us with student dress and advise your student that the following are inappropriate for school:

- tank tops
- bare midriffs
- short shorts/short skirts (must be below fingertips while standing)
- underwear showing
- cleavage showing

If your student violates dress code, you will be notified and a pair of scrubs will be issued to your student to wear for the remainder of the school day. Thanks for your help in advance!

Students have turned in their **class requests** for next year and we will begin building a schedule board for the upcoming year. It is still not too late to make changes in schedules. I ask you to consider two things:

- 1) Is your student requesting at least one or two classes that will be rigorous, that will challenge and stretch your student's thinking and learning? Our classes are open – including honors, Ed Net, concurrent enrollment, AP and IB classes – if your student is willing to try and willing to do the work.
- 2) The harder your student works in the senior year, the more prepared your student will be for college/university level work. Also, many seniors can earn enough college credit (concurrent enrollment, Ed Net, AP or IB classes) to enter college as a sophomore. Please don't allow your senior to waste a valuable year!

Questions or comments? Please call.

Sincerely, Kathy Clark

PTSA President's Message

The PTSA **2007-08 Executive Board** was elected at a General Membership Meeting held on March 6th, just before Concerto Night. The new board will be:

- President – Cynthia Bourne
- President Elect – Jamileh Jamison
- VP Membership – Heather Spurlock
- VP Finances – Barbara Jo Barth
- VP Administration – Kathy Clark
- VP Faculty – Carole Palmer
- Secretary – Linda Glauser
- Treasurer – Ann Jackson

We are very appreciative of these people who have been kind enough to volunteer their time for next year. We still have some positions open for next year. If you would like to help, please contact Cynthia Bourne at 673-7060.

Each year, the Skyline PTSA reserves some money to make a **gift to the school**. In the past, the PTSA has helped to pay for improvements to the auditorium and the marquee. The amount of money available each year varies as it depends on both the current year's income and expenses. We prefer to use all of the PTSA income in the year it was raised so that the members who contribute can see an immediate benefit for their students. In general, we choose to spend the money on items that will be of use to a large portion of the student population and on items that are one-time expenditures.

All members of the Skyline Community are encouraged to submit ideas for the PTSA's School Gift. If you have a proposal for a good use of this money, please contact either Sandra Lehman at 581-0581 or Barbara Chipman at 278-6397. We will be voting on the school gift and to amend the budget at the April PTSA meeting. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am in the Conference Room. All PTSA members are invited to attend these meetings.

PTSA Web Site:

www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/SkylinePTSA/

Career Center



Out-Of-State College Night

Who: Sophomores, Juniors & Parents

When: April 26, 2007

Where: Skyline Media Center – 6:00pm

A panel of senior students who have gone through the process of applying to out-of-state colleges will share information that will help students as they transition from high school to college. Topics will include college entrance exams, the application process, early decision/early action, college money/scholarships, resumes, college essays, and more. Don't miss out!

Counseling Center

Counselors have been extremely busy this past month getting students registered for next year. We appreciate parents' help in encouraging their students to return their **registration cards** promptly so they can get the classes they want and need.

We are completing **Sophomore SEOP conferences** this month and have invited all parents to attend with their students. Be sure to call Ms. Cannon in the Counseling Center at 646-5421 if you need to schedule an appointment.



April is the month when students must **report all scholarship offers** to Mrs. Nelson or Ms. Cannon. Forms will be available in the Counseling Center and Main Office.



Skyline IB Info

Spring is here and diploma students have completed their Creativity, Action, Service (CAS) hours, Extended Essays, Theory of Knowledge (TOK) class, and class projects for each class in the IB program. Students are now preparing for the **Exams** that will be given from **May 2--May 23**. The rigor of this program will truly prepare our students to be better at time management, writing,

organizing, and critical thinking skills as they begin coursework at a college or university of their choice. Many of our IB diploma students of 2006 are attending universities and colleges that are very prestigious and difficult to gain entrance to. We have students at Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, USC, Dartmouth, University of Michigan, Olin College, Reed College, UC Berkeley, University of Puget Sound, University of Chicago, Albertson College, Bowdoin College and the University of Utah. As we connect through e-mail, the students tell me how helpful it is to be so prepared for university level work.



Registration information meetings were held in January, February and March. If you are interested in the IB program and didn't attend an information meeting please call Skyline High School 646-5420 and talk with Ruth Dallas, IB Coordinator. Currently we have more than 50 Pre-IB students registered for next year. Any student who would like a rigorous yet rewarding high school schedule can self-select into the IB program. In the sophomore year students take honors English, Chemistry and either honors or AP American History. This will give them the prep courses for the IB program that begins in the junior year of high school. To participate in Pre-IB you need to fill out an application, write a letter of intent, pay a participation fee and meet with Ruth Dallas. When registering, students should select classes to fill high school graduation requirements and other interests they may have.

Students in Pre-IB and IB will receive a copy of **The Baccalaureate** two or three times a year. This newsletter is written by IB students under the direction of a parent as publisher. We have an excellent newsletter. Lori Levinson, Wyatt McKean's mother, has done a wonderful job for the past three years producing a great publication for our school. THANK YOU LORI for the countless hours you have donated for our benefit. Next year Anne Fritz will be in charge of *The Baccalaureate*.



I would also like to thank the IB teachers. They have gone the extra mile to learn what they must do to prepare the students to succeed as they take their IB exams in May. If students have completed all the assignments, projects, portfolios, workbooks, papers and presentations that

have been assigned by the IB teachers and will diligently study to prepare for the exams, they will succeed in their quest for an IB diploma. We are proud of the 17 students in our senior class who are on track to receive this prestigious award.

IB students will receive their test scores in July, and the diplomas will be presented to them in a special ceremony in December. I appreciate the support that has been given to the IB program by the administration, teachers, students and parents of Skyline High School.

-- Ruth Dallas, IB Coordinator

Arts & Humanities Council

If you have been to any of the performances of dance, drama, or music this year, you have probably received one of the beautiful, **professional programs** that have been printed for each production. This project was undertaken by the Arts Council as a fundraiser for the students who sold the advertising, with additional profits going to each contributing department to supplement their budgets. **HUGE thanks** go to Paula D'Ambrosio and Deena Lofgren for their stellar leadership in this venture. Thanks to them, we not only provided a great way for students to earn money toward their school expenses but also have a beautiful souvenir of each performance. If you would like to have your service or business appear in the program for the 2007-2008 performance season you can contact Paula (278-8459) or Deena (277-9220) or any art student.

Congratulations go out to Kyle Lewis and the Drama Department for a successful run of the school play "**Harvey**" and the Eagle Productions performances of "**I Never Saw Another Butterfly**." "Butterfly" was one of the productions selected to be performed for this year's annual conference of the Utah Theater Association, and received great reviews from both Skyline patrons and the UTA audience. At the final banquet, UTA awarded a few scholarships based on auditions held earlier in the conference. Skyline received not one or two, but three scholarships! They were awarded to **Rachel Warner** (Technical Design), **Ali Kaelin** (Acting), and **Aspen Rogers** (Sound Engineering). Way to go!

Skyline's annual **Concerto Night** was held March 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. This wonderful event featured some of Skyline's best and brightest musical artists. Soloists **Sara Ence**, **Brittany McDowell**, **Kimberly Stoker**,

Camille Smith, **Alecia Peterson**, **Daniel Lofgren**, **Nicole Watts**, **Jason Brown**, **Mary Ungricht**, and **Alexis Thompson** were accompanied by our wonderful Skyline Orchestra and conducted by Adam Larson and Richard Chatelain.

On March 16th The Troubadours and Highlights presented the 7th Annual Barbershop Show. Audience members were humming all the way home after an evening of terrifically tight harmonies and wonderfully warm melodies, led by Jay Gunderson and featuring "The Cadillac," a fabulous doo-wop group.

We want to welcome a new addition to the performing arts staff at Skyline. **Erin Patrick is our new teacher in the dance department**. We were sorry to have to say goodbye to Michelle Strong, but look forward to working with Erin as she steps in to work with our talented dancers.

Speaking of dancers, mark your calendars for **April 19 & 20** and come enjoy a beautiful evening of dance presented by the Skyline Dance Company. Performances will be in the Skyline auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

There are wonderful **art exhibits** ongoing in Gallery 127 featuring the works of our exceptional students in the art department. Please take the opportunity to view their work when you visit Skyline.



Applications for the **Arts & Humanities Council Scholarships** are available in the main office or from any teacher in the Arts or Humanities Departments. These scholarships are open to any Skyline senior, with special attention given to those participating in the Arts & Humanities while at Skyline. Scholarship deadline is Friday, **April 20th**.

We are in the process of considering people to be included on the "**Legacy Wall**" in each of the arts departments. If you know of someone who attended Skyline and has continued to make a contribution in the arts, humanities or media, they should be considered! Please let us know about them! Drop off or mail a note for the Arts & Humanities Council (Skyline High, 3251 E. 3760 South, SLC, 84109), call Susan Kaelin (272-0595), or e-mail her at susankaelin@netzero.com. Thanks to all of you for supporting and sustaining a great arts education at Skyline!



For Your Calendar
Spring Break
April 5, 6 & 9

Dance Company's Spring Concert

"Artistically Speaking"

Thurs./Friday, April 19 & 20
Skyline Auditorium
\$5 adults/\$4 students



Dance Company Auditions

- Parent meeting and registration: Monday, April 23, 4:00 p.m. in Dance Room. Followed by mandatory workshop 4:30-8:00 p.m. in the Main Gym and Dance Room.
- Audition: Tuesday, April 24, 4:00 until approximately 7:00 p.m. in Dance Room.
- Students can pick up a registration and information packet in the Dance Room.

Sterling Scholars

On February 21, our Sterling Scholars participated in the semi-final round of judging at Woods Cross High School. Eight of our thirteen scholars were named as finalists:

Jonathan Allen	Trade & Technical
Rebecca Bekker	Family & Consumer Sci.
Sarah Dupont	Social Science
T.J. McLaughlin	Computer Technology
Kevin Ni	Mathematics
Sally Steele	Foreign Language
Junyang Wang	Science
Siwei Zhou	Speech & Drama

These eight students participated in further judging on March 7. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony on March 28 at Cottonwood High School. Congratulations to all thirteen of Skyline's Sterling Scholars – they represented us well!

Granite Peaks Make-up Classes

The Skyline Campus of Granite Peaks Lifelong Learning, a division of Granite School District, is offering **make-up credit classes every Thursday afternoon** after school. Students who need to make up a credit to meet graduation requirements must see a counselor in order to register for these classes. Each make-up quarter credit is \$55. Seniors must register by May 1st in order to have time to complete the class through Granite Peaks in time for graduation. Spring credit classes begin on March 27th, so register early!

Instrumental Music

Thanks to all who supported our annual **Concerto Night**. It was a huge success! Many comments have already come in with rave reviews. Special thanks to all soloists for their diligence, musicianship, and professionalism. Thanks to the orchestra members who were prepared to back up each soloist. Thanks to the parents who planned and organized the reception. What a wonderful evening! Thank you!

The **Jazz Ensemble** performed in the region festival on March 15th. They earned Superior ratings in every category.



The band played very well last month at the BYU festival. All students should be very proud of their accomplishments!

Upcoming Events:

This is indeed "crazy time" for us! Lots of events are coming shortly. Here's a brief list:

- March 28th through April 1st -- Spring Tour!
- April 3rd – Region Concert Band Festival. 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. @ Taylorsville High.
- April 10th – Instrumental Spring Concert. 7:00 p.m., Skyline Auditorium.
- April 18th – Region Orchestra Festival, 4:00 – 7:00 PM @ Hillcrest HS. Region Orchestra Festival
- May 10th is a huge day! The **Granite Youth Symphony** is celebrating its 50th year. There will be a special concert at Cottonwood HS this night at 7:00 PM. Alumni are invited to play. There are many people in the Skyline community who are alumni of this fine organization, so please help to spread the word. Contact Mr. Larson for further information.

Thanks again for your continued support to make Skyline a wonderful place for music!

Precalculus Honors Course

AP/IB math teacher, Adella Croft, will be teaching a Precalculus Honors course at the University of Utah this summer. Students who have successfully completed Mr. Barlow's Intermediate Algebra Honors course are invited to register. The classes will run from June 18 – August 9 and meet Monday through Thursday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Contact Mrs. Croft or Mr. Barlow for details.



Graduation

May 31

7:00 p.m.

Huntsman Center @ U of U
No tickets required.

Reminder:

In order to make sure that all fees and fines are paid, seniors will not be allowed to walk at graduation without being cleared of all money owed to Skyline High School.

2007 Graduation Party

Thursday, May 31st

11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

West Valley Fitness Center
\$20 pre-registration, \$25 at door



There will be tons of fun things to do: basketball, swimming, racquetball, rock climbing, volleyball, remote control cars, guitar hero, dance revolution, DJ, dancing, and LOTS of prizes! There will be an early bird drawing for pre-registered students! Look for the flier in this newsletter, and watch for more information and the permission slip in the mail.

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Debate

Congratulations to the Skyline Debate team and their success at the State Debate Meet!



- 2 state Champions:
Siwei Zhou – 1st in Oratory
Rebecca Steele – 1st in Congress
- Other high individual places:
Andres Sanchez – 2nd Impromptu
Ajay Giri – 7th Foreign Extemp
Lindley Miner – 7th Impromptu
- Team – 6th overall
Lukang Xiao & Fangda Jiang
Shelby Beacham & Peter Vanderhooft
Jennifer Wang
Qing Zhao
Sarah Gronlund
Katherine Crabtree
Mahreen Bashir
Cecilia Park
Sean Smith
Ajay Giri

Community of Caring

2007-08 Community of Caring Board Applications will be available in April in the Community of Caring Room (156).

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, March 30: Women's Forum, "Finding Your Soul-Worth," Jenny Harrop will be the speaker. Students will travel by bus to the Jones Center. Registration forms will be available in Room 156 or the Main Office. All forms must be turned in to Mrs. Daily by March 26.
- Tuesday, April 10: 500 Sandwiches, Community of Caring Room 156 @ 2:15. Salvation Army @ 4:30, meet at the south circle. Must sign up ahead of time.
- Monday, April 23: Food Bank, meet @ 2:15, Community of Caring Room 156.
- Tuesday, April 24: Service Scholar Banquet, at the Old Meeting House, 6:00 p.m.



Softball



The girls' softball team is up and swinging – pun intended! We have had eight games so far, including five in the St. George tournament in mid-March. We had a great experience against some of the excellent teams from Las Vegas and Idaho. Many of the games we have lost have been in extra innings by only one run. We are excited to see what April will bring! Thanks!

Men's Soccer

You Don't Want to Miss This!



Paint your face blue and gold and come be a part of the soccer crazies at Skyline men's soccer matches this season. Join us in the stadium for our home matches where you'll find great concessions and fast and furious play on the pitch. Warm spring afternoons (we're working on making sure there is plenty of sunshine every match) are a great time to be with your friends in the stadium cheering the Eagles. For our road matches, grab a couple of friends and come get loud for Skyline.

The regular season has 5 home games that all start at 3:30 p.m. Here is the season schedule with home games in **bold**.

Men's Soccer Schedule

- **Tuesday, April 3rd - Taylorsville @ Skyline**
- *Wednesday April 11th, Skyline @ Jordan*
- *Friday, April 13th - Skyline at Alta*
- **Tuesday, April 17th – Hillcrest @ Skyline**
- *Friday, April 20th, Skyline at Brighton*
- *Tuesday April 24th - Skyline @ Taylorsville*
- **Friday, April 27th -Jordan @Skyline**
- **Tuesday, May 1st - Alta @ Skyline**
- *Friday, May 4th - Skyline @Hillcrest*
- **Tuesday, May 8th - Brighton @Skyline**

Special Thanks from Skyline Soccer!

Coach Bunting, Coach Blakesley and the men of the Skyline side want to extend special thanks to Connie Martin and Soccer International for generous support of the team.

Women's Basketball

Spring-Summer 2007

All girls in the Skyline area who are interested in basketball are invited to participate in the following activities:

- March 26–30: State AAU, high school team members only.
- April 2, 4, 11, 12: Spring Practices, 4:30 – 6:30, all teams playing Spring Team. All Skyline team members and potential team members.
- April 16-May 9: Spring Fling, grades 7-12. Call Deb Bennett to secure a spot on your age/skill group team.
- May 14, 16, 18, 21: Spring Practices, 3:00-5:00, grades 9-12.
- June 4-8: Skyline Summer Clinic, grades 9-12 (8-10:30 a.m.) and grades 4-8 (10:45-1:00 p.m.).



- June 8-9: UVSC Jamboree, grades 9-12
- June 15-16: Judkins Elite Clinic, varsity only.
- June 18-22: Dixie Team Camp, grades 9-12, (this year's 8th graders are included).
- July 10-13: Metro Shoot Out, varsity and JV only.
- July 18-22: San Diego Tournament, varsity, JV only.

Detailed information is available by calling Deb Bennett (646-5420), cell (554-4787), or attending the first practice on April 2 at 4:30. E-mail is debra.bennett@granite.k12.ut.us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Tennis

- Team Meeting for prospective players and parents on Wednesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m. in Skyline's Media Center.
- Tryouts on August 6-7-8, 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Skyline's tennis courts.
- For more information, contact joanie.daily@granite.k12.ut.us.



Women's Volleyball

- Summer Camp June 11-14
- Tryouts August 6-7-8
- For more information, contact Coach Jami Hutchins, jami.hutchins@granite.k12.ut.us.



Choir Auditions

- Auditions April 11-12-13
- Sign up for audition times in Room 202.
- Accompanist will be provided.
- Be prepared to sing 16 bars of an upbeat song.
- For more information, contact jay.gungersen@granite.k12.ut.us.



Instrumental Music Auditions

- Auditions for Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble will be on May 3-4.
- A sign-up sheet will be posted outside Room 201 a couple of weeks ahead.
- For more information, contact adam.larson@granite.k12.ut.us.



Absences: There are eight kinds of absences:

1. "E" indicates that a parent has called the school on the day of the absence (646-5433). No parent notes are accepted.
2. "R" is a school released absence, i.e. field trips, tournaments, etc. Participation points are given.
3. "A" indicates an un-excused absence; a parent has NOT notified the school or the absence is not justifiable. Non-justifiable absences include baby sitting jobs, "needed at home," "over-sleeping," and appointments that can be scheduled after school. No participation points awarded.
4. "U" is a confirmed sluff. No participation points given.
5. "S" is for a suspension. Participation points are given.
6. "V" is for vacation. No participation points given.
7. "F" is for funeral. Participation points are given.
8. "M" is for medical. Extended absences only, five or more days. Doctor's letter required. Participation points are given.

Students must have a **street pass** to leave campus during the day. Leaving campus without a street pass will be an "A" absence.

Students involved in after-school activities must attend school the day of the activity in order to be eligible to participate.

Citizenship Grades:

- One "U" or "A" absence = 1
- Two "U" or "A" absences = 0
- 8 or more class absences ("E," "A," and/or "U") in one quarter will result in a 0 in that class, unless absences are due to special circumstances. These will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- **Tardies:** The following is the standard for citizenship grades:
 - 0-1 tardies = 4
 - 2 tardies = 3
 - 3 tardies = 2
 - 4 tardies = 1
 - 5 or more tardies = 0
- Teachers are encouraged to allow some tardy make-up (for one or two tardies).

Please note that:

1. Calls must be made on the day of the absence by 2:00 pm. at 646-5433.
2. No absence will be retroactively excused after three days.
3. Parents must call before their student arrives if they are coming in more than 20 minutes late (due to a justifiable reason), and the student must check in at the counseling center to be excused and receive a pass to class.
4. Street passes must be called in the morning and the student must pick them up in the counseling center (blue basket) before the period they need them. They must check back in when they return or the parent must indicate, when they call for the street pass, that their student will not be returning.
5. Please check the attendance policy on Skyline's web site.
6. Parents can have their student's attendance e-mailed to them on a regular basis by going in to the grade book program on the website.