

Skyline Eagle News

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe we are already into the second half of the school year. By now you should have seen your student's report card with second term grades on it!

- If your student has failed a class this year or previous years, Granite Peaks is now offering credit recovery on the Skyline campus. The **A+ Program** is a computer-based program that a student progresses through at his/her own pace. Cost is \$55 for a quarter's credit. Students may use this A+ Program on Thursdays anytime from 2:30-6:30 p.m. The new computer lab in Room 117 is the location. A certified teacher is there to help your student. If you are interested, please call your student's counselor at 646-5421 and ask about the A+ Program.
- It is **election time for the Skyline Community Council**. We have three parent openings. If you can meet once a month and are interested in truly having an impact on Skyline High's priorities, please be a candidate. Voting will take place at Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 28 and March 1. Please fill out the Declaration of Candidacy Form in this newsletter and return to the Skyline Main Office (3251 E. 3760 South, 84109) by February 6.
- All sophomores will sit for the **UBSCT (test for graduation)** on February 13, 14 and 15. Those seniors and juniors who still have tests to pass will also be sitting for the UBSCT. The rest of the student body will be on a shortened day. More information will be given out closer to testing.
- **Registration for next year's classes** starts in February. Please take an active role in helping your student select classes. I strongly suggest that your student "sign up" for as rigorous classes as she/he can succeed in learning. All classes are open to your student – Honors, AP, Concurrent Enrollment and IB. Some classes require tryouts (Madrigals, Cheerleading, etc.), and, of course, some need appropriate prior course success (take Spanish 3 after

Spanish 2, Calculus after Pre-Calculus). Any questions you have may be answered by counselors or administrators.

- Thank you for sending your student to Skyline. We have the most amazing scholars and citizens as our student body!

-- Kathy Clark

PTSA President's Message:

I hope everyone had a great holiday and is returning to a great year! At the PTSA, we are already thinking about the 2007-2008 school year. At the Holiday Choral Concert, we elected our nominating committee of Cynthia Bourne, Ann Jackson, Ruth Barrett, Korby Hanks and Desiree Binford. These volunteers have put together a slate of nominees for positions for next year, and you can vote at a short meeting just before the Concerto Night at 6:55 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6th.

We have many great ways for volunteers to help in the PTSA. If you might be interested in a Board or Commissioner position, please give one of the nominating committee members a phone call and let them know that you are interested in helping. It's not too late to volunteer for this year. Give Paula D'Ambrosio a call or fill out the form on our website. Go to: www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/SkylinePTSA. We are always adding new content. If you don't find what you want to know, just ask and we'll get an answer to you as soon as possible.

We were extremely pleased to have Sheri Wittwer, executive director of NAMI-Utah, lead a parent and teen discussion about depression, mood disorders, and substance abuse last November. Our Health & Safety commissioners are planning to do more with the Hope for Tomorrow program this spring. Anyone interested in helping can contact Deena Lofgren. More information about NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness) can be found at www.namiut.org.

Our state legislature will be in session soon. Every year, bills that influence how our schools are administered and funded are voted on by our elected officials. If you

are interested in receiving legislative alerts, go to the legislative page (under PTSA committees) on our website.

Thanks for being part of our great school!

Sandra Lehman & Barbara Chipman
PTSA Co-Presidents

Math Contest

Skyline High has some of the best high school mathematicians in the country, as demonstrated by their **16th place finish in the 2006 Ciphering Time Trials, a national mathematics contest administered by National Assessment and Testing**. Coach Adella Croft prepared students for this last major competition of 2006, consisting of ten rounds in which they had three minutes to solve three problems. The problems in each round covered a range of difficulties in diverse topics, challenging the most-experienced students to answer all three questions within the time limit, and requiring less-experienced students to quickly decide which problems they should skip.

Two of Skyline's students received individual awards, helping their team to place 16th among the top schools in the country. **Kyu Young Kim** placed 12th in the 11th grade division, while **Kevin Ni** was 25th in the 12th grade division. Congratulations to these amazing students!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, February 28 &
Thursday, March 1



4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
in the Cafeteria & Gym

Arts & Humanities Council

We hope you have been able to take advantage of the wonderful arts opportunities available to students and the community at Skyline this year.

Congratulations to the Performing Arts departments for the wonderful production of "Pirates of Penzance," the marvelous dance, instrumental, and vocal holiday concerts in December, and the Drama Department's production of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" which was selected to be performed for the Utah Theater Association's conference at the end of January.

Congratulations also to the Humanities Department for their many debate successes and the awesome Poetry Slam contest! We have some really talented contemporary poets at Skyline! Skyline has been host to several big speech and debate meets so far this year and looks forward to hosting the Region debate meet on Feb. 23-24. The 4th Annual Valley Wide Poetry Festival is also scheduled to be at Skyline in February, AND our literary magazine was awarded an "Excellent" rating by the National Council of Teachers of English!

We have amazing visual and graphic art departments and are continually treated to wonderful shows in Gallery 127. Stop in and take a look! Please take note of the performing arts program covers because many are done by our talented visual and graphic art students.

Not only are the current arts students amazing, but there is such a rich tradition of excellence in the arts at Skyline that we are starting a project to highlight and honor accomplishments in the arts of former Skyline students. To create this "Legacy Wall" in each department, **we need your help with nominations of people to be considered for inclusion.** If you know of someone who attended Skyline HS and has continued to make a contribution in the arts, humanities, or media please take a minute to let us know about them! Nominations can be made through the Skyline office c/o the Arts Council or to Susan Kaelin (272-0595) or susankaelin@netzero.com. Please include the nominee's name, contact information (if you have it), what area they would be honored in and the reason for your nomination. We hope that this "Legacy Wall" will not only be a way to highlight individual accomplishments, but more importantly – inspire others to reach for great things in the future. We are looking forward to our **"SHARE THE**

MUSIC/ SAVE THE ARTS" concert event on March 24, 2007. Mark your calendars because this is one you won't want to miss!

Our **Lega-Seat project** is still going strong and we encourage you to "buy a seat" and thus make a contribution to the great need in arts funding for our school. Lega-Seat contributions can be made through the Skyline office c/o the Arts & Humanities Council.

Thanks to your continuing support of the Arts, we are able to offer a superior, well rounded education at Skyline!

Counseling Center

February will be **Sophomore SEOP** month. All Sophomores and parents will be invited to attend this very important meeting with their counselor. They will also have a Career Center experience with Mrs. Palmer. We will be discussing each student's Progress Towards Graduation Summary (PTGs) and developing a three-year education plan, college admission requirements and course selection for the Junior and Senior years. Parents will receive their student's appointment time by mail. Contact Ms. Cannon in the Counseling Center at 646-5421 if you have any questions.

Also a reminder to all seniors who may be applying for Federal Aid for college -- the application forms are available in the Career Center and/or the website and should be submitted ASAP.

Registration for next year's classes will begin in March for next year's Juniors and Seniors. More information appears below.

Registration for 2007/2008

Here are the 2007-2008 registration schedules for Wasatch, Churchill and Skyline:

Wasatch & Churchill

- Delivery of materials: Feb. 21 & 22
- Pick-up of materials: Feb. 28 & Mar. 1

Skyline Juniors

- Delivery: Feb. 26 & 27
- Pick-up: March 8 & 9

Skyline Sophomores

- Delivery: March 5 & 6
- Pick-up: March 13 & 24

Note: Counselors will work through English classes for registration. On pick-up dates, they will be at the back of the English classroom to quietly collect registration cards one-by-one. They will stay long enough to answer questions and check the completed cards for accuracy.

Window Permits



- Required for new students (including 9th graders), living outside Skyline's traditional boundary, that want to attend Skyline next year.
- Accepted on first-come/first-served basis until February 16, 2007.
- Approval based on available space.
- \$5.00 processing fee must accompany the application.
- Questions? Call 646-5420.

Career Center

Out-of-State College Night

The counseling department is offering a special evening meeting for sophomores, juniors and their parents who are thinking about applying to out-of-state colleges. A panel of senior students who have gone through this process will share vital information that will help other Skyline students as they make the transition from high school to college. Topics will include college entrance exams, the application process, early decision/early action, college money/scholarships, choosing colleges, organization/timelines, sample college essays, resumes and much more. There will also be time for questions and answers. The original date for this event was March 15, but has been rescheduled for **Thursday, April 26 at 6:00pm in the Media Center.**



Skyline IB News

Let's celebrate!!! On December 20th we held our first IB celebration to award the certificates and diplomas to IB students from the class of 2006. We had a wonderful time as we heard where the students were attending school and about their future plans. We are proud of these students who were the pioneers for the program here at Skyline.

January is a busy time with the end of the first semester, and papers, projects and presentations all due for the IB classes. Students were given a calendar in September with due dates for IB. We hope they will refer to it so the deadlines don't

creep up on those in the junior and senior years of the IB program.

Ninth-grade meetings to give information about the IB program were held on January 10th and 11th. Anyone who may have missed the meetings should contact Ruth Dallas, IB coordinator at 646-5420 or e-mail at ruth.dallas@granite.k12.ut.us. We will be holding **small group orientations** which will provide an outline for your high school years if you are pursuing an IB diploma. All prospective IB students and their parents should plan to attend. The meetings will be held in January and February in the morning before school and right after school. Meetings will last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes. We invite all students who are interested in a well rounded education with a global perspective to learn about IB and its benefits.

Senior Service Awards Banquet

Applications for the Senior Service Awards Banquet will be distributed to senior students on Thursday and Friday, February 1-2 in English classes. Applications will also be available in the Main Office from February 1-15. **The submission deadline is February 16.**

The Senior Service Awards Banquet for outstanding students and their parents will be held at 6:30 p.m. on **May 22** in the ballroom of the Hilton Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City. The banquet is organized to honor senior students who have actively contributed to Skyline High School over their three years at Skyline High in at least two or more areas of service, academic achievement, and/or student activities. Students must have maintained a high standard of citizenship while at Skyline and at least a 3.00 CPA. The categories of activities and service include art, academic achievement, athletics, student government, citizenship, music, drama, debate, active participation in official service clubs, leadership positions in clubs, service, publications and other activities.

Senior students must fill out an application and sign up for a transcript in the Counseling Center. Applications must be filled out as completely as possible and returned to the English teacher or to the Main Office no later than Friday, February 16. All applications will be evaluated and eligible students will receive their invitations to the banquet by the first of May.

The Senior Service Awards Banquet is a wonderful way to honor outstanding senior students for their contributions to the

success of our school. It is a delightful evening for students and their parents and a great way to remember the students' achievements and successes over their high school career.

Yearbook

We will be adding full-colored business ads and sponsorships to Skyline's yearbook this year. If you or someone you know may be interested in having your business featured in or sponsoring the yearbook, please contact the yearbook advisor, Warren Hull, for information regarding the different ad sizes and packages. Mr. Hull may be reached at 646-5434 or at warren.hull@granite.k12.ut.us. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business locally, and a portion of each sponsorship or business ad will go toward helping students who otherwise wouldn't be able to purchase a yearbook.

Senior Parents: We have pushed back the **deadline for the yearbook's senior baby ads to Thursday, March 1.** If you have not yet purchased a spot in the yearbook to honor or recognize your senior, please pick up the information and order form in the Main Office ASAP.



Reflections Contest Winners

Congratulations to the Skyline students who won awards in the annual PTSA Reflections Contest. Each of these students was awarded a \$10 gift card to Barnes and Noble for their excellent entries.

- Visual Arts Winners: **Avery Barrett, Spencer Birth, Blake Hill, Tiffany Liu, Ben Smoot.**
- Photography Winners: **Alison Cheney, Tiffany Liu, Fatima Nabi, Stephanie Woodward.**
- Literature Winners: **Any Firestone, Fatima Nabi, Tiffany Liu, Fay Fay Ye.**
- 3-D Art Winner: **Fatima Nabi.**
- Dance Choreography Winner: **Fay Fay Ye.**
- Film/Video Winner: **Jennie Mangum.**
- Four Skyline students also won awards at the next level in the Skyline PTA Council competition and will go on to compete at the regional level. Those students are **Amy Firestone, Jennie Mangum, Fatima Nabi and Stephanie Woodward.**



Review Classes for **February 10th ACT Test**

- English review classes begin Monday, January 29th and run for 10 school days.
- Cost: \$25
- This English review will be taught right after school in Mr. Brown's room (R. 124).
- We must have 10 students registered by the first day of class to carry the class.
- There will be no math review classes this time. If you want to review for the math section of the February ACT Test, see Mrs. Croft in Room 105 for practice materials or a tutor contact.

Community of Caring

Up-Coming Service Activities:

- January 24 (Wednesday) -- Service Scholar Portfolios Due.
- February 1 (Thursday) -- Service Scholar Open House, Media Center, 9:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Everyone welcome! Come see the work of 60 Service Scholars!
- February 9 (Friday) -- Head, Heart & Hands Assembly.
- February 13 (Tuesday) -- 500 Sandwiches, 2:15 p.m., CoC Room 156. Salvation Army Dinner Serving, 4:30 p.m. South Circle.
- Feb. 27 (Tuesday) -- Food Bank, CoC Room 156, 2:15 p.m.

All Skyline students are invited to these activities. Sign up in Room 156.

Dance Company

Dance Company's winter concert "**Fearless**" in December was incredible. Excellent job girls! Congratulations to the entire company for working so hard and producing such an excellent show. Thank you to all the parents, teachers, students and administrators who helped make this program a success. We are especially grateful to stage crew for all of their hard work and patience. We love you guys.

Dance Company has quite a few performances coming up in the month of February including:

- "Spotlight on Skyline" assembly for 9th graders on Feb. 6th
- State High School Festival at UVSC on Feb. 10th
- Half-time at the boys' varsity basketball game on Feb. 16th
- Granite District Dance Concert at Granger High on Feb. 23rd



The Joy of Woodworking

As next year's registration will soon be upon us, I want to remind parents and students that we have a well equipped Woodwork Lab at Skyline. Our most recent new tool is the high tech SawStop table saw. This is the safest table saw on the planet. Using sophisticated electronics, the blade can actually sense skin contact and the blade brake fires, stopping the blade instantly. While our safety record at Skyline has been good it is nice to know that these saws are in place.

With these saws and all of the other tools in the shop we produce many fine pieces of furniture each and every year. Our beginning students choose between a nightstand and a blanket chest. The blanket chest has been especially popular with girls that take the class. As students take woodwork they develop an appreciation for fine furniture and begin to understand the work necessary to produce heirloom quality furniture. I invite you to consider taking a woodwork class to complete your applied technology requirement or as an enjoyable elective. For more information, you can contact me at philip.lundgren@granite.k12.ut.us.



Wanted – Good Attorney



The Mock Trial team is seeking an attorney to help us defend our case. An Attorney CLE Mock Trial Training will be held on January 30, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Utah Law Center. Approximately 3-4 hours would be spent with the Skyline High School Mock Trial Team polishing their courtroom skills. Contact Judie Roberts at 557-3994 (cell).

GSD Family Dental Plan

Granite School District has partnered with the Utah State Family Dental Plan and will be opening a dental clinic at the Granite Education Center (2500 S. Main Street, Suite 404). The clinic will be opening in mid February and will be accepting patients who are on Medicaid, CHIP and PCN.

To make an appointment with the dental clinic or to see if you qualify for Medicaid, please call the Medicaid Outreach Office at 646-4247 or 646-4254. We will also be available to answer questions at the GEC Open House on February 7, 2007 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Granite Education Center, Programs Building (the five-story building).

Skyline Men's Soccer Picking Up Momentum



The spring men's soccer season is coming fast and the Skyline soccer program is picking up momentum in preparation. Below are some important dates and useful information about men's soccer.

▪ Tryouts:

Most notably for anyone interested in playing soccer for Skyline, tryouts will be held on **Monday February 26th through Wednesday February 28th**. Players should plan on attending tryouts all three days. Tryouts will start at 3:00 p.m. each day and run until 4:45 p.m. Players need to be on the field ready to go, including mandatory shin guards, by 3:00 p.m. A warm-up session will start at 2:45 p.m. each day. These tryouts are open to all Skyline men and 9th graders who will be attending Skyline. Ninth graders, who are on a different schedule than the high school, need to be at the field as close to 3:00 p.m. as possible without missing school, no later than 3:30 p.m.

▪ Pre-Tryout Meeting:

There will be a mandatory pre-tryout meeting for all soccer players on **February 8th at 3:30 p.m. in the Media Center** at Skyline. The primary purpose of this meeting is to get everyone ready for tryouts. Remember that you must have a physical exam before taking the field for tryouts. Please bring your completed physical exam form and tryout checklist to this meeting. If you need either of these forms please contact Coach Bryce Bunting. If you are unable to get a physical exam on your own, the school will make it possible to get a physical at the school, but the lines are always long and players who can get it done ahead of time are encouraged to do so.

▪ Open Gym:

In addition, Coach Bunting has announced "open-gym" workouts on **Monday, February 5th and Monday, February 12th**. These workouts consist primarily of small-sided scrimmage sessions and are optional. They will run from 3:00 p.m. (3:30 p.m. for 9th graders) until 4:30 p.m. These workouts will be held on the soccer field.

▪ Coach Attends Specialized Training:

In January, Coach Bunting attended the national convention of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA). This is an organization made up of coaches from across the country including top MLS and college coaches. During the week-long

convention Coach Bunting was able to learn from and rub shoulders with some of the best coaches in the country and the world including Bill Beswick of the English national team; Pietro Ghedin, head coach of the Italian Women's national team; and Dominic Kinnear, head coach of MLS's Houston Dynamo.

▪ Thanks!

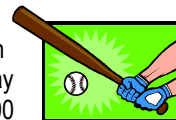
Many thanks to the Skyline Men's Soccer Boosters for their generous support of this unique training opportunity for Coach Bunting. It's an investment that will pay dividends in the spring when we begin formal training.

▪ Contact Coach Bunting:

If you have questions about soccer or any soccer dates, Coach Bunting is anxious to help and you are encouraged to contact him at: bryce.bunting@granite.k12.ut.us.

Girls' Softball

The girls' softball team is holding open gyms every Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. throughout February.



Tryouts for the team will be Monday, Feb. 26 and Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 3:00 pm in the auxiliary gym. Any girls grades 9 thru 12 that would like to try out are encouraged to make it to at least one open gym before tryouts or contact Miss Long in Room 109. Go Eagles!



Graduation

May 31, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Huntsman Center @ U of U

No tickets required.

Notice:

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.