

Skyline Eagle News

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Even with the District's new scheduling program's difficulties, our school year began well. We ended up having about 30 more students than anticipated and that allowed us, last week, to create a new Sophomore English class, a new Intermediate Algebra Honors class, a new American Studies class and a new Pre-Calculus Honors class. These classes were at 40-43 students per class, so adding new classes allowed the class loads to reach far more reasonable student numbers. If your student was disrupted by this, thank you for understanding that this shuffling was in the best interests of all our students and their learning.

Our Ed Net classes from Utah State are going well. The air conditioning is set to be installed soon, and the minor start-up glitches are disappearing. If you are interested in having your student earn their Associate's Degree while in high school or just earn college credit from Utah State while in high school, please contact me. Classes offered next semester include English 1010 (college credit + senior Effective Writing credit), Humanities, Biology, College Algebra, Civilization:Creative Arts, General Psychology, Strategies for Academic Success, and U.S. Institutions. All these classes earn both college and high school credit. They are free except for the text book, which the student must provide. Your student must have a 3.0 or better GPA to sign up. Classes for next semester are filling up rapidly. Please have your student see me or their counselor, soon, to reserve their spot in the class.

Congratulations to our 2006-2007 National Merit Semi-Finalists:

- Adam Bockelie
- Nancy Carter
- John Chen
- Min-a Cho
- Sarah Dupont
- Jennie Mangum
- Wyatt McKean
- Thomas McLaughlin
- Kevin Ni
- Kendrick Shepherd
- Kimberly Souza
- Nathan Swallow
- Andrey Yaroshchuk
- Siwei Zhou

Please call or visit me if you have any questions or concerns about your student's education at Skyline!

-- Kathy Clark

PTSA President's Message:

Welcome to our new and returning students, parents, and patrons of Skyline High -- a school with great traditions in Academics, Leadership, Citizenship, Arts and Athletics. Skyline PTSA is proud to play a small part in the learning process that takes place at this school.

This past summer, the PTSA introduced a new website with the help of Teri Lane, Legislative VP and Community Council Representative. The address is:

www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/skyline

PTSA. This web site has all the PTSA events, information, and a message board. If you have any suggestions for this site, let us know.

As always, the start of a new school year requires help from dedicated people who are willing to share part of their summertime at Skyline. Thanks to Paula D'Ambrosio, Volunteer Coordinator, and her corps of workers for their assistance in registration, at the Back-to-School Stomp, and with school pictures. Many thanks go to Mary Ann Clawson for handling the Back-to-School Stomp and to Susan Ward's hospitality committee for providing a welcome back luncheon for the faculty.

PTSA Board Meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except December) at 11:30 am in the main office conference room. We welcome all PTSA members to this meeting and welcome their input on any of our committees. We look forward to seeing parents and students at Parent/Teacher Conferences on Sept. 26th and 27th. Barbara Jo Barth, Financial VP, will be selling Skyline Logo Wear.

GO Skyline Eagles in all your activities during the 2006-07 school year.

Sandra Lehman and Barbara Chipman
PTSA Co-Presidents

You don't want to miss the...

ALL-NEW SKYLINE LOGOWEAR



on sale during Parent/Teacher
Conferences

They make terrific gifts for your student and
members of the family!!



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, September 26

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Wednesday, September 27

4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

*Come meet with each of your
student's teachers!*

Counseling Center

Welcome back, everyone! We're excited to be starting a new school year and look forward to meeting with all of our students. We've had a horrendous time with a new computer system that is cumbersome to use and is not accurate. We appreciate your patience as we've tried to provide the best possible schedules for your students and we hope things will improve very soon.

Senior SEOP conferences began Sept. 11. Every senior and parents will be invited to meet with their counselor to discuss their current progress towards graduation, post-high-school plans, college admission requirements, scholarships and financial aid, etc. Students will also have a Career Center experience with Mrs. Palmer. We know we have some valuable information to present and are anxious to meet with all of you.

Financial Aid-Scholarship Night will be **October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Media Center.** Ruth Henneman, the scholarship specialist at SLCC, will be the guest speaker and it will be well worth your time to attend.

Career Center News

If you snooze, you lose! Visit the Career Center web page frequently.

- **Seniors:** Qualified young men and women in their senior year of high school who would like to attend a Military Academy should contact Congressman Jim Matheson's office to set up an interview as soon as possible. See Mrs. Palmer in the Career Center for more information.
- **"College Day"** is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 25**, from 7:30-10:40 a.m. This is a special day and an excellent opportunity for seniors and parents to meet with representatives from all Utah colleges and universities to discuss academic programs, admissions, financial aid, scholarships and questions regarding housing. Jostens will also be present on this day to give out cap and gown information.
- **Are you interested in attending an out-of-state college?** Check the Career Center web site for a list of colleges, the dates and times they will visit Skyline. Sophomores, juniors, seniors and parents are welcome to attend any of these sessions.
- **Parents:** Please encourage your students to take advantage of Career Seminars, Specialty Tours, Job Shadows and Internships provided by Skyline's Work-Based Learning program. Examples of upcoming Career Seminars include areas in Medical Research, Broadcast Journalism, Engineering and Aviation. We also work with Intermountain Healthcare to provide ongoing seminars in the medical industry. Space is limited!!! For more information, contact Mrs. Kizer in the Career Center.

College Visits

- **Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn and Stanford** will hold information sessions for parents and students Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton SLC Center Hotel, 255 S. West Temple.
- Students and parents are invited to attend the **University of Notre Dame** information program on Thursday, Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Judge Memorial High School Library, 650 S. 1100 East.
- An information session for **MIT** will be held Monday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Bryant Intermediate School, 40 S. 800 East.
- The following colleges will be in the Career Center to discuss college admissions, financial aid, scholarships and other pertinent information. Students must come to the Career Center for an excuse if they would like to attend any of these college sessions.

Fri., 9/22 @ 10:00
Mon., 10/2 @ 8:30

Boston College
Claremont

McKenna

Emory

Wed., 10/4 @ 11:00

Yale

Wed., 10/4 @ 12:00

Pitzer

Wed., 10/11 @ 1:00

St. Lawrence

Thur., 10/19 @ 11:00

Univ. of San Diego

Thur., 10/19 @ 11:45

Thur., 10/19 @ 1:00

Thur., 10/19 @ 1:30

Thur., 10/19 @ TBA

Fri., 10/20 @ 10:00

Fri., 10/20 @ 11:15

Fri., 10/20 @ 12:00

Mon., 10/23 @ 7:30

Mon., 10/23 @ 8:00

Mon., 10/23 @ 11:30

Tues., 10/24 @ 9:45

Tues., 10/24 @ 1:30

Wheaton

Univ. of British

Columbia, Canada

St. John's

Univ. of Alberta,

Canada

Johns Hopkins

Seattle Pacific

Seattle University

Whitman

Williamette

Lewis & Clark

Univ. of Portland

Washington Univ.

Arts & Humanities Council

The Skyline Arts and Humanities Council was established to build a community within our school where artistic excellence and opportunity for showcase is celebrated and available to all. It also provides support and resources for arts activities that may be beyond the normal capabilities of the school.

We invite all parents and community members to join with us in supporting and encouraging artistic excellence at Skyline High School. There are many ways to help, and every level of support is welcome and appreciated. Some people donate time, others equipment and, of course, we can always use money.

Family financial sponsorships and memberships in the Arts Council are \$25/yr. and family names are displayed in a variety of ways at Skyline including listing in the performing arts playbill. We also have two projects we are currently involved with:

Performing Arts Playbill: Advertising space is available in this attractive program that will be distributed at all the music, dance, & drama performances this year. Similar to the programs you have received at the Utah Symphony, Ballet West and Pioneer Theatre Company, the Skyline High programs will provide a wonderful opportunity for advertisements to be seen by over 10,000 people. For more information contact Paula D'Ambrosio 278-8459, Deena Lofgren 272-9220, or the Performing Arts Department.

Lega-Seats: This campaign was originally established to fund the replacement of our aging auditorium seats (making their debut any day now!) The Lega-Seat campaign continues and provides much needed resources for Skyline students. Names of Lega-Seat donors will be engraved on a plaque in the foyer of the Skyline auditorium. Lega-Seat sponsorships are \$100.

If you are interested in the A&H council or one of its projects or would like more information, please contact Susan Kaelin at 272-0595.

PTSA Membership

You can still join the Skyline PTSA!
Please contact Heather Spurlock at
273-0288.

@ SHS Media Center

Magazines are available for checkout for one day. Enjoy reading about people and places in one of the many magazines that SHS Media Center subscribes to each year! Also, stop by and visit the **new computer lab!!!**

Pioneer On-Line Library:

Pioneer Library provides access to newspaper articles, magazines, professional journals, encyclopedia, videos, photographs, maps, charts and graphics. This is an Internet resource that your student can access at school, at the local public library or at home from a computer with Internet access. Some advantages of Pioneer Library include:

- Access to a collection of rich content resources that grow daily.
- Convenient to use at home, the public library or school.
- No cost access twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
- Credible and pertinent resources.
- No worries about accessing inappropriate Web sites.
- Print, email and copy content such as, articles, pictures and maps.
- All information and images licensed for use in educational projects.

To use the K-12 Pioneer Online Library, go to <http://pioneer.uen.org>, then log-in with:



USERNAME: pioneer
PASSWORD: cake

You have access to the following Pioneer Library resources:

CultureGrams

Information on world countries and the 50 United States.

EBSCO

General reference and journals, magazines and newspapers resources.

EMedia

Search, preview, and download educational videos and supporting media.

SIRS Knowledge Source

General reference for high school and college researchers.

SIRS Discoverer

General reference for elementary and middle schools.

World Book Encyclopedia

Encyclopedia information with articles, pictures and maps.

Deseret Morning News Archives

Search articles from 1988. View today's Deseret Morning News.

The Salt Lake Tribune

View and read today's The Salt Lake Tribune.

Visual Thesaurus

A 3-D interactive thesaurus and dictionary.

If you have questions about accessing or using Pioneer Library, check with Mrs. Davidson in the media center.

Skyline IB Info

We are pleased to announce that our first class of graduates in the IB Programme was very successful in their pursuit of an IB Diploma. In order to receive a diploma the students must test in three higher level subjects, three standard level subjects, write an extended essay on a subject of their choice, take the theory of knowledge class and complete 150 hours of service. We had 22 diploma candidates and 16 qualified to receive the diploma. Four additional candidates plan to retake one exam to qualify for the diploma. They had the number of points necessary to receive the diploma (24) but received a 2 on a higher level exam which disqualified them. They are allowed to retake the exam in November or May to try for a score of 3 or better on the higher level exam. We are proud of the accomplishments of our 2006 IB Class. We will have a Diploma Awarding Ceremony in December when they all return for Christmas break from universities and colleges throughout the United States.

This year we have another group of ambitious IB juniors and seniors. Our sophomore group seems to remain around 40-50, and this year's group is beginning their pre-IB coursework. We feel that the IB has helped all students at Skyline reach for higher goals and improve the education in our school. To be able to offer students a variety of classes on different levels helps tailor the learning to each type of student who attends Skyline. We are pleased to offer IB classes to all students. Class certificates are available to any junior or senior who would like to complete an IB course.

Colleges and universities recognize an HL (higher level) certificate and students will receive credit if they score between 5-7. All IB exams are scored between 1-7. The Theory of Knowledge course is also open to any student who would enjoy a philosophy of learning class. We invite anyone interested in further information about the IB program to contact our IB Coordinator, Ruth Dallas, at: ruth.dallas@granite.k12.ut.us.



Attendance Reporting 646-5433

- Skyline does not accept written excuse notes from parents. You must call all absences in on the attendance phone line.
- Please have the student number ready when you call.
- Your call will forward to voice mail if the Attendance Secretary is on another line.
- Late arrivals and street passes should be reported early the morning of the absence, and all-day absences should be reported before 2:00 PM.

PSAT Test

This year the PSAT exam will be given at 7:30 a.m. in the cafeteria on **October 18**. This test serves as the National Merit Scholarship qualifying test. The fee is \$12.00, to be paid in the bookstore. Juniors may pay their exam fee and receive a student guide to the test from October 5-11. Sophomores who are interested may register October 10-11. We can test only 200 students, so interested students should register early during those dates. More information will be made available through the English classes.

Dance

Welcome to a new year of dance at Skyline! Mrs. Strong is excited to be back and is thrilled to have added another class to the dance program. You can now choose from Dance 1 which focuses on hip hop, and Dance 2-3 which focuses on technique and a variety of dance styles. Both classes have some fun performance opportunities coming up in December.

So you think you can dance? If so, keep Tuesdays after school open because you can join the new **ballroom dance club** this year. Look for an announcement of the first meeting time and place soon. For more details contact Kent Pimentel. You can find his contact info in the *Skyliner*.

Dance Company attended a fantastic summer camp in Park City where they learned some cool choreography and danced their hearts out. Great job girls! The garage sale in September was a huge success, so thank you to all who helped out. Don't miss Company's first performance of the year at the Homecoming Assembly on October 5th. It'll be a performance to remember.

A Great, Big, Huge Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped at the last minute at Skyline on Aug. 29-30 for school pictures. Lovely to have friends, old and new, to repond at the eleventh hour. –Paula D'Ambrosio (Watch for my name on caller ID!)

Instrumental Music

The Skyline High School Instrumental Music Department is extremely excited about this new school year! We have many talented musicians that are all doing an outstanding job! Please be aware of a few things happening this October:

- The Pep Band has football games on **October 6th and 20th**. Musicians -- please be at the school by 6:15 PM!
- We have a number of students participating in the All-State Band and Orchestra this year. Please support them. The **All-State Grand Festival Concert** will be held on **Saturday, October 14th** at the McKay Events Center on the UVSC campus. It begins at 7:30 PM. Please support our Skyline talent at this event. It should be incredible!
- Our annual **Fall Dinner Concert** is on **Tuesday, October 24th** in the Skyline Cafeteria. Please bring the entire family! All ensembles will participate in this event. We will serve dinner at 6:00 with the concert beginning at 7:00 PM. You can purchase tickets from any instrumental music student beginning the first week of October. (Details about prices are still being finalized, but plan on about \$7 per person.) If you don't plan on eating with us, please come and enjoy some fantastic music! This will be an excellent concert with plenty of fun and maybe a "spooky" surprise or two! Please come and enjoy a good family night out and help us with a great fundraiser!
- Feel free to contact Mr. Larson with any questions or concerns you may have: adam.larson@granite.k12.ut.us or 646-5420 ex. 6842.



Sterling Scholars

Any senior interested in becoming a Sterling Scholar nominee for Skyline High must fill out a General Intent Application. These forms will be available in the Main Office on Monday, October 2 and are due October 20. If a student wishes to be considered in more than one category, a separate application is required for each category. The 13 categories are: English, Math, Social Science, Science, Foreign Language, Computer Technology, Trade/Technical Ed., Family & Consumer Science, Speech/Drama, Business/Marketing, Visual Arts, Music, and Dance.

Intent applications will be given to faculty members to review and select Skyline's Sterling Scholar candidates. Additional information may be required by the various departments to assist their selection process. Skyline's nominees will be announced before Thanksgiving.

NOTE: Sterling Scholar state judging will occur on February 21 and March 7, 2007. If you know you have a conflict with either of these dates, do not apply for Sterling Scholar. Questions? Contact Diane Bunker in the Main Office at Skyline, 646-5420.

ACT Test Review Classes for the October 28 Test

- Classes begin on Monday, October 16th and run for 10 school days.
- Both English and Math classes will be offered.
- Classes are \$25 per subject.
- Math will be taught at 6:30 a.m. in Room 105 (Mrs. Croft).
- English will be taught right after school in Room 124 (Mr. Brown).
- To register, see Mrs. Croft (R. 105) or Mr. Brown (R. 124).
- Make checks payable to Skyline High School.

Debate

We need YOU to be a judge!



Unless we can cover our debate judging requirement at tournaments, our students cannot compete. We need to take one judge for every 4 or 5 students that compete. Sometimes we need as many as eight judges for a tournament.

We have several former students that love to judge because they had so much fun debating in high school. However, we are always looking for judges for every tournament. Please review the following schedule and inform our debate teacher, Mrs. Roberts, which tournaments you can squeeze into your busy schedule. You can contact Mrs. Roberts at school (646-5420), by e-mail (judie.roberts@granite.k12.ut.us) or on her cell phone (557-3994).

- Region Meet: February 24 @ Skyline
- State Meet: March 9 & 10 (probably held at Northridge High School in Davis County)

Tournaments

The opportunity to compete is what makes debate exciting and fun. When students commit to a tournament, they need to be personally responsible for preparing for their event, bringing their event materials, and catching the bus on time. Debate tournaments can fall on week nights after school, on Friday/Saturday combinations, and some are even overnight.

CX (Policy Debate) 06-07 Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should establish a policy substantially increasing the number of persons serving in one or more of the following national service programs: AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps, Senior Corps, Peace Corps, Learn and Serve America, Armed Forces.

Debate Captains 06-07

Role of Captains:

To assist novice and JV debaters with every event. To hold intramural contests in their events. To help all debaters be a part of something bigger than themselves.

- Siwei Zhou – Overall Team Captain
- Jasdeep Gill/Junyang Wang – Overall Debate Captains
- Jane Chang – IE Captain
- Qing Zhao – L/D Captain
- Wyatt McKean/TJ Mc Laughlin – Versity Public Forum Captains
- Adam Lawrence/Chris Metos – JV Public Forum Captains
- Josie Newbold – CX (Policy Debate) Captain
- Aaron Day/Christine Lee – Congress Captains
- Matt Hammond/Fatimah Nabi – Extemp Captains
- Lindley Miner/Mahreen Bashir – Impromptu/Spontaneous Argument Captains

**Mark your calendar:
November 16, 18, 20**

School Musical



Pirates of Penzance

Come see our new auditorium seats!

Skyline Eagle Flags



For \$25 you can purchase your very own spirit flag to fly on game days. Show your eagle pride! Watch for them at Parent/Teacher Conferences and at home football games. For more information, contact Patti Clements, 842-1978.



Meet the Candidates Night

October 18, 2006, 7-9 PM

Olympus High School

*Watch for a flyer with more
information.*

To access the Skyline High web page:

- www.graniteschools.org
- Schools
- School directory
- High schools/Skyline
- School web page

On Skyline's web page you will find:

- Up-to-date calendar for the full school year
- Class registration booklet
- Faculty and staff directory and photos
- E-mail addresses for faculty and staff
- IB information
- Scholarship info
- And much more!

Granite Gradebook

Parents can keep track of grades and attendance for their Skyline High students:

- Login to <http://gb.granite.k12.ut.us>
- Create a login account by clicking on parent-guardian account.
- You will need your child's student number and social security number.
- After you have created an account, click on your student's name.

GRADES Tab: View class schedule, current grades, e-mail a teacher, check on missing assignments, and view teacher's information regarding that course.

REPORTS Tab: Print off midterms and term reports.

ATTENDANCE Tab: Check attendance for the entire school year.

PROGRESS REPORT Tab: View GPA, midterm or report card grades.

OPTIONS Tab: Set up an e-mail account where grades and attendance can be e-mailed to you on a regular schedule. This setup option will appear after your e-mail address has been verified.

Another date for your calendar:

**Graduation Ceremony
for class of '07**



**May 31
7:00 p.m.**

Huntsman Center

