

S.V.H.S. NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

April 2, 2016

There are countless studies and reports showing that parent involvement is the greatest predictor of student success. “Parental effort is consistently associated with higher levels of achievement, and the magnitude of the effect of parental effort is substantial,” according to researchers at the University of New Hampshire. The research shows that parent involvement both enhances students’ academic success and leads to improved classroom behavior.

Parent involvement can mean very different things to different people. To some, parent involvement means taking an active role in their child’s education: keeping up-dated on power school, helping with homework, supporting RoCK hour, and attending parent-teacher conferences. To others, parent involvement means attending school board meetings, serving on the PTSA or community council. For some spearheading fundraising efforts, being involved with extracurricular activities, booster club members, and even parents who drive band trailers to competitions defines their view of parent involvement. There is definitely not a “one size fits all” model, especially in the Sky View community. We are very lucky to have parents who do all of this and more, and our school benefits from the many forms of participation.

As the end of this school year is on the horizon, I hope everyone will realize how much their participation has enriched our school community. Sky View is not great because we only have “all-star” teachers and coaches who love and care for the success of your children. Sky View is not great because we only have the most awesome students in the state and nation. Sky View is great because we have the best parent support base any school could ask for. On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff, may we express our sincere appreciation, to you as parents for your support and trust, in allowing us to educate your children for the past seven months. May you continue to encourage your children to finish strong.

Sincerely yours,

Principal Dave Swenson

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We invite all parents to attend our upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences. The dates for this event are **Monday, April 18th from 4:00-6:30 p.m.** (regular school schedule on April 18th) **and Tuesday, April 19th from 8:00-11:00** (no school on April 19th). ***The teachers will be located in the gymnasium to talk to parents on Monday and in their individual rooms on Tuesday morning.***

POWERSCHOOL and ALERT SOLUTIONS 2

We recently upgraded our Alert Solutions messaging system to version 2.0. This new version provides greater speed and responsiveness allowing schools to communicate more effectively with parents. Alert Solutions allows our school to send messages using email, voice, and text messaging. Voice calls will be sent with the school number as the caller ID number. You may want to add this phone number to your address book to help you recognize incoming calls from the school easily. Text messages will be sent using a caller ID of 96167. You may want to add this phone number to your address book as well. Please note you will not be able to reply to text messages sent from the school.

Being a new system, parents must update message preferences, as previous preferences did not transfer between program versions.

Please change your preferences in Powerschool parent at <https://powerschool.ccsdut.org>

- If you do not have a Powerschool parent account, please contact the school at 435-563-5731 and ask for a Parent Account Letter. This letter provides information required to create your account.
- If you need to add a student to a current account, contact the school and ask for a Parent Account Letter for the missing student.
- If you have a Powerschool parent account and can't log in, please call 752-3925 x 2064 for assistance.

Parents must "opt in" or change preferences to CONTINUE to receive voice and text messages for all message categories. They are turned off by default.

Emergency messages are always sent with all three message types (email, text, and voice calls) and to every contact field shown even if you have opted out. We cannot change this. Emergency messages will be labeled as such so you will know it is an actual emergency.

Thank you for updating your message preferences.

RoCK HOUR & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

RoCK Hour is a single lunch period that provides students with the opportunity to eat lunch and pursue additional academic and extra-curricular activities. All teachers are available during 30 minutes of RoCK Hour to help students. If students will take advantage of this time, it can be a great opportunity to help them achieve and progress both academically and socially. The RoCK Hour is posted on the school website – <http://www.ccsdut.org/SkyViewHigh.cfm>. Parents, this is also a very good time to meet with teachers.

The Sky View after school program continues to help students with credit recovery and basic tutoring in any subject. Get better grades and get back on track to graduate by attending Monday – Thursday from 2:45-4:45. See you there!

SCHOLARSHIP

The Regents' Scholarship is a state managed Scholarship worth a \$1000 base award and an additional \$5000 exemplary award based on a students' course work, GPA and ACT score. Representatives from the Regents' scholarship board will conduct two 30 minute presentations on April 18th, (Parent Teacher Conferences) as well as meet with individuals afterwards to answer any questions. They will begin at 4:30 and 5:30 in the auditorium. An information table will also be in the hall to provide materials related to the scholarship.

GRADUATION CONSIDERATIONS

Any student doing online coursework needed for graduation, must have the work completed and credit posted by May 1st.

ACT TESTING

Sky View will be administering the last National ACT test for this school year on June 11th. The deadline to register for this test without a late fee is May 6th and with a late fee is May 20th. Students need to register online at actstudent.org

RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to the following individuals!

Mr. Erickson received the FFA Distinguished Service Award – thanks for everything you do for the students here at S.V.H.S. **Allesha Arehart** was elected to be the State FFA Secretary for the 2016/2017 school year. **Kamen Spackman and Morgan Perkins** competed in FFA competitions and represented our school very well. The Sky View FFA Chapter also received the Best Cattle Exhibit Award. State FFA Degrees Recipients – **Elizabeth Archibald, Allesha Arehart, Caleb Arnold, Alicea Ball, Kade Balls, Megan Birchell, Dayson Chambers, Abby Evans, Tyk Goodey, Jayden Goodey, Cassie Griffin, Stacey Howells, Anna Hullinger, Wynn Jorgensen, Taylor Law, Lake McGary, Nathan Mekhaeil, Brindee Merrill, Kija Perkins, Rikki Thompson, Carson Traveller, and Allie Wallentine.**

Daisy Karren and Landon Hooley were our representatives from Sky View who competed in the Regional Poetry Out Loud Competition. They took 3rd and 4th place in this competition. Way to go! The following FBLA members competed in the Leadership Conference that occurred in early March. These students placed in the top 12 in their events – **First Place (mobile application and business finance) - Caleb Hall, Tyler Dawes, Robin Christensen & Joel Gilbert. Second Place (publication design) – Kayley Knudsen & Robin Christensen. 3rd Place (sports/entertainment management) – Kyler Erickson and Kolton Lamb. 4th Place (health care) – Joel Gilbert. 5th Place (business communications) – Joel Gilbert and Tyler Hawes. 6th Place (accounting and word processing) – Kayley Knudsen, Kolton Lamb & Tyler Dawes. 8th Place (digital video) – Casey Bedingfield. 9th Place (word processing) – A.J. Ottley. 11th Place (business ethics) – Talora Jolley & Holly Lemon.** Many of these students qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA!

Also, **Rigo Chaparro** was awarded the Business Person of the Year for his help and support of the FBLA program at S.V.H.S.

2016 HOSA State Conference Results

Gold Chapter: Sky View - Only 2 HOSA chapters in the state qualified for this ranking.

Dereck Tolua: Elected HOSA Post-Secondary Vice-President

This was a selection process which included submitting an extensive portfolio, taking a HOSA knowledge exam, and an interview.

Dereck Tolua: Outstanding HOSA State Officer

Crystal Apple Award: **Taylor VanNatter**

HOSA Bowl (Out of 55 teams)

*****2nd Place: Brandon Jensen, Cat Bennett, Dereck Tolua, Mirae Whiting**

5th Place: ***Taylor VanNatter, Emily Wilson, Jessica Talbot, Gabrielle Mickelson**

7th Place: ***Alisa Hinkson, Mikelle Marshall, Ethan McKinlay, Ashley Marshall**

9th Place: ***Lexi Hall, Cassidy Weeks, Aubrey Parker, Jordyn Bair**

11th Place: ***Shardon Morrill, Bryce Stuart, Abbie Weight**

2016 HOSA State Conference Results (CONT.)

13th Place: Alex Gnehm, Jeff Madsen, Mason

Cook

(*Team Captain)

Knowledge Test: Nutrition

*****1st Place: Taylor VanNatter**

5th Place: Jessica Talbot

Knowledge Test: Pathophysiology

4th Place: Brandon Jensen

Medical Terminology (Out of 400) participants)

5th Place: Emily Wilson

8th Place: Cassidy Weeks

10th Place: Mirae Whiting

*****Medalists = National Qualifiers**

(Compete in Nashville, Tennessee June 2016)

UPCOMING MAJOR EVENTS

- March 28-April 1 – NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- April 5-8 – Vistaun Try-Outs
- April 9 – Sky View Prom
- April 15 – Radioactive Run
- April 18-19 – Parent Teacher Conferences (no school on April 19)
- April 30 – Comcast Service Day at S.V.
- May 16-21 – Senior Week
- May 21 – Senior Ball
- May 26 – Senior Lagoon Day
- May 30 – NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
- May 31 – Locker Clean-Out, Daytime Awards, Cat Tracks & Yearbooks
- June 1 – 8:00 a.m. Graduation Practice and 3:00 p.m. Graduation Ceremony
- June 2 – Last Day of School
- June 3 – Summer Begins!