

## The Spartan Scoop – Skyline High School PTSA

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“Enrich, Enhance, Empower”

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### PTSA News

**Service Learning Fair** - Thursday, November 10, students will attend Skyline’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Service Learning Fair during their 6<sup>th</sup> period class. The fair is an opportunity for students to learn of a number of community service and volunteer opportunities available in our community and to reflect upon what it means to serve another and what we learn about ourselves when doing so. Once again, we expect to have about 50 organizations presenting opportunities for our students to volunteer their time and talents. Community service can be an important component of the high school experience. It is a requirement for several school organizations including National Honor Society, IB diploma and several school clubs. The PTSA recognizes with honor cords those graduates who have served greater than 100 hours during their 4 years at SHS.

We could still use parent volunteers to help with the fair. Some areas where we need help are: check-in of nonprofit reps that morning, assistance at information tables, and takedown at the end of the school day. If you can help out please contact [Teresa Bretl](#).

**SAT Prep Class** – The next SAT Prep class begins Nov. 28. Registration is due by Nov. 23. To register visiting our website: [www.skylineptsa.org/programs/collegereadiness.htm](http://www.skylineptsa.org/programs/collegereadiness.htm) . For more information you can contact the program chair: Jeanni Kenison at ([Jeanni.kenison@surlatable.com](mailto:Jeanni.kenison@surlatable.com)).

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**IB Program updates** – The Skyline IB Parents’ Group has an update on some upcoming events for IB students:

- **Service Learning Fair:** The 3rd Annual Skyline PTSA Service Learning Fair is November 10. There will be about 50 organizations presenting opportunities for students to volunteer their time and talents. This is a great opportunity for students pursuing the IB Diploma to get ideas for their CAS (Community, Action, Service) projects.
- **Extended Essay:** There will be a meeting to introduce the Extended Essay to juniors planning on completing the IB diploma on Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 2:30 to 3:30 in rooms 2416-2418. Parents are welcome to attend.
- **IB Alumni Student Panel:** Coming in December (details to follow), alumni from previous IB Diploma classes will offer their views of the program, pros and cons, and give valuable advice for those who are in the thick of it! Pizza will be provided.
- **Skyline IB website:** Ms. Lund has updated the [website](#) for the Skyline IB program. There’s lots of new information, including a FAQ and details on how students can plan their schedules so as to complete the IB Diploma.

## Issaquah Schools Foundation News

**All in for Kids Campaign Update** – If you haven’t already made your donation, District high school students may call on **November 16, 17 & 19** to seek donations for the ISF yearly campaign. Please consider making a donation. In these years of education budget reductions, ISF plays an even more fundamental role in providing our kids with a quality education. Visit [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org) to find out more on the things that ISF provides.

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**Amazon for the Holidays** - If a stop on the Amazon site in on your holiday shopping list, please use the ISF site to take you there. Visit [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org) and click on the Amazon logo in the top left corner. You’ll be taken to the Amazon site. Once there, add the link to your bookmarks. Then shop as usual and with no further effort on your part, up to 8% of your total purchase will be donated to the Foundation. Happy shopping.

## Community

**Parent Ed Program** – Grand Ridge Elementary is sponsoring a seminar on Nov. 16 entitled “Foursquare Fatherhood” with Bernie Dorsey, the founder of the Conscious Fathering Program, which teaches prenatal and childhood involvement skills to thousands of fathers throughout the country. He has served as PTSA President for 3 years at Marvista Elementary and on Highline Council’s PTSA. Dorsey is a former director of the Highline School Board and currently serves on the Community Advisory Committee for the University of Washington’s Center on Infant Mental Health.

The focus of the seminar is how to be consistent, predictable, and reliable with our kids. It’s also about creating and maintaining the critical relationships that help us navigate the many seasons of parenthood. The seminar will be 7:00-8:30 pm in the Grand Ridge Commons Area.

For more information go to [www.skylineptsa.org](http://www.skylineptsa.org) or contact [Carol Stamper](#) or [Deb Smith](#), Skyline PTSA Co-Presidents