



# SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

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**The Academic Calendar for the current 2023-24 school year has been updated and can be found [here](#).** Due to the snow days this month, our policy requires that we make up two days. The Board has approved these two days will both be on **Fridays, March 8th and April 26**. Please note these are required school days just like any other school day. Attendance will be taken and it is very important that students are present for all school days unless they are ill. Not only is attendance critical for student success, but it is an important factor in the amount of state funding we receive for our students. Thank you for prioritizing your students' learning!



**Re-enrollment:** For Currently enrolled students and their siblings you would like to enroll, our annual re-enrollment form will open on **January 31**. While we hope all our students will be returning in the fall, you **MUST complete RE-ENROLLMENT to confirm and save your spot for next year**. You will also complete an application for any siblings of current Sage Students during this process. You will be receiving an email soon from Skyward with detailed instructions. Please add our registrar [arin.jeffs@sageintl.org](mailto:arin.jeffs@sageintl.org) to your contact list to avoid it being routed to your junk/spam folder. If you do not receive an email by February 1, please reach out.



**Report Cards** are posted in Family Access in [Skyward](#). If you are having difficulty logging in, you can click the "Forgot your Login/Password" option or reach out to our registrar Arin at [arin.jeffs@sageintl.org](mailto:arin.jeffs@sageintl.org)

Check out our [WEBSITE](#) and find us on social media via the links below!



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**January 31:** Re-enrollment opens  
**February 19-23:** Winter Break - No School!  
**March 2:** PTO Pancake Feed 9-11  
**March 7:** 2024-25 Enrollment Lottery  
**March 8:** Friday School day - All students  
**April 8-12:** Spring Break - No School!

## OUR MISSION

*Sage International School engages students within an inclusive international learning community, challenging all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry.*

## FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON



Dear Families and Staff of Sage International School,

Thank you for your confidence in and support of our school. We have great parents, students, teachers and leaders.

Here is my big message - we are building phase II of our campus - the high school building. By the end of July we'll have 11,000 sq feet of new teaching and learning space, a non-regulation sized field surrounded by a track, 70+ additional parking spaces, a fully fenced campus and grass + irrigation on the whole campus. Additionally, this new building will house our all-school library/multimedia center.

We are able to do this because we have strong enrollment, strong finances and have demonstrated strong academic growth.

Finally, we are in the lottery and enrollment season. I sincerely hope that you choose Sage Middleton for your child's school next year. If you feel good about our school, please recommend Sage to your friends and people you meet. We have one more Information Session scheduled for February 13th at 5:30, and please share our website with them for more information: [sageintl.org/middleton/enrollment](https://sageintl.org/middleton/enrollment)

In partnership,

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## CAREER DAY 2024

We are looking forward to our FOURTH ANNUAL Career Day! Mark your calendar for **Thursday, March 28th, 2024**. We invite families to attend the Career Parade with our students in grade K-5, which takes place outdoors in our parking lot. In the past we have had local representatives from the National Guard, Canyon County Ambulance and Paramedic, Middleton Police Department, Idaho Power, Campbell Tractor Company, CAT, Star Fire Department, etc. We are always looking to expand our parade! If you have connections or resources to include in our parade, please reach out to our school counselor Joy Kaplan at [joy.kaplanrood@sageintl.org](mailto:joy.kaplanrood@sageintl.org).



We are also in need of individual volunteers to speak to classes about their career, and to help with "Reality Town"! In this fun, hands-on curriculum, students simulate a real life scenario of a career and family, and learn skills of budgeting and balancing financial responsibilities. Everyone is welcome to volunteer...Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents, Friends, Local Businesses...please help us spread the word! Volunteers can reach out to Joy at the address above.

You can find more information [HERE](#). Thank you!

## FROM PYP DIRECTOR, AUSTIN AMBROSE



Hello PYP Families!

We are so excited to be getting back into a groove after the turbulent start after the holiday break. It is great to see all the learning that is occurring in the new year. We are in the middle of our winter benchmark testing. We will be gathering some data to see how our students have progressed in the first half of the year in reading and math, and then make determinations of how we will move forward this year. We appreciate your support in providing encouragement for students to try their best, and come with a full belly and a good night of sleep. We will send home information when we have completed all assessments.

We continue to recognize students each month for a different learner profile attribute. In the month of January, we will recognize students on the 29th and 30th for being open-minded. In February we will focus on what it means to be a risk-taker. We are also working on a semester 1 awards assembly for our PYP students that will recognize students for their accomplishments. Please be on the lookout in weekly updates for more information to celebrate our students.

Be on the lookout for other events throughout the remainder of the year. The spring is full of great opportunities for our community to come together and we are looking forward to all that we have planned. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our community. We appreciate having you a part of it!

## MYP DIRECTOR AND HEAD OF SCHOOL DARCI STELZNER



Hello MYP families,

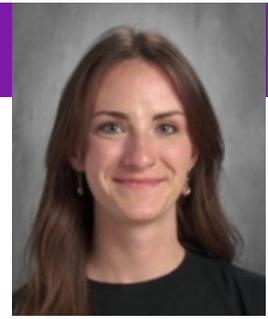
We are finally off and running into second semester. Students are working through winter benchmarks in the MAP growth tests and we are seeing tremendous growth in math. Reading testing is scheduled for the week of the 29th and we hope to see similar growth results.

January 31 we will be recognizing students nominated by teachers for excellence in academics and excellence in growth. Students who were nominated do not know and parents of these students have received an invitation via email.

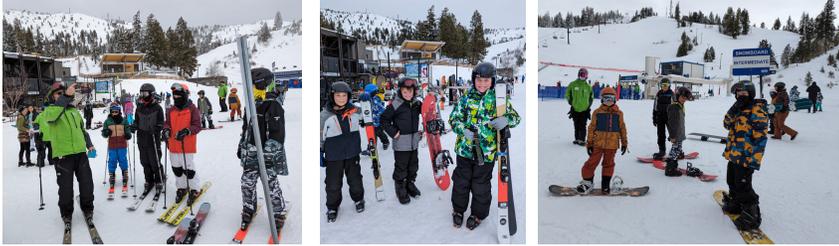
February 1 and February 2 are targeted conferences for our students who need additional support with academics and/or behavior. Parents of these students have received information via email. We look forward to meeting with you and your child to make a plan for semester 2's success. Overall, we are seeing incredible growth with our students in academics, social relationships, and behavior. Parents, thank you for your continued support.

Mark your calendars for March 8th and join us for a spine-tingling book launch party, featuring the chilling tales crafted by our talented 10th grade students! They have been hard at work publishing an anthology of scary tales, which will soon be available for purchase.

# SAGE EXPEDITIONS



Sage Expeditions is so excited to be back from holiday and ready to get kids outside in the snow this Winter! We've kicked off the winter season with 2 Fridays spent at Bogus Basin where 35 lucky kids have been able to participate in skiing and snowboarding lessons.



They enjoyed the slopes together practicing new skills, and making new memories and friends together!

You can read about upcoming events below, but please keep an eye out in your inboxes and [on our website](#) for expedition opportunities and updates on lottery openings.

- February 19-27: MYP to Panama
- March 8-10: MYP yurt camping @ Osprey Point Group Yurts- lottery opens 2/16!
- March 15: MYP Nordic ski lessons @ Bogus Basin- lottery opens 3/1
- March 20: 4th Grade to Celebration Park
- April 5-9: MYP Backpacking through Hells Canyon
- May 20-23: 5th Grade to Idaho Basecamp

If you have any questions please email [megan.furois@sageintl.org](mailto:megan.furois@sageintl.org).

## SUPPORT FOR SAGE

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



THANK YOU to all the generous families that have supported Sage this year in a variety of ways! The partnerships we have with our families allow for a more successful learning community for our students. Whether you've donated your time, money, supplies, and/or gifts or treats to show appreciation to our staff...YOU help make Sage possible!

Last but not least, thank you to the families who have donated to our Annual Fund "**Mind the Gap.**" Check out [this video](#) from Emily Downey with more information about what Mind the Gap is.

As a Public Charter school that offers an outstanding education FREE to our students, we need the support of our community. We receive funding through the state, but ZERO local tax dollars like district schools. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

This year with the addition of our new High School building, we are asking **EVERY Sage Family** to make a donation in any amount in order to reach our goal of \$40,000. Proving our families believe in us helps us gain the support of other funders and organizations. You can make a one-time donation, or give monthly or quarterly. We have a long way to go. Please [visit our giving website](#) to learn more about how you can help!

## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**ESage:** We will be running fun and engaging programming over Winter Break, February 20-23! Registration is now open. If you would like to sign your elementary schooler up for ESage over break, please complete a school year registration on our [website](#) AND [click here](#) to complete a school break registration. Kids are welcome to attend for as few as 1 day, or all 4 fun-filled days! ESage is also offering a promotion - try it out and your child's first day is half-price!

Recent Friday field trips have included trips to Roystone Hot Springs, Jeremy's Downtown Arcade, Idaho Reptile Zoo, The Children's Museum of Idaho, Regal Theater, and on nature walks as well as snow play. All field trips and snacks are included in ESage tuition. The group has been having fun and keeping busy after school and on Fridays, and would love to have your student join us over Winter Break. If you have any questions, please reach out to [esage\\_middleton@sageintl.org](mailto:esage_middleton@sageintl.org)



**Boys Basketball** is having a great season! We invite you to come cheer them on at an upcoming game:

Tue Jan 30th @ Centenial Baptist - 3:30

Thu Feb 1st @ TVCA - 4:15

Mon Feb 5th vs Centenial Baptist - 4:30

Tues Feb 6th @ Falcon Ridge - 4:00

Wed Feb 7th @ Riverstone - 4:00

Mon Feb 12th @ GFA - 4:00

Thu Feb 15th vs Rolling Hills - 4:15

**We have a number of Clubs available to students, click for more information:**

- [Advanced Spanish Improvement 1 On 1 Club \(7th-9th grade\)](#)
- [Burrito Stand-Up Comedy Club \(6th-9th grade\)](#)
- [Card Club \(6th-10th grade\)](#)
- [Crochet Club \(6th-7th grade\)](#)
- [Debate Club \(6th-10th grade\)](#)
- [Go Green Club \(6th-10th grade\)](#)
- [Idaho Battle of the Books \(4th-8th grade\)](#)
- [Sole KIDS \(K-6th grade\)](#)
- [Student Council \(6th-10th grade\)](#)
- [Yearbook Club \(6th-9th grade\)](#)