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## Experts Needed: Marketing Advisory Committee

**JASON ULBRICH**

*Executive Director*

Eagle Ridge Academy is seeking professionals with marketing and branding expertise to volunteer as part of a newly-formed Marketing Advisory Committee. The committee will meet to strategize and coordinate 2018-19 marketing efforts. If you're interested in serving our school in this way, please contact Mary Cornelius, Communications Specialist, by email at [mcornelius@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:mcornelius@eagleridgeacademy.org). Be sure to include a short summary of your past marketing or branding experience. The committee will meet for the first time in late January and then on an as-needed basis.



## Infinite Campus Grade View Closed 1/17-1/24

**KAREN CONNER**

*Operations Manager*

The grading view in the [Infinite Campus parent portal](#) will close at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17 for teachers to enter semester one grades. Report cards and semester grades will be available for viewing on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at the end of the school day. We encourage you to log into the Infinite Campus parent portal on a regular basis to track your child's progress. If you need assistance accessing your parent portal account, please contact Janice Gerheart, [jgerheart@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:jgerheart@eagleridgeacademy.org).



## Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

**ERICA POWELL**

*Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

*"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."*

- Colin Powell

SCHOOLS OF LOGIC & RHETORIC FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

<i>School of Logic</i>	<i>Wednesday, Jan. 17</i>	<i>Thursday, Jan. 18</i>	<i>Friday, Jan. 19</i>
8:00-10:00	Period 1	Period 2	Advisory/Test Make-Up
10:00-11:00	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
11:05-1:05	Period 7	Period 4	Period 3
1:10-3:09	Advisory/Test Make-Up	Period 6	Period 5

<i>School of Rhetoric</i>	<i>Wednesday, Jan. 17</i>	<i>Thursday, Jan. 18</i>	<i>Friday, Jan. 19</i>
8:00-10:00	Period 1	Period 2	Advisory/Test Make-Up
10:05-12:05	Period 7	Period 4	Period 3
12:05-1:05	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess	Lunch/Recess
1:10-3:09	Advisory/Test Make-Up	Period 6	Period 5

**Final exams** for semester one are next week, and we encourage your children to start studying now. The hard work they put in today will pay off. Many students have anxiety during testing times, and one of the best ways to avoid testing anxiety is to be prepared. Though many students will want to procrastinate and not start studying until next week, let them know that putting in the hard work now will make for an easier time next week. The final exam schedule and [prior approval forms](#) for students in grades 9-12 to sign out during finals week were given to students earlier this week.

## Inaugural Senior Recognition Banquet: Looking for Parent Volunteers

Eagle Ridge Academy plans to host a senior recognition banquet for parents and students at the end of the school year. I am looking for parent volunteers who would like to be part of the committee to plan this inaugural event celebrating our seniors, which will become a tradition at Eagle Ridge Academy. If you are interested in helping organize and plan this event, please [contact me via email](#) or [contact Mrs. P via email](#) by Jan. 23.

# Community Updates



## School of Grammar

**JANELLE MELLGREN**

*Principal, School of Grammar*

One of the most important things we do as educators is inspire students to aspire to grow each day. It is also one of our favorite things to do. There are few things that educators enjoy more, or are better at, than developing a meaningful relationship with every child.

This relationship allows educators to identify academic, organizational, emotional, and social strengths and needs which each student has in differing amounts. This is when the art and professionalism of teaching comes into play. There are many wonderful tools and ideas we bring to our classes and each individual student which allows us to inspire them to continually learn and grow.

This is a unique relationship which we value highly. It isn't always easy (as families well know), but the rewards are like none other. Perseverance as we pursue the art of relationship building and inspiring your child is why we look forward to returning to school after each break. Thank you for your partnership and support as we engage in this beautiful endeavor!



## Sibling Applications for 2018-19 Lottery

**JANICE GERHEART**

*Admissions Specialist*

If you have children who are NOT currently attending Eagle Ridge Academy, but you would like to enroll them for the 2018-2019 school year, please [complete an application](#) for each child prior to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15. When completing the application, please enter the name and grade of the sibling(s) currently enrolled in the space provided. The enrollment lottery will take place on Monday, Jan. 22 with results emailed on Thursday, Feb. 1. You do not need to reapply for children who are already enrolled.

Sibling applicants in kindergarten and grades 9-12 will automatically receive an enrollment offer since openings will be available at the time of the lottery. The number of openings in all other grades will be determined by the number of students who do not return for the 2018-19 school year. Generally it is late spring before families notify us of their intent not to return. Thank you and feel free to [contact me](#) with questions regarding the application/enrollment process.



## Automated Tardy/Absent Notifications Starting Second Semester

**ROMELLE PORNSCHLOEGL**

*Assistant Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

Being prepared and attending class on time are an integral parts of achieving academic success. In an effort to assist students and increase parental communication, Eagle Ridge Academy will start sending daily attendance notifications. Automated Tardy Unexcused (TU) and Absent Unexcused (AU) notifications will be sent once a day around 3:30 p.m. via your Infinite Campus account. If you have questions about your child being marked tardy, please contact his or her teacher. All absent unexcused concerns should be directed to the attendance line.

If your child is going to be absent, arrive late, or leave early, parents should contact the school by calling 952-746-7760 ext. 2 or emailing [attendance@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:attendance@eagleridgeacademy.org).

Attendance Laws:

**Truancy: MN Statute 160A.02; 120A.22, subd. 8 ; 260C.007, subd. 19**

- If a child who is in elementary school has missed 3 days or a child in middle or high school has missed 3 or more periods on different days, they are considered continuing truant.
- If a child is 12 or older, failure to attend school is presumed to be truancy. A child who misses seven days of school or seven class period on seven different days without lawful excuse can be petitioned as habitually truant.

**Mandatory Attendance for minors: MN Statute 120A.22 subd. 5(a) and subd. 1**

- It is the primary responsibility of parents or guardians to ensure that their children acquire knowledge and skills that are essential for effective citizenship.
- Children between the ages of seven and 17 must attend school every day and be on time unless they have a lawful reason for being absent (see excused absences in [Attendance Policy](#)).

**Educational neglect: MN Statutes 260C.16,3 subd. 11 and 260C.007, subd. 6; 260C.425 and 260C.335**

- A child is "educationally neglected" if absent from school due to failure of the parent to comply with compulsory education laws and the child is in need of protective service.
- A parent who contributes to a child's unexcused absence from school may be charged with a gross misdemeanor that is punishable by up to one year in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine, and/or civil action.

# Developing Connections



**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**  
*Director of Development*

2018 brings many activities and opportunities for involvement and support at Eagle Ridge Academy. Are you interested in getting more involved in activities that benefit your student?

- **We are welcoming new faces to help plan our annual golf tournament, the Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament**, which takes place June 11 at Bent Creek Golf Club. Committee members do not need to play golf or know a lot about it to help plan.
- **The Donut Dash 5K**, a fun Eagle Ridge Academy tradition, will need volunteers for this year's event on May 12. Consider volunteering for a couple hours to help check people in, guide runners on the course, help with the Mini-Donut Dash, direct traffic, or help with food. Fun times!
- **Do you work for an employer who has a matching gift program or supports community events** as recommended by the employee? Consider reaching out to your Community Relations or HR departments to ask about their community support and employee giving opportunities. Many organizations match employee gifts up to 100%, essentially doubling your donation to the Academy, donate to charities of choice based on volunteer hours, and sponsor events financially or with in-kind donations. Be informed by asking today!
- **Don't forget that ERA offers SCRIP**, a gift card program that gives back to the Academy with purchases on every day items such as groceries, restaurants, retail, or gas. You buy gift cards from more than 300 retailers at face value, and SCRIP donates a portion of all purchased back to Eagle Ridge Academy.
- **Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy (FERA)**, a certified 501c3 and the Academy's foundation, has a sole purpose of funding Eagle Ridge Academy and sustaining its existence into the future. If you have a passion for building the future of the Academy through non-profit board involvement, we would like to hear from you. The FERA Board is comprised of parents and staff, committed to developing community partnerships in order to fund critical needs of the Academy and support the Academy's goals to provide a traditional, Classical Education to our students.

Please [contact me](#) to talk about any of these opportunities to get involved.



**Early Bird Deadline: Only \$25 through Jan. 29!**

Join us for the sweetest Saturday in spring! The Donut Dash 5k & Mini- Donut Dash are back on May 12. [Click here for details.](#)



Register at [www.epdonutdash2018.zapevent.com/](http://www.epdonutdash2018.zapevent.com/)

**Save the Date: June 11, 2018!**



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## Activity Club Spotlight: *Impart Art Club*

Let us boast about a great group of young artists who fully enjoyed the opportunity to create with their hands in Art Club during Session 1 this year. This year our own K-3 Art Teacher, Jami Kruschke, took on the challenge of generating and organizing the elementary Art Club for Eagle Ridge Academy. She chose the name Impart Art Club, since her job is to “impart” into our students the joy of creating, while their job is to “impart” to others their love of expressing themselves through art. To seal the deal, the word has “art” in it, so who could go wrong with that name choice? This first session of our club had 25 2nd-5th graders who were busy learning new art vocabulary and techniques as well as creating two-dimensional art. They enjoyed materials they wouldn’t normally use in a typical classroom setting, but Impart Art Club isn’t your typical classroom. They spray painted, marbled and painted their own paper with colored shaving cream, created collaborative work with realistic iridescent bubbles (of course with a bubble party), explored chalk pastels/mixed media and created a collage with a one-point perspective. They finished the session strong, doing as much as they could with the time allotted. Don’t fret, Session 2 is just around the corner, so students can get a little messy and create with their hands one more time. Session 2 will focus on form and creating three-dimensional work. Until then, keep a pencil and sketch pad close and impart your passion of art to others!



*Impart Art students work on another exciting project.*  
**PHOTO PROVIDED BY JAMI KRUSCHKE**

## Upcoming School Events:

Jan. 12 - 25

**Jan. 12** – Spirit Wear Day

**Jan. 15** – No School and Office Closed,  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Jan. 16-26** – Session 2 Activity Club Online  
Registration (Begins week of Feb. 5)

**Jan. 17-19** – Finals Week (Grades 6-12)

**Jan. 22** – No School, Grading Day

**Jan. 22** – 2018-19 Enrollment Lottery

**Jan. 23** – Annual Spelling Bee

**Jan. 25** – Winter Band & Orchestra Concert  
(Grade 6)

*For more information and more events, visit  
the [school calendar](#).*



As the cold weather has now settled in, there will be times when outdoor recess is not available. **The Playground Committee** has, for the past six years, provided the Academy with needed equipment and resources to provide active play both outdoors and indoors. As you clean out your closets in this new year, please consider making a donation of **new or gently used games** (favorites include Q-Bitz, HyperDash, Skippity, Jenga, Operation, Polarity, Bananagrams, Logic Linz, Mancala, Chess, Pictionary, Qwirkel, Scrabble, Mad Libs, and Charades), as well as **easy/non-messy craft supplies** (such as pipe cleaners, origami, coloring books, etc.). These will be greatly appreciated. Donation boxes will be available the first week of January at school entrances. Any questions may be directed to [EagleRidgeAcademyPlayground@gmail.com](mailto:EagleRidgeAcademyPlayground@gmail.com).

**Our first edition of the PTO Monthly Spotlight** was published through email last Thursday. It will continue every first Thursday of each month. This quick information provides our ERA community with three points about events that are occurring for that month or reminders for future events.

**The next Ski & Snowboard Club lesson** is on Jan. 12. The following lesson is on Jan. 19 and the payment for that lesson is due on Jan. 12 at 3:00 p.m. All waivers and payments should be placed in an envelope with PTO written on the front and brought to Mrs. Strand in the Activities Office. Please refer to our [FAQ info at this link](#) for more information.

Once again, anyone may come weekly; you do not “join” Ski & Snowboard Club. Even friends and family may take advantage of our special rates. Group lessons are available weekly for \$10 and must be prepaid the Friday before the lesson. Discount lift tickets (\$20) and ski or snowboard rental package (\$17) will be available for purchase from the ERA PTO inside the Hyland chalet.

Our first Ski & Snowboard Club potluck is this Friday, Jan. 12. Everyone at school is welcome to attend whether you ski or not. Come and join the fun! If you like to contribute to the potluck, [you may sign up at this link](#).



## Save the Date: Winter Uniform Sale is Feb 19

**Looking for Uniforms?** The PTO Winter Uniform Sale will be held at ERA during conferences on Feb. 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Get to your conference early or stay for a bit afterwards to save money and stock up on uniforms for your growing student. Personal shoppers will be on hand to assist and answer questions.

**Uniforms to Sell or Donate?** Uniform donations may be brought to the Activities Office inside the Main Entrance (Door 2). Please view our [information flyer](#) for more details, including drop off options prior to the sale. Updated garment tags for families wishing to sell uniform pieces can be found [in this link](#).

## Redemption Program Contest Winners

The Redemption Program is in the midst of Contest #3. It will be open until Feb. 22 at 9:00 a.m., so there is a lot of time to send in many redemption items. Here are the items we collect to earn money for our school:

- **Box Tops, Coke Rewards**
- **Tyson Project A+**
- **Loaves for Learning**
- **Milk Moola**
- **Old cell phones/used printer cartridges**

Bring all these items to your lower school teacher or the collection cart inside the vestibule of the Main Entrance (Door 2). Thank you so much for your diligence and support.

