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A Fresh Start

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Executive Director

Tuesday, Jan. 22 marked the first day of second semester, a new semester. A new semester brings new opportunities and a fresh start. It brings the opportunity to build upon our momentum from first semester or to even start over and learn from our mistakes. In order to truly have a fresh start and grow, we must learn from the past by honest reflection. Reflecting is often difficult because we need to pause, step back, and be honest with ourselves about how we are progressing.

Eight new students and their families have enrolled at Eagle Ridge Academy this week. They are here for a fresh start! Take some time around the dinner table with your child and ask them about some of their goals for this semester, including what they want to continue and how they want to change and grow.



Calling All Pianists!

Ms. Heidi Nasby's music greeted students as they entered school for the first day of second semester on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Eagle Ridge Academy has a **new baby grand piano** that is looking for volunteer pianists to play on special occasions, morning arrival, and afternoon dismissal. If you would like to play for the pleasure of others, we would welcome your presence. Whether you play for fun or professionally, you are welcome to grace the halls with music. Interested? [Sign up here](#) or [email Kelly Schiffman](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events

JAN. 24 - FEB. 7

- Jan. 24 – Annual Spelling Bee
- Jan. 26 – High School Winter Dance
- Jan. 28 – PTO Quarterly Meeting
- Jan. 31 – Welcome to the School of Rhetoric Meeting
- Jan. 31 – College Prep Meeting: Financial Aid
- Feb. 1 – No School - Staff Development
- Feb. 4-6 – 6th Grade Field Trip - Eagle Bluff
- Feb. 5 – CISA Meeting
- Feb. 7 – See It... Save It! Clipping and Counting

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



Board of Directors Update

APRIL GRABANSKI

Chair, Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is seeking nominations for an Executive Director Search Committee. We are seeking a diverse work group composed of two Board of Directors members, two to three faculty/staff, an operations team member, two to three parents, and a student representative (junior, senior, or recent graduate).

If you are interested in nominating yourself for the Search Committee, please send an email answering the following questions to [April Grabanski](#) by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28.

1. What is your association with the school? (Parent & grade(s), teacher, student, community member)
2. Why are you interested in being a member of the Executive Director Search Committee?
3. What qualifications or expertise would you bring to the search committee?
4. Are you willing to commit significant time and energy to the process?



Logic & Rhetoric Update

BRUCE LOCKLEAR

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

First and foremost, thank you for the opportunity to fill in during Mr. Ulbrich's absence. As I shared with the Board during our last meeting, the strength of our school resides with the teachers who instruct our students and the students who make up our school. In each case, there is a deep and abiding commitment to the continual improvement of our school and a desire for our students to excel at their highest level.

NEW STUDENT EMAIL

It is also great to get back to work in our Schools of Logic and Rhetoric. The remainder of this article will update you on our direction and plans for next year. First, we are bringing school emails online for our students. The "why" for this move is to finish the work started last year with student access to Google Drive and to establish an easier communication link between students and teachers. The student emails are as follows:

The first letter of the first name, last name and graduation year. For example, if I am a graduate of the Class of 2022, my email would be *blocklear22@student.eagleridgeracademy.org*. The first time our students log in, their password is the first letter of their first name, the first letter of their last name, the word Password (with P capitalized), and the number 1 (i.e., *BLPassword1*). If you have any issues, please have students check in with me or Mrs. P.

STUDENT PRINTER

We purchased a printer for student use in the School of Rhetoric. The students in the School of Rhetoric are responsible for funding the purchase of paper and ink, as this is not a school-related expenditure. We will do the best we can to fundraise for this project; however, if you would like to offer financial support, please let me know via email or phone. We will gladly accept all help to continue printing options for our students.



Carpenter Needed!

JAMI KRUSCHKE

Art Teacher, Grades K-3

The K-3 Art Room has exciting news to share! The School of Grammar has been gifted the funding for supplies to install our Collaborative String Art. This group of four 4'x4' foam panels were created by the 24 classes Mrs. Kruschke teaches in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade. In the fall of 2017, each panel was hand strung by 138 students in their corresponding grade. These panels were placed on display during our 2018

Community Updates

SCHEDULE

We have worked with a group of teachers and solicited feedback from students on a change in our daily schedule for next year. As we continue to examine the pressures of our students and staff, we are hopeful to create a schedule that allows for depth of instruction and flexibility of time. We are hopeful to land on a model to beta test in February. We will keep you informed of the timeline and seek feedback on the schedule from our immediate users—students and staff.

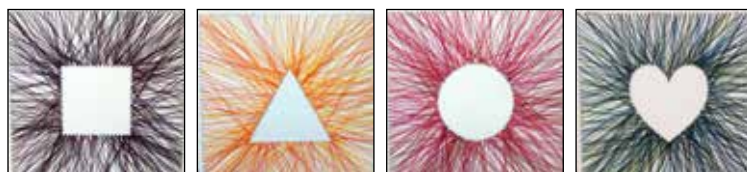
COURSE OFFERINGS FOR NEXT YEAR

We have been hard at work responding to student and parent requests to expand our offerings in the School of Rhetoric to include more PSEO or classes for college credit and more electives. To date, we have been working with our CISA committee and School Board to add the following classes Fall of 2019. Hybrid offerings will be Psychology and Personal Business and Finance offered through Crown College. These classes are for college credit and will run as an online class with a face-to-face component run by ERA.

Courses offered at ERA and taught by our staff include Forensics, Competitive Sports, and AP Computer Science. AP Computer Science is made possible through a partnership with Amazon. We were accepted into the "Amazon Future Engineering" Program. Amazon will provide us with training to teach several AP computer courses; however, we will begin with AP Computer Science, which is the introductory course in the AP Comp Sci sequence.

COURAGE RETREAT

We will be hosting a Courage Retreat for our current 7th graders on Feb. 22. The retreat is a full-day event conducted by Youth Frontiers. Thanks to our parent community for their generous donation to make this event possible.



Spring Fine Arts Festival for all families to enjoy. We are currently asking for anyone with carpentry skills to create enclosed frames to display these wonderful art works on our ERA walls.

If you are interested, please contact our K-3 art teacher Jami Kruschke at 952-746-7760 x1510 or via [email](#). Your skills and support are appreciated.

Community Updates

Spring Clubs



Spring activity clubs are still accepting registrations if your child is interested in trying a new extra-curricular during second semester.

Learn more on the [Activities](#) page!

TWO EVENTS · ONE EVENING



School of Rhetoric

Thursday, Jan. 31 • Eagle Ridge Academy
8th Grade Welcome Event & College Prep Financial Aid Meeting



Developing Connections

KELLY SCHIFFMAN

Director of Development

2019 at Eagle Ridge Academy has many activities and opportunities for involvement and support. Are you interested in getting more involved in activities that benefit your student? See opportunities below:



May 11, 2019
Register Today
for Only \$25!



- Early bird pricing for the May 11 Donut Dash 5K ends Jan. 29. Don't miss this fun Eagle Ridge Academy tradition! If you prefer to pay by cash or check, please send your completed registration to school.
- Golfer registration is officially open for the 2019 Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament on June 17. Would you like to be part of our planning committee? Committee members do not need to play golf or know a lot about it to help plan.
- 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!
- Our Robotics Program is looking for an annual corporate sponsor to be its partner. If your organization would like to be associated with our fantastic robotics program and lend its name and resources, please contact Kelly Schiffman.
- Don't forget that ERA offers SCRIP, a gift card program that gives back to the Academy with purchases on everyday 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.

GRYPHON CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the Date (June 17)
& Register Now!



Community Updates



Emergency Texting Test

MARY CORNELIUS
Communications Specialist

We tested our Emergency Text Message System on Tuesday, Jan. 8. You should have received a text message to the cell phone number Eagle Ridge Academy has on file through Infinite Campus, just as you would in the case of a school cancellation, delay, or other emergency instance.

If you received the text message, there is no need for further action on your part.

If you did not receive the text message as expected, this could have occurred for several reasons. First, check with your cell phone provider to make sure they allow messages from five-digit numbers. Texts from Eagle Ridge Academy will appear from the number 912-01. If your cell phone provider does allow text messages from five-digit numbers and you still did not receive the text message, please [complete this form](#), and we will investigate your situation further.

All families are automatically opted in to receive emergency texts from Eagle Ridge Academy. We will only text in cases of emergency, which include school closings or delays. Please note that text message and data rates from your cell carrier may apply. If you do not wish to receive emergency texts from Eagle Ridge Academy, you must [opt out using this form to stop messages](#). Please note that if you opt out, you will not receive emergency texts from Eagle Ridge Academy.

All school cancellations and delays will be reported through WCCO, Facebook, direct email, and via text to the cell-phone you have on file through Infinite Campus. Please make a habit of checking all four of these places on cold or snowy mornings so you receive up-to-date information.

If you have any questions about the system test on Tuesday, Jan. 8 or about Eagle Ridge Academy's emergency notification system, please contact [Mary Cornelius](#), Communications Specialist.

GRYPHON • BASKETBALL C, JV, and Varsity Games

JAN. 24:

Girls Varsity - 6:30
AWAY vs. Christian Life Academy

JAN. 25:

Boys JV & Varsity - 5:30, 7:00
HOME vs. Nova Classical Academy

[View the full game schedule here!](#)



The Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball teams played Twin Cities Academy on Saturday, Jan. 19 at the annual Target Center game.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF GRYPHON-HUSKY BOOSTER CLUB

USED UNIFORM SALE

SAVE THE DATE:
MONDAY, FEB. 18, 2019
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

WE NEED YOUR GENTLY-USED ERA UNIFORMS! If you have gently-used, outgrown uniforms at home, please consider selling them at our PTO Used Uniform Sale. Alternatively, you may choose to donate uniform items, with proceeds to benefit your ERA PTO. Labeled uniforms can be dropped off in the Main Office near Door 2 anytime during office hours.

INFORMATION FOR UNIFORM SELLERS: Please carefully read our uniform sale policy [here](#). In addition to labeling each item for sale, sellers must also register their information on [this form](#) in order to receive a mailed check of their proceeds. Feel free to use our printable [garment labels](#) to clearly label your uniform items for sale. Any unlabeled items will be considered a donation to the PTO.



PTO News

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
pto.eagleridge@gmail.com

SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

The deadline for the following lesson on Feb. 1 is TODAY, Thursday, Jan. 24 at 3:00 p.m. To register for a lesson, please pay \$13 (cash or check) per person and turn in your payment to the Activities Office by Door 2. Exact change only. If paying by check, you may write it out to Eagle Ridge Academy. Before turning in the payments, please write your child's name, type of lesson needed (Ski or Snowboard), and ERA Ski/Snowboard Club on the envelope with your lesson payment included in it. For more information, please see [ERA PTO LED CLUBS \(K-12\)](#) on the [Activities page](#).

Our first Ski & Snowboard Club potluck is TOMORROW, Friday, Jan. 25. The PTO will provide a sandwich buffet in the chalet at Hyland. We welcome all families to attend the potluck whether you ski or not, and we ask that if you can, you contribute in some way for this event. Sign up to bring a dessert or side dish and learn more about the potlucks [here](#).

PTO QUARTERLY MEETING: JAN. 28

Join us for PTO Quarterly meeting on Jan. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the ERA forum. The discussion will include financial updates, spring event planning (February Uniform Sale, Roller Garden, Teacher Appreciation Week), and Elections for our 2019-2020 PTO Board.

SEE IT... SAVE IT!

Our second contest is underway and will end on Wednesday, February 20! Now is the time to earn money for ERA by collecting redemption items that are already in your cupboard and help your classroom or advisory win a prize! Go to the [PTO page](#) of the school website and click on See it...Save it! for more details. Watch the Eagle Eye for contest standings throughout the month of February.



8th Annual Roller Skating Party March 9 | 4:30-6:30 Roller Garden in St. Louis Park

Join us for the popular annual event! Admission includes a free glow necklace for every skater. This is a private party for K-8th grade families.

