

# THE *Eagle Eye*



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## **Marilyn Strand Memorial Game**

We are grateful to everyone who came out to the first annual Marilyn Strand Memorial Game on Feb. 15! The stands were filled with a supportive crowd who enjoyed some great basketball from our Varsity boys and girls teams. Through the generous contributions in memory of Marilyn Strand, **we raised \$942 for the Marilyn Strand Memorial Scholarship fund ... thank you for your generosity!**

We give a special shout out to Taylor Smith-Bothun for his beautiful rendition of our National Anthem; to Erin Johnson for her heartfelt memoriam; to Caroline Freund for her hard work with that children's choir; to Evan Johnson for his donation of Timberwolves tickets; to Derek Lutz for the Robotics halftime performance; and to Kris Babler and Aaron Duske for their help organizing the event.



## **#GoGryphons**

### **Weather Make-Up Days**

Please plan to be at school on:  
Friday, March 15  
Monday, May 6

## **Upcoming Events** | FEB. 21- MARCH 7, 2019

- Feb. 22** – JCL Murder Mystery Dinner
- Feb. 22** – Last Night of PTO Ski & Snowboard Club
- Feb. 23** – 4th Grade • A Day in Sherwood Forest
- Feb. 25- March 1** – Pennies for Patients
- Feb. 26** – School Board Meeting
- March 1** – College Rep Visit • University of Missouri (Mizzou)
- March 1-6** – Gr. K-2 Share Your Talent Days
- March 9** – PTO Roller Garden Event (Grades K-8)

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



## **February 25 - March 1**

Eagle Ridge Academy will be doing Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society once again this year. The fundraiser will go from Monday, February 25-March 1. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society raises money to fund research towards finding a cure for blood cancers, educate and support patients and their families affected by blood cancers, and advocates for policies at the state and federal level. The top two classrooms in the Lower School and top two first hour classes in the Upper School that raise the most money will earn a class party. Last year, Eagle Ridge raised over \$6,300! • *Submitted by Erin Schmitz*

# Community Updates



## Logic & Rhetoric News

**BRUCE LOCKLEAR**

*Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric.*

The weeks in our Schools of Logic and Rhetoric are marked with activities and tasks; winter dances correlate with registration, prom correlates with master schedule, and the list goes on until graduation. My point is, time is fleeting, and graduation will be upon us before we know it.

However, we still have a couple of items to complete before the year concludes.

### POTENTIAL DAILY SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

First, we are taking a look at our current daily schedule and making minor adjustments for next year. Currently, in our seven-period day, the pace of the day is intense, based upon the rigor of our school.

We are running a beta test during the last two weeks of March to simply take one of the seven-period days and divide it over two days. This allows us to increase student contact time within the class to 90 minutes. The 90-minute period affords teachers time to go deeper with their content and engage students in practice around their learning. As soon as the beta test is complete, we will seek feedback from students and teachers to determine the fit of the schedule adjustment.

### COURSE OFFERINGS & AMAZON PARTNERSHIP

Second, we are excited to share about the addition of new courses. We have completed the registration process (at least many students have registered, and we are working with those in the coming days which have yet to complete the process), and we were pleased with the number of students who registered for our new courses, especially Introduction to Computer Science and AP Computer Science. These courses are made possible through a partnership with Amazon... yes, *that* Amazon! I don't know the metrics regarding the number of schools they selected for the partnership, but we are excited to be one of them. The partnership includes training for our teachers who support the class, and we are negotiating with them to determine if they will purchase any equipment for our school. We will see!

Finally, thank you for your help and support throughout the year. It has been and continues to be a pleasure to serve our school.

*Do you know an ERA alumni doing great things? E-mail Mary Cornelius for a chance to feature their story!*



## Graham Anderson '18

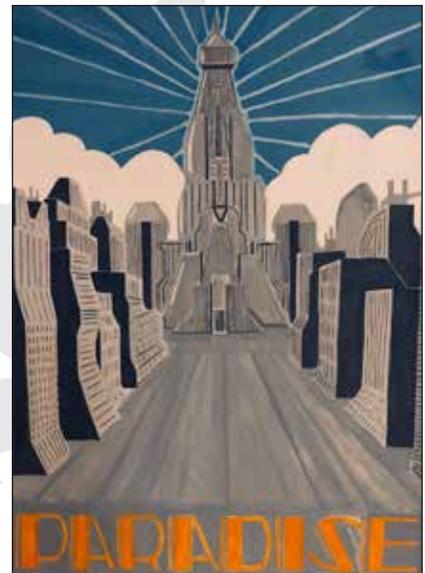
### ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

When Robert Jackson, a chief administrator from Great Hearts America, toured Eagle Ridge Academy this fall, he was inspired by our walls filled with student artwork. He asked if Eagle Ridge Academy would be willing to share some student work for the Institute for Classical Education's national magazine, *Virtue*. Ms. Emma Conner submitted several pieces, and the magazine committee **chose to publish "Paradise" by Graham Anderson, a 2018 graduate.** Graham now attends the University of Wisconsin—Stout and is majoring in graphic design and minoring in studio art.

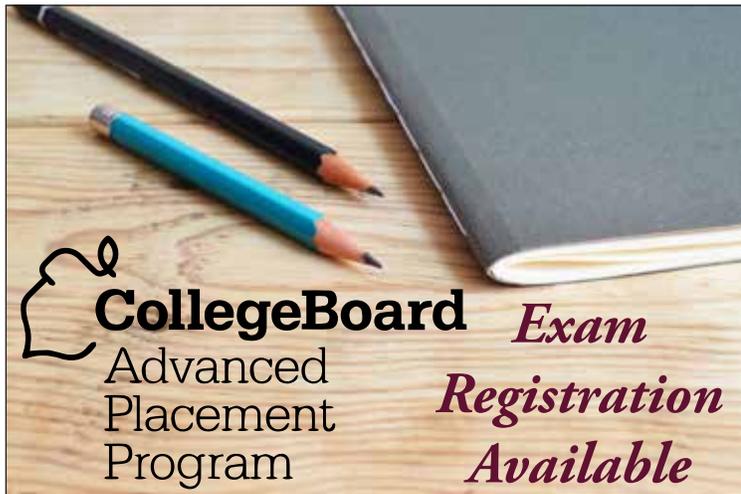
"The piece is gouache painted on bristol board," said Graham. "It was inspired by the art-deco design movement of the late 1920s and '30s. In my piece I wanted to advertise a fantasy futuristic metropolis in an art-deco style."

Congratulations, Graham, and to all of our stunning artists! Your work does not go unnoticed. •

*"Paradise" by Graham Anderson (2018). Gouache on Bristol Board. To be featured in the Spring 2019 issue of Virtue magazine, Institute of Classical Education.*



# Community Updates



**CollegeBoard** *Exam*  
Advanced Placement Program *Registration Available*

AP Exam registration materials are available online now. Watch for paper copies of forms, which will go home with AP students as well as all juniors and seniors next week. *Questions? Contact Susan Bloomgren, Director of Academics.*



## ERA Drama Club Presents "The Importance of Being Earnest": March 15-16

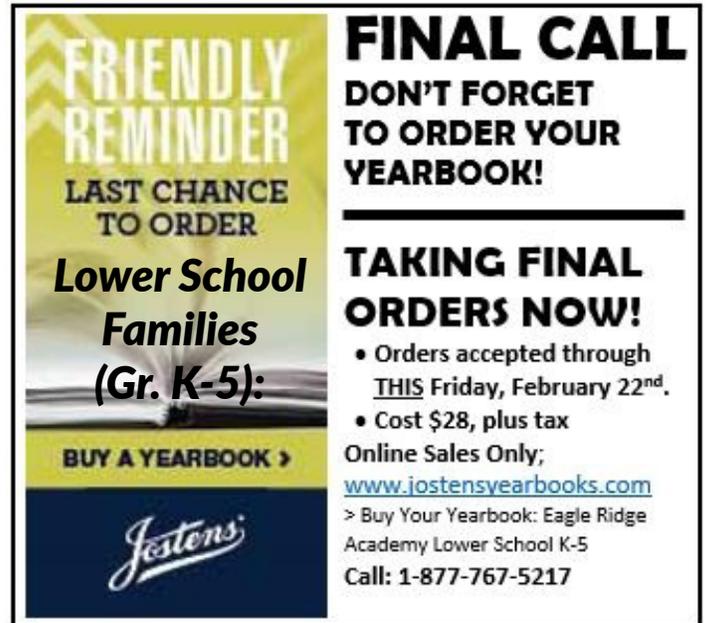
**BETSY BIXBY**

*Club Advisor, One Act Play*

Come see the Eagle Ridge theater students in their one act performance of "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde. The story follows Mr. Worthing, who is known as Jack in the country and Ernest in town, as he attempts to marry Gwendolen and encounters some unexpected obstacles. A delightfully funny look at Victorian romance. Appropriate for all ages.

Performances are Friday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 16 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. with refreshments following the show.

Tickets are \$8 for evening shows and \$10 for the Saturday matinee.



**FRIENDLY REMINDER**  
LAST CHANCE TO ORDER  
**Lower School Families (Gr. K-5):**  
BUY A YEARBOOK >  
*Jostens*

**FINAL CALL**  
DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

**TAKING FINAL ORDERS NOW!**

- Orders accepted through **THIS Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- Cost \$28, plus tax

Online Sales Only;  
[www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com)  
> Buy Your Yearbook: Eagle Ridge Academy Lower School K-5  
Call: 1-877-767-5217

# Activities Corner



**WATCH FOR**  
**Spring Sports Registration**  
**Coming Soon!**

**Save the Date:** The annual Volunteer Appreciation Event is scheduled for **Thursday, April 4 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Please join us for a celebration all about you – our volunteers. Formal invite to follow. • *Submitted by Jodie Greer, Karen Oglesby, and Donna Cornelius*

# Community Updates



## Developing Connections

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**

*Director of Development*

It's not too early to start thinking about nicer weather. With the spring and summer weather comes outdoor activity. Registration is open for the **Donut Dash 5K** (May 11) and the **Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament** (June 17). Runners, walkers, and golfers, no matter the skill level, are welcome to register for these two events supporting the students of Eagle Ridge Academy. Proceeds will help support Robotics and a new student Pep Band at Eagle Ridge Academy.

*We are seeking corporate sponsors for both of these events. Check with your employer to see if they might be interested in backing either of these events and supporting your student(s) and his/her classmates at Eagle Ridge Academy! And, don't forget to ask your employer if they match gifts ... you could double your donation.*

Any questions or organization referrals for sponsorship or donations may be directed to Kelly Schiffman at [kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org](mailto:kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org) or 952-746-7760, ext. 1107.



### COMING IN APRIL (DATE TO BE DETERMINED):

*Donut Dash Day — Celebrating Five Years of the Donut Dash 5k and Mini-Donut Half-Mile Dash*

This will be a special Donut Dash Day allowing anyone to wear a Donut Dash shirt or sweatshirt from any of our previous years. Don't have a shirt? Catch this year's new swag here at [www.rambow.com](http://www.rambow.com), enter store code **DONUT**, and enter your order. New this year: hoodie sweatshirt, long sleeve sport tek shirt, and water bottle. **Order deadline is March 8, with all orders being delivered back to ERA at no charge.**



**May 11, 2019**

**Register Today  
for Only \$30!**

## GRYPHON CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT:

*June 17 • Register Now*





### Share Your Talent Day & SoG Variety Show!

CAROLINE FREUND & MINDY KANE

*Music Teachers, School of Grammar*

The School of Grammar music teachers would like to remind families about two upcoming events that celebrate the special talents of our students.

- **Share Your Talent Day** (open to students K-5) will take place in regular music classes from March 1-12. Specific dates and times can be found on our classroom websites.
- **The School of Grammar Variety Show** (open to students 1-5) will take place on Thursday, March 21. The show for Grades 1 and 2 will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the ERA auditorium, and the show for Grades 3-5 will begin at 6:30 p.m. Performers will be drawn from those who participate in Share Your Talent Day.

Information has been sent home with students but may also be found on our websites:

- Ms. Kane (K-2) <http://eralongtermmusicsub.weebly.com/>
- Mrs. Freund (3-5) <https://era3-5music.weebly.com/>



Calling all piano players! We are looking for volunteer pianists to play during morning arrival, afternoon dismissal, and on special occasions. 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.

### SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB: LAST DAY IS FEB. 22

Thanks to Kelli TenPas, who led the club, and to all the parent volunteers who assisted to make it successful this year. Before wrapping up Ski & Snowboard Club season, you don't want to miss out on Final Pizza potluck this Friday! We welcome all families to attend the potluck. If you would like to contribute, please sign up [here](#).

### SEE IT... SAVE IT!

Thank you to all who contributed to our Winter Contest! The results are being tallied and the winners will be announced on Friday, Feb. 22, on the [PTO Facebook page](#). This means that NOW is the perfect time to start saving items for our next contest. Help your classroom win the final competition of the school year! Save your Box Tops, Coke caps, Milk Moola, Loaves4Learning UPCs, and Tyson Rewards! Go to the [PTO page](#) of the school website and click on See it...Save it! for more details.



**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. Stay tuned for flyers that will be coming home with your K-8th grade students with more details.