



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BOISE NEWSLETTER

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Our 2023-24 Lottery is open! You do not need to apply for the lottery, but we DO appreciate you sharing [this information](#) with anyone who may be interested in joining the Sage family! Our next Info Night will be February 8th at 4:30 pm and we invite anyone who would like to learn more.



Mind the Gap: THANK YOU to everyone who has donated, we are just past the halfway mark of our \$100k goal! We are hoping for participation from ALL families this year in any amount and hope you will consider a gift to Sage to support the opportunities we provide your students. You can find more information [here](#).



Sage Night at Bardenay in Boise: Thanks to Sage parent Maika Jacoba, Downtown Boise's Bardenay is hosting a charity night for Sage on Monday, January 16. Our school will receive 20% of **all sales between 5-9pm!** Mark your calendars, we'd love to see you and your family there.



Drop off and pickup: Thank you to everyone who is being courteous and patient, it is a critical part of keeping our students safe! Please take a moment to review our [Traffic Flow procedures](#).



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 12 - Last day of first semester

January 16 - MLK Jr. Day - no school

January 30 - Re-enrollment for 2023-24 opens

February 8 - Lottery Info Night 4:30 - 5:30

February 20 - 24 - February Break, no school

March 2 - Enrollment Lottery for 2023-24 School Year

STAY IN TOUCH

Other than this newsletter, our website is the best resource for general info about Sage. You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!



OUR MISSION

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

A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON:



Dear Parents and Staff of Sage International Schools,

We are one network of schools committed to the concept and practice of a rigorous and interesting International Baccalaureate education. We encourage broad AND deep learning as individuals, and we also know the value of collaborative education. By working and learning with others we are able to generate a common understanding, identify problems, and develop solutions.

I am glad and grateful to be part of learning communities at both campuses that embrace this approach and our collective mission to engage students within inclusive International Baccalaureate (IB) learning communities and to challenge all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry.

I also want to make sure - in advance of the commemoration of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday and International Holocaust Remembrance Day - that we recognize and think about our collective responsibility to ensure that all people have the opportunity to learn and grow; to live free of fear; to achieve their full potential and to participate fully in the organizations and structures that govern their society.

To learn more about Dr. King's life, legacy and impact, please visit [The King Center](#). To learn more about International Holocaust Remembrance Day and what led to the Holocaust visit the [United States Holocaust Museum and Memorial](#).

In remembrance and in action for a better and more peaceful world,

Andy

SCHOOL - FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Update from Federal Programs:

Thanks to the families who provided feedback on the draft School-Family Engagement Plan during the fall of 2022. The Board approved the Plan at their meeting on November 28, 2022. This Plan covers the school, family, and student responsibilities that support student learning and success. You can read the [approved plan HERE](#). Please contact Emily Boles, Federal Programs Coordinator, with any questions at emily.boles@sageintl.org.



A MESSAGE FROM DANNY SOLOMON, DEAN OF STUDENTS AND CAMPUS OPERATIONS



As we emailed yesterday, we are proud to announce that students and staff performed well in our fire drill. Because the safety of any person in our care is our priority, we appreciate the time and effort staff and students put into these trainings and drills. As a reminder, staff will train and drill with students regularly for four types of drills: evacuations, reverse evacuations, hall checks, and lockdowns. The procedures, vocabulary, and partnership with first responders for these trainings and responses are standardized across Idaho thanks to a state-wide partnership between first responders and schools, known as ISACARS: [Idaho Standard Command Responses for Schools](#). Sage is proud to be a part of this collaboration focused on the safety of our students.

If you are curious about what these kinds of trainings entail, please check out the information hosted by the State Board of Education [here](#). The videos embedded on the website are a part of staff and student trainings. Moving forward, you can expect monthly evacuation drills and 1-2 lockdown drills in a school year. Hall checks and reverse evacuation drills will also be conducted each year. Our lockdown drill for this year is scheduled for the week of January 30. The days may vary depending on the availability of partners in the Boise Police Department. It is important to note that parents also play a role in keeping a school safe. We appreciate all the conversations you have with your students regarding safety, and the reports you share with us about potential concerns. Another way parents help with safety is to keep the school grounds clear in the event of an emergency. While it is the most natural thing to want to be there for your child, schools need parents to avoid coming onto school grounds during an emergency so that first responders have room to maneuver their vehicles. This is especially important at Sage.

The Sage Community continues to demonstrate excellent comradery in the face of a less-than-best-case setting for our traffic. After auditing our traffic throughout the year, we are confident that we have arrived at the best traffic pattern given our campus and resources. If you want a refresher on the traffic patterns and procedures, please view them [here](#). As a reminder, we can continue to keep the flow of traffic moving by avoiding parking when dropping off or picking up students, ensuring students have jackets and other necessities donned and ready to go when they are dropped off, always following the prescribed routes, zipper merging with buses and other drivers, using turning signals, and following the directions from staff on the ground. Your patience and safe practices are appreciated every single day.

Thank you,
Danny

FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS:

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope your winter break was filled with all of the things that bring you peace and joy and that you are feeling refreshed to start 2023.



As we start this new year and second semester, it is a great time for you and your student to do some self-reflection about the first semester - what went well, what do we want to work on, what were the highs we can celebrate, and the opportunities for growth. It is also a nice time to set some goals for the rest of the year. Help yourself achieve them by making sure that they are [S.M.A.R.T goals](#). This means that they are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound. This helps to set ourselves up for success.

If you're like me and resolutions are not really your thing, I have found it helpful to choose a word to live by over the course of the year. This helps you to make decisions and can become a mantra for your year. My word this year is 'Wellness'. January is also [Mental Wellness Month](#). Mental wellness is not something that occurs on its own, it is a muscle that needs to be strengthened every day. If your family does not already have a self-care practice, the new year is a great time to incorporate one into your everyday routine. Small changes can turn into wellness habits that set the stage for gratitude, joy, and resiliency in the new year,

I am excited to be back and looking forward to seeing all the wonderful things this year brings for our Sage community.

Sincerely,
Ashley Rivers
K-7th School Counselor



Re-enrollment for the 2023-24 school year begins January 30th and parents will have through **February 12th** to complete it to reserve their student's spot for next year. Be on the lookout for an email from our registrar Gloria on January 27th.

During re-enrollment, you will also have the opportunity to apply for the sibling lottery for any additional students that don't already attend Sage but that you would like to enroll for next year. Siblings that live within the same household are given priority in our enrollment lottery for any openings that we have available. Stay tuned!

PYP WITH DIRECTOR KATE HUNTER

What is the PYP?

One thing we LOVE about the PYP framework is that it encourages play. Children (and adults, too!) engage in their environments, solve problems, and make meaning through play. While it is easy to fall into the trap of separating play from academic learning, the IB has created a manual for us that highlights the many benefits of play and helps us understand, as educators and parents, how to make play especially meaningful and joyful. Take a look at the IB's resource on [Inquiry through Play](#) for some practical tips and tricks.



Classroom (Teacher) Spotlight:

Speaking of play – we want to highlight the importance of meaningful staff play and the deep sense of collegiality we have at Sage. The ever-growing body of educational research tells us that collective teacher efficacy – essentially the belief that teachers can and will, together as a team, create lasting change for students – is a key factor in the health of a school and the growth of individual students. In order for us to maintain collective teacher efficacy, we need strong teacher teams that trust each other and leverage one another's strengths. We also need teams that know how to play and laugh together! Pictured here you can find our 1st grade team, taking a playful stance against glitter in their classrooms (they want to make it clear that they encourage sparkle – just not glitter!).



We encourage you and your families to PLAY this winter season.

MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH DIRECTOR ZACH PARKER

The Middle School Student Council will be hosting our formal Winter Dance for Grades 6-8 on Thursday, Jan 26, and our Sources of Strength program will also be there offering a fun activity. It is always wonderful to see our young adults get fancied up to attend this type of dance! Tickets go on sale Jan 23rd at lunch and can also be purchased at the door for \$5. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Dress is "black tie formal".

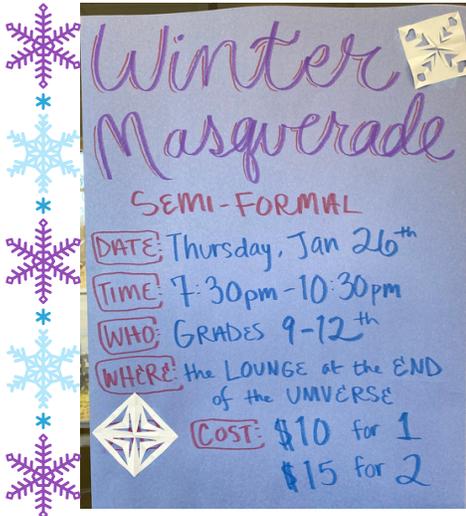


MIDDLE SCHOOL
WINTER WONDERLAND
BIG CAFETERIA *Ball!*
JAN 26, 2023 6:30 - 9:00

HIGH SCHOOL WITH DIRECTOR BRANDY BURKETT



End of semester 1: January 12, 2023 marks the end of semester 1! Teachers are working hard to get their grades submitted and students and parents can expect their grades to be posted in Skyward the week of January 23rd! Please keep an eye out for communication from our registrar Gloria regarding the exact date.



Volunteer opportunity! The Sage PTO is sponsoring a K-5 Winter Luau on February 2nd from 5:30 to 8:00pm! While this event is for our elementary students and their families, the PTO has a need for additional volunteers to help out with this great event! If you or your high school student would like to volunteer, please use this link to sign up!

Winter Masquerade: The High School is also holding their winter semi-formal dance on January 26th, again at the Lounge at the End of the Universe! This is always such a fun event for students and their teachers, we hope to see your student there!

SUPPORTING SAGE

A massive and heartfelt thank you to all the families who contributed to our 5th annual Giving Tree. Collectively, we brought in over \$4600 dollars in gift cards to Walmart and Winco, which benefited many families this Holiday season. Such generosity is one of the many beautiful aspects of our Sage community.

Here are some other ways you can support your school:

- Donate to our \$100k goal to **Mind the Gap**. Thank you to those who have participated!
- Donated to our food pantry and community supplies either through our [Amazon Wishlist](#) or by dropping items off. We appreciate your help! We are in URGENT need of Kleenexes and Cleaning wipes if you would like to contribute to our community supplies!

We had a REALLY fun holiday party last Friday for all our Sage Boise staff with lunch, games, and prizes! A HUGE thank you to the following families and businesses that donated over \$1,000 in incredible prizes that were presented to our staff: Ada Therapy Services, Wild Rush Flowers, Saint Lawrence Gridiron, Wild Root Cafe, Caldwell Transportation, CoreStrong Studio, Annie Grubb Realty, Fibrenew Boise, 3 Girls Catering, The Lunde Family, Risso Family, Miller Family, Garity Family, and author of the "A While Ago in Idaho" book series Amber Beierle. **THANK YOU!**

You can find information about these Sage-owned businesses [here](#), and if you would like to add your business, please fill out this form [here](#) for it to be added.

SAGE PTO

Sage has a wonderful group of parents that make up our PTO and they need your help!

- To stay up to date on events, follow them on Facebook: @sageintpto
- Join the [PTO Member Facebook group](#)
- Have questions or want to get involved? Email them at: information@sagepto.org
- They are now on Instagram @sageinternationalpto
- Subscribe to the PTO newsletter [here](#).

K-5 families, throw on your tropical best and escape the cold with our winter luau, "Passport to Paradise" on February 2nd from 5:30-8 pm. Enjoy a night of fun with dancing, games, and prizes. PTO is looking for volunteers from families K-12 including high school students. Click [here](#) for volunteer opportunities, thank you!



ENRICHMENT

Our Ski /Snowboard season through Bogus Basin Ski Education Foundation is underway and our first race of the season is this Saturday, January 14th! Registration is closed, but you can find more information about their competitions [here](#)!



Current Clubs at Sage - click for more information:

[A/V Club 7th-8th grade](#)
[Board Game Club 9th-12th grade](#)
[D & D Club 7th grade](#)
[D & D Club \(Bard's Tavern\) 8th grade](#)
[Dungeons & Dragon Club 11th grade](#)
[Dance Committee 9th-12th grade](#)
[French Club 9-12th grade](#)
[Gender Equality Club 6th-8th grade](#)

[Girls on the Run 3rd-5th grade](#)
[Green Club 9th-12th grade](#)
[High School Student Council 9th-12th grade](#)
[National Beta Club 9th-12th grade](#)
[Rising Stars K-11th grade](#)
[Soccer Shots Kinder-2nd grade](#)
[Teacher Appreciation Club 6th-12th grade](#)
[Yearbook Club 6th-12th grade](#)



Community Opportunities - You can find other activities offered for all ages in our community [here](#)! If you would like to add something, please email info@sageintl.org.