



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BOISE NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 25, 2023



New bus schedules start on Monday, August 28. If you have not registered your student to ride the bus since 8/18/2023, you will need to do so before Monday in order for them to ride the bus. You can do so via the link found on our [Transportation](#) page.



The 2023-24 [Student Handbook](#) was emailed to all families last week. If you have not already done so, please take time to read through it and share the information with your student. Once you're done, please complete this [acknowledgement form](#). Thank you!



[Mind the Gap](#) is our annual fundraiser where we invite ALL Sage families to make a donation in support of our public charter school. Our goal is \$100,000 this year which amounts to about \$100 per student or just \$10/month over the school year. Can you help us reach our goal?



Sage has an [Amazon Wishlist](#) with items that support our classrooms and students. On there you will find community supplies as well as food pantry items for students who need them. We appreciate your gifts, which will ship directly to the school!

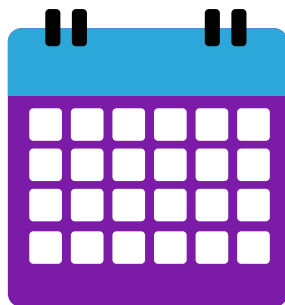


Our Sage spirit store is now open year-round! You can order Sage T-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, hats, and other items through our online store and choose to have items shipped to your home or delivered to Sage for free. You can [shop here](#).



Our PTO would love for you to be involved! Their next meeting is 9/20 at 4:00pm here at the school. Find more info [here](#).

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

9/4 - Labor Day, no school

9/8 - Friday School Day for ALL students!

9/14 - Back to School Night for K-8 Families

9/21 - Back to School/College Night for
Families of 9-12th Graders

9/25 - 29 - Fall Break - no school

10/5 - PTO International Potluck

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON



Dear Parents and Staff of Sage International Schools,

I hope you are all well. School started strongly at both campuses. I have walked through many classrooms with division directors at both campuses over the last two weeks and we have been impressed and pleased with the joy, engagement and challenge we have seen in classrooms from Kindergarten to 12th Grade.

As a Network and at both campuses we are focusing on delivering superb learning experiences through the framework of the International Baccalaureate. To that end, our priorities are foundational reading (Kinder thru Third Grade), improving our students' skills with writing - across all grades and subjects and mathematics. Those priorities look different at each grade level and division, but the overarching goals are shared across divisions and campuses. We believe that every child should be a strong reader, writer and mathematician.

The IB provides a perfect framework for strong readers, writers and mathematicians to exercise their curiosity; to ask questions; to find solutions, and to collaborate, cooperate, present and grow. As college preparatory schools (which is great preparation for a whole range of post-secondary choices), the IB at Sage schools asks students to pursue a range of subjects over a long period of time and to apply knowledge and skills from one discipline to another. We believe that students who have strong content knowledge in a variety of fields and who also possess strong learning skills demonstrated through their ability to conduct structured research; to collaborate with others; keep themselves organized and to develop an inclination to look at challenges from multiple perspectives ensures that they are ready to tackle the knottiest problems.

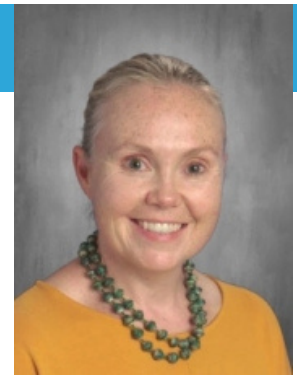
Thank you for your trust and confidence in Sage schools and for your embrace of our mission to engage students within an inclusive IB learning community, challenging all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry.

All the best,

Andy Johnson



FROM PYP DIRECTOR KATE HUNTER



Trait Observation Summary : Checked
on a friend when they got
hurt to make sure they were
okay.

Observer Name: Wayt

Primary Teacher: Wayt

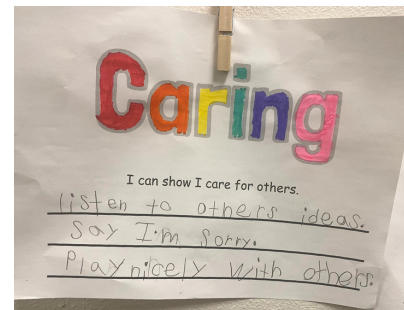
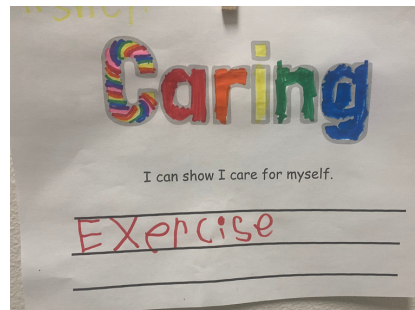
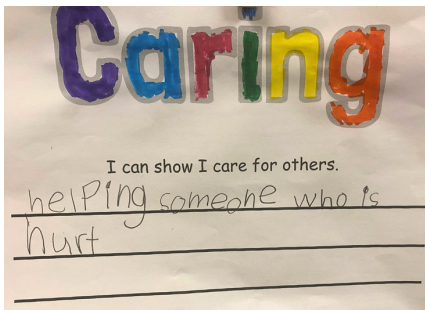
Trait Observation Summary : Said kind
words to a classmate
to make them feel
good 😊

Observer Name: Daum

Primary Teacher: Daum

Community: As we shared last week, we are focusing on the IB Profile attribute of **CARING** during this instructional block (through September). Students and staff alike are earning IB Star cards (samples pictured above) for their outstanding examples of caring around the school.

Our 1st-grade students also spent some time writing about what caring looks like in their daily lives – take a look at their work samples below.



Teaching and Learning:

Teachers and students are diving into our PYP units of inquiry and the most essential learning targets by grade level. Students are also taking a series of assessments – including [MAP](#) and [IRI](#) (so many acronyms in education!) – that help us gauge how we can best target our instruction for both individuals and groups. The results of these assessments will go home with students shortly.

ART

K-5 Artists are taking the concepts of Individuality, Community, and Connection, to heart! All 480 PYP students are brainstorming personal passions, beliefs, loves and concerns, then illustrating them on giant blank puzzle pieces, using elements of art to guide their vocabulary.

These and other questions guide our inquiry: How do we connect to different groups of people or communities through our belief systems, passions and everyday life? What personality characteristics and IB Learner Attributes best describe me? What do I think about A LOT? What am I passionate about?

Awareness of local-leading-to-global connections is awakening through our artwork! This giant puzzle installation will be going up in the main hallway soon. Stay tuned for updates on that AND more Creative Connections coming your way from Elementary Art Alley!

PE

We're off to a great start in Elementary PE. Kindergarten and 1st grade students have been spending time in the big cafeteria and it's been a very nice break from the afternoon heat. Students are working on moving their bodies safely and in control, while also working on sharing and respecting equipment. The older students have been taking the bus to the park and started their first unit of the year. Students have been focusing on teamwork and communication.

*One quick reminder for families: please send your child with appropriate clothing and footwear for the days they have PE. Thank you.

Performing Arts

This week in kindergarten and 1st grade we talked about the special ingredient that makes theatre happen! Akin to the importance of chocolate chips in chocolate chip cookies, theatre isn't theatre without our imaginations. To practice our imagination skills, we worked together to create machines, cakes, and paintings, using only our bodies, voices, and imaginary tools. We explored all our imaginary senses; such as what paint might feel like on our hands or how a baking cake might smell while it is still in the oven!

In 2nd-5th grade performing arts with Mrs. T., students are learning some performance basics that we will be using all year long, such as tempo, dynamics, vocal timbre, and nonverbal communication techniques active listening and as part of theatrical acting. We're having so much fun as we focus on building confidence and caring for each other.

French

Bonjour! In 5th Grade French, we are building our interpersonal communication skills, having simple conversations about where we went during the summer, the weekend, and yesterday.

Key Question: Tu es allé où ce weekend? (Where did you go this weekend?)

Réponse starter 1: Je suis resté (I stayed)...(à Boise, chez moi)

Réponse starter 2: Je suis allé (I went)... (au lac, au parc, au restaurant, au café, ect.)

Follow-up phrases: Moi aussi! (Me too!), Pas moi. (not me)

Here's an example of a spontaneous mini-conversation that I captured today.

[Harper \(new to Sage this year\)](#) and [Cara: Miss Lunt's class](#) (Forgive my poor technical skills! I didn't realize I was still recording at the end!)

à plus tard! Madame Davis

MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH ZACH PARKER



As we wrap up our third week of school I'd like to share our most recent events and highlight those coming up. This week all students took the MAP assessment, a nationally normed assessment that compares our students with peers across the country. Students assessed in Math, Reading and Language (grammar). Teaching staff and I take the results and complete a Data Dive to assess our strengths and growth areas. This helps us determine what adjustments need to be made with lessons and instructions across various departments in the school.

Upcoming events:

- Friday, Sept 8th we have our only Friday school day. Additionally, the Student Council will be hosting our 3rd Annual Throwback Movie Night. This takes place on the field where we use our projector and inflatable screen to watch a classic film from the past 20 years. Treats and snacks will be available for purchase.
- Thursday, Sept 14th will be Back to School Night. I will have opening remarks and then several teachers will host different hands-on sessions to help parents better understand and support the life of their middle schooler.

Parenting Resource:

Within the middle school we have implemented a "No-Cell Phone" policy between 7:50 - 3:40 pm. As an educator and parent, I recognize the challenges of working productively and safely with phones. Several years ago we hosted two documentaries (*Screenagers* and *Screenagers: The Next Chapter*). [Their website](#) provides great resources for families which I will periodically share out.

- Today's Resource comes from their *Tech Talk Tuesday's* section: [3 Steps for Successfully Creating Healthier Tech Policies at Home](#).

HIGH SCHOOL

Annual Back to School Night and College Fair on September 21, 2023 @ 5pm!

We hope you and your student(s) will join us! Parents and students in 9th and 10th-grade will visit their classrooms and walk through their schedule, learn more about our Career and Diploma Programmes, and have an opportunity to speak with colleges from around the area. 11th and 12th-grade parents and students will attend sessions on how to be prepared for CP/DP, Academic Honesty, and will also have the opportunity to speak with colleges from around the area. We look forward to seeing you there!

Seniors: Our yearbook club is already hard at work! We ask that you please send Senior photos to be used in the yearbook to darian.welsh@sageintl.org

Speaking of seniors...they just returned from our Annual Senior Camp trip and of course had a blast! See some of the fun below.



SAGE COUNSELORS

Hi there! My name is Taylor Steele. I am the new K-7 Counselor at Sage Boise. A little bit about me, I have been working with children and families in different capacities for over 14 years and have been a counselor since 2017. I first worked at an addiction facility for adults running groups and individual sessions. I then transitioned into the role of a school counselor at a Title 1 middle school for the last six years. I continue to have a passion for working with children and their families and am so excited to be on board to support Sage students, families and staff. If you would like to reach me, email is best! taylor.steele@sageintl.org



Operation School Bell: On September 21st at 9:30, I will be taking students in K-5 who have a need for clothing to the Assistance League of Boise Thrift Store during our designated shopping time listed above. If you are interested in your student joining us, please download [this form](#) and submit it to Mrs. Steele either at the front desk or via the email above. If you have any other resource needs or questions please feel free to reach out via email.

From Ms. Meduna:

Colleges are beginning to visit Sage during students' lunch blocks in the front lounge of Summit. Students will be emailed prior to the date. All students are welcome to visit with the representatives and learn more about what various colleges' can do for their future.

11th-grade parents: This week you received an email about the PSAT/NMSQT which will be held on October 18, 2023. This is an optional test for your student, but required if they would like to attempt to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. If you would like to register your child please fill out this form: [PSAT/NMSQT Registration](#). Check your email for more details and reach out to Ms. Meduna if you have any questions.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

BOISE



Basketball: Fun 8-week sessions start next week! Come try a free class, then \$120 to join. Register at boiseasa.com
Grades 2-3: Tuesdays 3:45 - 4:45
Grades 4-5: Wednesdays 3:45 - 4:45

Rising Stars is back at Sage on Fridays with fun opportunities for all students in Grades K-12! This is a 9-week program that includes singing, hip-hop dancing, and acting and ends the season with a wonderful performance! Find out more [HERE](#).



Girls on the Run is an after-school program offered at Sage for students in Grades 3-5. September 5th - November 9th on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:25 - 4:55, with a 5K Event on November 9th. [Click here](#) for more information!

Mountain Bike Team: We started our 2023 season off great at the Brundage Blast Off in McCall. We're so proud of 9th Grader Tessa Beebe for placing FIRST in Girls Varsity, amazing! See her center on the stand in the photo to the right. Our JV boys were



able to secure 2nd place (Austin Fryer, pictured left), and 4th (Emery Huszar).

Jake Huszar placed 3rd for the 6th-grade boys. Way to go team, keep up the good work! Next race is August 26th at Magic Mountain!



SAGE EXPEDITIONS

Coordinator Megan Furois has been busy planning a lot of fun adventures for our students and is in the Sawtooths with Sage Middleton students this weekend! Check [our website](#) for upcoming details, but September Expeditions Opportunities include:

- We will have a High School rock climbing clinic September 14 - October 12. Please stay tuned for information about this partnership with Idaho Mountain Guides for an after-school, 4-week outdoor climbing clinic.
- 7/8th grade camping and trail crew in Sun Valley (9/15-9/17)- Watch for information on how to sign up for a 3-day, 2-night camping trip including a day of service partnering with the Wood River Trail Coalition!