



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

JULY 31, 2023

Back to School Open House - Thursday, August 3rd from 1:00 - 4:00 pm

We invite all families to attend our annual open house to give students the opportunity to meet teachers, tour classrooms, and drop off supplies.

- Supply lists can be found [here](#). We really appreciate donations from families of our community supplies that we frequently run out of! Community supplies are listed on supply lists but include dry-erase markers, white copy paper, boxes of tissues, disinfecting wipes, and sheet protectors.
- Secondary students will be getting their locker assignments and class schedules.
- K-5 Class lists are posted on our front door, feel free to come take a look!

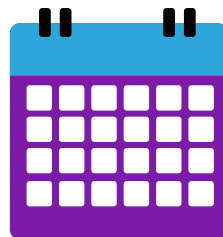
Bus Registration: Registration for the 2023-24 school year is coming soon, we are working to finalize route and stop information. We will email you as soon as it's ready!

Traffic Update: The stop light poles and lights at Hartley and 44 are officially in! The city just needs to repaint the lines in order to begin the operation of the stop light. We hope it will be complete and ready in a few weeks, but until then pedestrians are not allowed to cross this busy intersection. Thank you for your patience and stay tuned!

Sage Nutrition Program: August menus can be found [here](#). Your family may qualify for free or reduced lunch! Please find more info [here](#). Breakfast begins at 7:45 am.

School Photos: Student Picture Day will be September 19th. Visit mydorian.com and search for Sage Middleton to preorder. Retake Picture Day will be November 6th.

**Check out our
WEBSITE and find
us on social media
via the links below!**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 3 - Open house 1:00 - 4:00

August 7 - First day of school!

September 4 - Labor Day, no school

September 8 - Friday school day for ALL students!

September 19 - School photo day

OUR MISSION

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

ESage Middleton: Registration for our after-school and Friday enrichment program is now open to families with students in Kindergarten through 5th grade! This is a highly engaging and popular program and we encourage families to register ASAP if interested. To find out more or register please [click here](#).

Sage Spirit Store: You can now order Sage T-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, hats, and other items through our online Sage Spirit Store year-round! If you ordered by July 24, your items will be available for pickup at our Back to School Open House! We will be making monthly free deliveries to the school. You can [find the link here](#), happy shopping!

FAQS: Please read this [Quick Reference](#) we put together for Sage Middleton Parents!

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON



Dear Families and Colleagues of Sage International Schools,

Welcome back! I hope that you have all enjoyed this relatively mild summer and lots of outdoor time with your family and the other people with whom you fill your lives. Building, maintaining and extending connections to each other at school and with others in our communities is really important to our well-being. We are proud of the work we all did last year to connect to each other in open houses, math nights, college nights, campouts, athletic events, exhibitions, PTO activities, and chance encounters in town or the school's parking lots. All of those moments count. They strengthen our school community. We will continue to offer lots of opportunities to meet and connect with each other.

We have a lot to celebrate as we begin this year. Our students - at both campuses - enjoyed lots of growth in their learning and their ability to demonstrate that learning. We had record enrollment at both campuses and are set to open with record enrollment again. Sage-Boise's Junior class is the biggest in the school's history. There are nearly 70 students in the Junior class! Sage-Boise successfully completed its reaccreditation (mandatory for all public schools offering a high school diploma) process. We actively worked and are still working to ensure Sage-Middleton's high school building is open for the 24-25 school year. Finally, We are reinvigorating our outdoor ethos across the whole Network with a renewed commitment to offering a range of outdoor activities on Fridays and over breaks at both campuses.

Again, we send our warmest welcome to each of you for the start of the school year. We are grateful to you all for supporting our schools' mission - at the heart of which is an "inclusive International Baccalaureate learning community."

All the best,
Andy

FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL, DARCI STELZNER



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the first day of school is right around the corner! The Sage Middleton office staff, Mr. Ambrose (our new PYP Director!) and I were all back in full swing last week, teachers officially arrived on campus today, and our amazing custodial staff have been working hard to present you with a beautiful campus.

A little about me: I moved to Idaho 22 years ago from Montana. My early years were spent traveling around Montana competing in gymnastics and later, barrel racing. In my free time, you can find me in the mountains skiing, hiking, or biking. I am married and have one son. My husband is the pitching coach for the College of Idaho and also a counselor specializing in sports and performance optimization, a private pitching coach, and the main pitching coach operating out of Game Time Academy. My son attends Sage and loves science, downhill mountain biking, skateboarding, and plays ice hockey for the McCall Mountaineers! As a family, we enjoy everything the outdoors provides!

This is my third year as your Head of School, 22nd year in education, and 8th year in our Sage Network. I have been at Sage International Middleton since its opening in 2019. I earned my bachelor's degree from Montana State, my Master's degree from Boise State, and my Educational Specialist degree from NNU. I believe strongly in the power of an International Baccalaureate education. It offers rigor, critical thinking and multilingual skills, teaches students how to learn, and guides students to become internationally-minded citizens.

I am so proud of Sage Middleton and look forward to a wonderful year!

Kind Regards,
Darci

INTRODUCING OUR NETWORK SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR, CHRISTINE MCMILLEN



Hi! My name is Christine McMillen. I moved to Boise in 1998 and worked as a special education teacher in West Ada and then most recently as principal of Canyon Springs High School in Caldwell. I am also the proud mother of three grown daughters and two stepsons and enjoy spending as much time as possible visiting them in Colorado and Montana.

I am passionate about student success and learning and looking forward to working with the great team at Sage.

Welcome to Christine! She can be reached at christine.mcmillen@sageintl.org.

FROM PYP DIRECTOR, AUSTIN AMBROSE



Hello Sage Middleton Families,

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer break. It is always a great time to get outdoors, see loved ones, and take some time to unwind. I am thrilled to announce my new role as PYP Director! I spent the past two years as Dean of Students, supporting all our K-10 students. With the new role, I will be honing in on the daily operations of our K-5 students. While Darci will still be acting as Head of School and overseeing the bigger picture of the school, I'll be the first point of contact for the elementary school. I am excited to come back to focusing primarily on the grade levels I was around as a teacher.

Prior to my two years at Sage Middleton as Dean, I spent 4 years teaching elementary school. Having studied journalism for my undergrad, but knowing I wanted to be a teacher, I had to pursue an alternative route into the classroom. I decided to undergo the program Teach For America to receive my teaching credentials. When choosing where to go, I knew I wanted to find a more rural community similar to the one I experienced growing up in Ohio. That brought me to Idaho and now Sage Middleton! While in Idaho, I completed a Master's degree from BSU in Educational Technology and another from the University of Idaho in Educational Leadership.

Finding Sage Middleton opened my eyes to the incredible world of International Baccalaureate education. I deeply believe in the beliefs instilled in this framework of learning, allowing students to ask big questions and inquire about the world around them. I am grateful for the chance to serve this wonderful community and ensure that students receive an excellent IB education.

When I'm away from the Sage Middleton community, you'll likely find me playing a sport (when I'm not injured), doing something outdoors, reading a book, or playing the newest Pokemon. Please say hello, I love getting to know all our families. I hope to see you all Thursday to begin another exciting and wonderful year together!

All the best,
Austin Ambrose

FROM SCHOOL NURSE, LORINDA BLEW



Hello Sage Middleton parents and students! I'm so excited to be starting my 3rd year here. It's fun to watch the kids as they grow, both physically and mentally.

Please be sure that you have included on your Enrollment information any health diagnoses and medications, and update me if there are every changes to it. Please be

sure that you have included on your Enrollment information YES or NO for OTC (over-the-counter) medications such as meds for pain, cough syrup, stomach issues, etc. By checking YES to OTC, you give me consent to administer OTC meds that I carry as needed, and I will inform you when they are. If you have a specific OTC med that you want available for your child, please provide it. All medications to be administered at school must come with a signed consent form which can be found [here](#).

If I have urgent information or questions regarding your child, I will call you. Otherwise, I may just send an email to let you know of a visit I had with them or any other concerns. Occasionally on extra busy days, I may not have time to email everyone that visits. I try to check my email every morning before school starts and off and on throughout the day as possible. Please email me if your student received medication for pain, etc, and what time they last took it if you are hoping they receive additional doses at school.

Please review the "Health and Safety" section of the [Sage Student Handbook](#) for guidelines on when to keep sick students home from school. Feel free to email me at Lorinda.Blew@sageintl.org or call between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm with any questions.

Let's have a great, and safe school year!
Lorinda, RN

ENRICHMENT

Hello! My name is Megan Furois and I will be working as the Program Coordinator of Sage Expeditions for both the Boise and Middleton campuses this year! I've been with the Sage Network in Middleton for the past 4 years as a teacher and running the expeditions program here. I'm thrilled to lead the outdoor program for both schools this year, bringing our students from both campuses into outdoor spaces for unique learning opportunities!



My passion is to cherish, spend time in, and protect our precious outdoor spaces. I love my work educating on responsible recreation, and expanding access to new outdoor spaces and activities for our students. Stay tuned for info about upcoming Sage Expeditions!

Cross Country - All students in grades 6-10 are welcome to join our team! Practices will begin on Monday, August 14th. We are still looking for a coach and would greatly appreciate the help of any interested parents! Please find more details and register [HERE](#).

Girls Volleyball - We invite all girls in grades 6-8 who are interested! Practices begin Monday, August 14th and will be Monday-Thursday from 4:00-6:00 pm. Please find more details and register [HERE](#).