



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

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Sage Nutrition Program: We are now using [School Cafe'](#) as our system to manage meal purchases and payments for your students. August menus can be found [here](#). Your family may qualify for free or reduced lunch! Please find more info on our [website](#).



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](#).



School Photos: Student Picture Day will be September 19th. Please visit [mydorian.com](#) and search for Sage Middleton to preorder. We are in need of 2-3 parent volunteers for picture day, if you are able to help please email Jessica at jessica.humphries@sageintl.org. You will receive a picture packet voucher for your time!

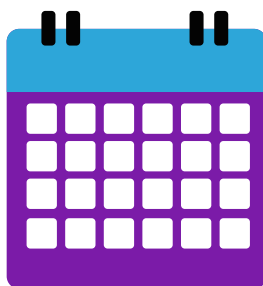


Sage Spirit Store: You can now order Sage T-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, hats, and other items through our online Sage Spirit Store year-round! You can pay for shipment to your home or have it delivered to the school on a weekly basis for free. You can [find the link here](#), happy shopping!



FAQS: Please read this [Quick Reference](#) for Sage Middleton Parents, and our complete Student/Parent handbook [here](#).

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

9/4 - Labor Day, no school

9/5 - PTO Meeting

9/8 - **Friday School Day for ALL students!**

9/13 - Back to School Night 4:30-7:30

9/19 - School Photo Day

9/25 - 29 - Fall Break - no school

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.

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 through 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 HEAD OF SCHOOL, DARCI STELZNER



Hello families,

We are honored you have chosen Sage Middleton for your child's educational future. Our year has started off strong as teachers, staff, and students are working together to create strong culture foundations. We know strong classroom routines and procedures create habits which lead to decreased chaos and increased rigor. This frees up brain space and leads to thriving students and staff.

Our fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP growth assessment) started this week with math and will conclude next week with reading. The MAP growth assessment focuses on student growth and allows teachers to see specific skills needed to help close gaps. Scores will be sent home with your child when all students have completed the growth assessment.

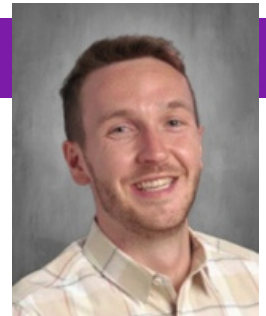
We are excited to continue our partnership with you. For all of your PYP needs, please reach out to the PYP Director, Austin Ambrose austin.ambrose@sageintl.org.

Kind regards,

Darci Stelzner

Head of School/MYP Director

FROM PYP DIRECTOR, AUSTIN AMBROSE



The school year is off to a great start here in the Sage Middleton PYP! Classes have been working on setting up their routines and procedures to maximize their learning time. We are starting our MAP assessment testing for reading and math. This is an assessment we take three times each year to measure our students' growth in proficiency in math and reading. These help create a snapshot of where our students are starting the year so we can begin planning their learning journey for the school year! Please make sure to encourage your students to try their best.

We have many of exciting trips planned for students this year, and we've already begun with our 5th graders attending the Star Base program at Gowen Field. They attend once a week for five weeks to engage in STEM-related activities and work on strong collaboration skills. It is a wonderful opportunity that we have been able to attend for the past couple of years, you can see photos below.

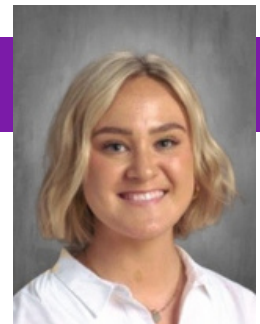
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Our first Learner Profile assembly of the year is scheduled this week. At the end of each month, students are recognized by teachers and/or peers for their demonstration of one IB Learner Profile attribute. This month is “Caring”, so be on the lookout for posts on Toddle to see which students were recognized this month!

All the best,
Austin Ambrose

THE MYP WITH COORDINATOR JASMINE STANCIU



Students in grade 9 have kicked off this school year with an interdisciplinary unit between Integrated Arts with Mrs. Lindsey and Design with Mr. Ellsworth. In this unit, students will be creating the ultimate theme park. Students will spark their innovation through the creation of a theme park map, complete with park features, a perspective drawing of one of their attractions, figures or drawings of employee costumes or uniforms, a menu from a featured restaurant or web page from a park hotel.



With Mr. Ellsworth, they will design a logo, site maps, brochure and film a commercial. The unit statement of inquiry is “Practicing personal efficacy and agency in order to present innovative theme park designs encourages the formation of identity.” We look forward to seeing the end product of this innovative and fun unit.

Toddle is our educational platform that is utilized for unit updates, assessments, resources, announcements and progress reports. It is essential that families are connected to stay up to date with their students’ classes, progress and current events. If you are having trouble getting connected to Toddle please reach out to our MYP Coordinator, Jasmine Stanciu, at jasmine.stanciu@sageintl.org.

We hope to see you at Back to School Night on 9/13! You can find the schedule for MYP (6-10th) families [HERE](#).

ENRICHMENT



Cross Country - All students in grades 6-10 are welcome! Practices have begun but students are still welcome to join. Our first meet will be on August 30th, please find more details and register [HERE](#).

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



Middleton Music Academy presents after-school classes and private lessons on our campus at a discounted rate! Call/Text/Email Now to get your spot for group classes or any of the following private lessons: Guitar, Piano, Voice, Drum, violin, cello, saxophone, trumpet, and clarinet. (208) 921-0382 or info@middletonmusicacademy.com

SAGE EXPEDITIONS WITH MEGAIN FUROIS

We have an MYP camping opportunity in Deschutes National Forest coming up over fall break September 25-29! It will include a day trip to Crater Lake National Park and a campus tour of OSU-Cascades. Keep an eye out for information on how to sign up, which we will be emailed to MYP Families on September 5th!

This past weekend MYP students joined Ms. Furois and Mr. Mega on a wonderful 3-day, 2-night backpacking adventure to the beautiful Langer Lake. They learned how to stay safe from a couple passing storms which was exciting! They were able to summit Ruffneck Peak Saturday morning and learn the basics of fly fishing Saturday afternoon. They learned about Leave No Trace, cooked and ate delicious food, and built lasting relationships.

