



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

MARCH 5, 2024



The Academic Calendar for the current 2023-24 school year has been updated and can be found [here](#). Due to the snow days our Board has approved **March 8th and April 26 for makeup school days**. These are required school days and attendance will be taken. Thank you for prioritizing your students' learning! You can find the **2024-25 Academic Calendar here**.



We are excited to host a **Family STEAM Night** at the school the evening of **March 26th!** This will be a fun family event at the school with engaging activities provided by Make-Think-Create mobile makerspace Labs! Families will have fun, tinker, make, and create through great hands-on activities. Mark your calendar, we will send more details soon!



Are you interested in hosting an exchange student? They are looking for families, you can find more information [here!](#)



We desperately need your help with our Mind the Gap Fundraising campaign. This year with the addition of our new High School building, we are asking EVERY Sage Family to make a donation in any amount in order to reach our goal of \$40,000. We have a long way to go. Please [visit our giving website](#) to learn more about how you can help!

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 8: Friday School day - All students
March 21-22 MYP Student-Led Conferences
March 26: Family STEAM Night
March 28: Career Day
April 8-12: Spring Break - No School!
April 26: Friday School day - All students

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, Students and Staff,

We are approaching the season when Seniors at our Boise campus (and soon in Middleton!) are wrapping up their two-year journeys through their Higher and Standard Level courses, finishing their independent research projects (IA's) and beginning to prepare for IB Exams in May. It is also the season in which we invite parents and students from the 10th Grade to hear more about our capstone programs - The Diploma Programme and the Career-related Programme.

Our Middleton campus is an applicant for [The Diploma Programme \(DP\)](#). It is the oldest of the International Baccalaureate (IB) programs. The first class globally was in 1968. Since then, over a million people have successfully completed this interesting and challenging program. Sage Boise's first class of Diploma Programme candidates sat for exams in 2016. This year will be Sage Boise's 9th cohort to complete the program. This program is, I believe, the "gold standard" of college (life really) preparatory programs. It focuses on the whole student by taking a classical approach to education that encourages individual inquiry and fully engaging with the core disciplines of language and literature, a second language, the social sciences, mathematics, the natural sciences and to be a practicing artist. It also has a core set of experiences with which all must engage. These include [Creativity, Activity and Service \(CAS\)](#), the [Extended Essay](#) (an independently designed and written research essay) and the [Theory of Knowledge](#) course. This is a very "do-able" program - especially for students who have been at a Sage school since at least the 9th Grade. Like most truly worthwhile endeavors, this program requires strong engagement and a willingness to work hard individually and with others - in and out of the classroom.

The [Career-related Programme \(CP\)](#) is the newest of the IB's programs and it runs in parallel to the DP, but has its own distinct requirements. In 2018, Sage Boise's first cohort of Career-related Programme students sat for exams and completed the requirements of the program. This year will be our 7th cohort of Career-related candidates. This program is also college preparatory in nature, but focuses more intently on career-related studies (as the name suggests!). Students in this program also take 2-3 Diploma Programme courses (and exams) and engage in core experiences in the Personal and Professional Skills course, the Reflective Project and Service Learning. Over the longer term, we plan to introduce the Career-related Programme at Sage-Middleton in addition to the Diploma Programme.

We are excited that our schools offer an experience that upholds the values of classical education - an education that insists on well-rounded students who are grounded in the fundamentals and inclined to be curious about our world; to seek challenges and to be ready to engage fully as a citizen.

All the best,
Andy



Hello Sage families,
March is an incredibly important month of learning! Teachers are increasing the rigor in the classrooms and students are responding well! We will continue to expect students to rise to meet expectations as we move through a solid 6 weeks of learning before state testing begins.

The learner profile attribute of the month is **PRINCIPLED**.

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.



How can parents help to develop students who are principled at home?

- ~What you do as a parent matters. How you treat and respond to your child should come from a knowledgeable, deliberate sense of what you want to accomplish.
- ~You cannot be too loving. It is simply not possible to spoil a child with love. What we often think of as the product of spoiling a child is never the result of showing a child too much love. It is usually the consequence of giving a child things in place of love.
- ~Connect behavior to character.
- ~Provide opportunities for your child to make their own decisions, discuss the consequences of their decisions.
- ~ Read and tell stories in which the story characters demonstrate making principled decisions
- ~ Discuss how being principled is life long commitment and well sought after as a characteristic to have

CAREER DAY 2024

We are looking forward to our **FOURTH ANNUAL Career Day on Thursday, March 28th, 2024**. We are in need of individual volunteers to speak to classes about their career, and to help with "Reality Town"! In this fun, hands-on curriculum, students simulate a real-life scenario of a career and family, and learn skills of budgeting and balancing financial responsibilities. Everyone is welcome to volunteer...Aunts, Uncles, Grandparents, Friends, Local Businesses...please help us spread the word! Volunteers can reach out to Joy at joy.kaplanrood@sageintl.org.



We invite families to attend the Career Parade with our students in grade K-5, which takes place outdoors in our parking lot.

You can find more information about the event [HERE](#).

STUDENT AUTHOR BOOK LAUNCH!

Prepare to be thrilled and chilled as Sage International Charter School of Middleton invites you to a spine-tingling book launch party! Join us as we unveil "***Tomes of Terror: Short Tales of Dread and Madness***", a collection of eerie narratives penned by our talented 10th grade students.



The excitement begins with an exclusive pre-launch event at **Sage Middleton from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Friday, March 8th**, specially tailored for students and parents. Dive into the realm of horror and witness the unveiling of these chilling tales firsthand.

But the fear doesn't end there! The terror continues at the public launch party, taking place at the **Flying M in Caldwell from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM**. Join us for an afternoon of macabre delights as you immerse yourself in the world of our young authors' imaginations.

Copies of "*Tomes of Terror*" will be available for purchase at both events for \$12 each, with proceeds supporting the 2026 class functions. Don't miss this opportunity to own a piece of literary history and support our budding writers!

Meet the authors, ask them about their inspirations, and have your copy of "*Tomes of Terror*" signed by the students themselves. Plus, enjoy spine-tingling readings throughout the event, guaranteed to send shivers down your spine.

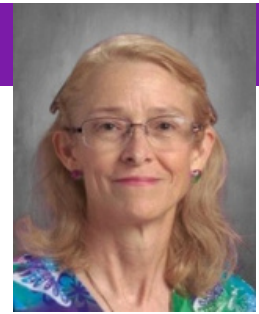
Mark your calendars for a hauntingly unforgettable literary experience. Whether you're a horror aficionado or simply curious about the darker side of storytelling, our book launch party promises thrills, chills, and a celebration of the creative spirit.

NURSE LORINDA, RN

Hi parents,

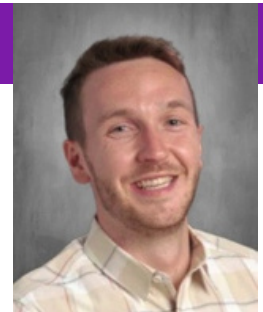
During this wet and muddy season, many kids (of all ages) visit me afterslipping and falling in the mud. Sometimes I have dry clothing for them to borrow, but I usually try to save these for when kids have other types of “accidents”. If they do borrow clothing, you can either send them back after your next laundry day or send them back dirty (in a bag) and I’ll wash them.

I try to help them clean up as well as possible, but if you could please send an extra set of clean clothes (including socks and underwear) with them, that would be great. Then remind them to grab their own clothes before coming over to change. I can let them change in the bathroom by my office, or the older kids can just change in their usual bathrooms. Thank you!



FROM PYP DIRECTOR, AUSTIN AMBROSE

We are hitting our last stretch of the year before we enter the end-of-year assessments. This is a great time to really push student rigor and see a lot of growth in their learning. One way to do this is to do a ‘5th day practice’ at home. This helps keep students practicing skills on those long weekends. We have a lot of great programs you can utilize through our Clever platform. Spending 20 minutes on both math and reading over the weekend can help students maintain their learning. Istation Reading and Prodigy Math are two great options for students. You can always connect with your students’ teachers to get other ideas of things to do.



Upcoming March Events

- School on Friday, March 8 (snow day makeup)
- Targeted conferences (March 21 and 22; invite from teachers)
- Class pictures (March 26)
- STEAM night (March 26)
- Career Day (March 28)

We just celebrated our “Risk-Takers” for our monthly learner profile assembly for the month of February! Congrats to those students who are willing to try new things and show resiliency through challenges. Before the break, we also enjoyed a play from the [Idaho Youth Shakespeare Company](#) “The Adventures of Finn McCoy.” We appreciate them coming out and giving a wonderful performance to our students.



MYP WITH DARCI STELZNER

We encourage students in the MYP to work on a '5th day practice' in the form of mathematics and/or language and literature. Even 20 minutes a day on a Khan Academy math lesson, working on reading a challenging text, or utilizing our writing scaffolding will pay off greatly!

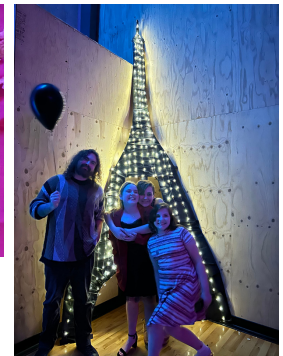
Upcoming March Events

- School on Friday, March 8 (snow day makeup)
- Student-led conferences (March 21, 5:00-7:00 and 22 9:00-12:00)
- Color run fundraiser kickoff (March 25)
- Class pictures (March 26)
- Career day (March 28)
- High school night geared toward students currently in grades 8-10 (March 28 5:30pm).

April events

- ELA ISAT testing (April 2-3)
- Spring break (April 5-14)
- Science ISAT for grade 8 (April 16-17)
- Math ISAT (April 23-24).

Before break, MYP students enjoyed a "Night in Paris". Complemented with French treats, a lit-up model Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and Cafe, they were able to dance the night away. Thank you to students, parents and staff members who continue to support these events for our students. We couldn't do it without you.



If you are new to our MYP Sage family, please be sure to familiarize yourself with the Toddle App, here is a link to the [family help center](#) for guidance. Also, [here is a quick guide](#) to understanding assessments and common terms in the MYP program.

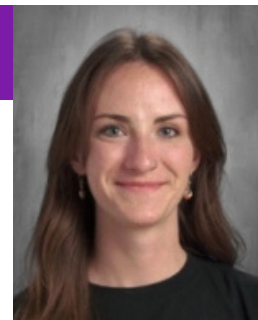
MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our two boys teams for a great season! They ended up playing in eight games and we saw so much growth over the season. A huge thank you to Zach Mega and Nick Cutaia for coaching. We can't wait to see this program grow!



SAGE EXPEDITIONS

Sage Expeditions is in full swing this winter and spring and have lots of exciting opportunities coming up in the future. Our expeditions sign ups roll out throughout the seasons so keep checking back and watching your emails for updates on our opportunities!



For now, please check out our list of planned expeditions for the next few months and visit [our website](#) for more details.

Planned Expeditions:

February 19-27: MYP to Panama

March 8-10: MYP Yurt Camping

March 15: MYP Nordic Ski @ Bogus Basin- Lottery Closes February 29th!

March 20: 4th Grade to Celebration Park

April 5-8: MYP Backing in Hells Canyon

April 25, May 2, 3, and 10th: MYP Rock Climbing Gym to Crag series with Idaho Mountain Guides

May 20-23: 5th Grade to Idaho Basecamp

ESAGE

ESAGE Summer 2024 Registration begins March 18th on our [website](#)! Summer ESage will be open to students entering K-6th grade next year. Students can enroll for individual weeks, a couple days per week, or full time, with flexible schedules week to week.

ESage students have been having fun after school and on Fridays. Recent Friday field trips have included trips to the Discovery Center, Caldwell YMCA, Boise Philharmonic Children's Concert, Zoo Boise, the Boise Aquarium, Nampa Rollerdrome, and lots of parks. All field trips and snacks are included in ESage tuition. **We are also offering a promotion - try it out and your child's first day is half price!** If you have any questions, please reach out to esage_middleton@sageintl.org or check out our [website](#).

