



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BOISE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 4, 2024



It is imperative that you contact Sage to let us know if your student will be absent prior to 10:00 am on the day of their absence. Please email attendance@sageintl.org (preferred) or call our attendance message line at 208-343-7243 and press 1. Please provide your student's first and last name and grade when leaving a message.



Our Sage Spirit Store is open year round! You can pay for shipping directly to your house, pick up at their local store, or if you aren't in a rush we do monthly deliveries to Sage. You can [shop the store HERE](#).



We are in need of substitutes for both our Boise and Middleton campuses in roles varying from classified openings such as the front desk at \$90/day to teaching openings at \$110/day. If you or someone you know are interested in this fun and flexible opportunity, or any of our several other positions, please visit [our website](#).



Halloween is coming up! Costumes are welcome at Sage for all students in K-12 (and staff!) on Thursday, October 31st for those who wish to participate! To make costumes workable at school, we ask that Sagers do NOT wear violent or gory costumes/accessories, costumes that restrict regular movement throughout the day, or anything that covers the face (ex, masks). We also cannot allow hand-held props (such as wands) or anything that resembles a weapon of ANY type. This is a one-day privilege, and we also ask that costumes and related items (costume accessories/toys) stay at home on all other days of the year unless otherwise noted. These items tend to trickle in as Halloween draws nearer, and we find that they can lead to conflict or lost/damaged personal items. Thank you!

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 10: Middle School Harvest Dance

October 17: End of 1st Quarter

October 17: High School Halloween Dance

October 17-18: Conferences for K-5

October 24-25: Conferences for 6-12

November 8: Friday school day - all students

November 25-29: Thanksgiving Break - No school

FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON



Dear Families and Staff of Sage International Schools,

Welcome back to school! I hope that you enjoyed your September break goofing off in the outdoors, reading books, playing and all the other things families do when they have time to relax together.

We are at that point in the year when we are ready to really lean into learning. The first few weeks of school are obviously filled with learning, but it is also a time of cementing routines, establishing positive relationships and figuring out “how to be at school.” These are all critical elements of a successful start to the school year.

This period of time from October through December is when teachers increase expectations around learning. We ask students to craft strong pieces of writing; to emphasize good spelling, punctuation and grammar; to deepen their skill with mathematics; to *parle un peu de francais* or *habla un poco de espanol*; and to see themselves as researchers in the natural and social sciences.

Helping your child become a strong reader is one of the surest paths to success in school. Reading opens up worlds to people and it is the primary way children can rapidly build their knowledge and understanding of the world. Encourage your child(ren) to read and do mathematics at home - especially on Fridays. If your child is still young - read to and with them. Visit the library regularly with your child(ren) and help them find books you can all love and enjoy. See these links for libraries in some of our schools' communities: [Boise](#), [Middleton](#), [Caldwell](#), [Emmett](#), [Ada County Library \(Star Branch\)](#).

Finally, one of the best ways to make sure your child grows as a learner is to ensure they come to school on time, everyday. Regular and routine attendance is a strong predictor of individual success. It is important to be at school throughout the school year, but especially critical as we get into the spring months (I know that feels like a long way off). For a variety of reasons the months of March and May are times when student absences go way up. Please make sure your child(ren) are coming to school all year.

We are excited to learn and grow with you and your children. Thank you for your trust and support. We have great schools for our communities and families.

All the best,

Andy Johnson
Executive Director



SUPPORTING SAGE

Sage Gala

We had a very special night on September 4th celebrating our school as we head into our 15th school year! Thank you to the almost 140 guests we had in attendance to offer support and raise just under \$40,000 for Sage! Thank you to the following sponsors:

- Guho
- Nancy Iseri
- erstad architecture | interior design
- Nick Taylor On behalf of the LGBTQ+ Students of Sage
- Youde & Associates
- Paradigm Owners Rep Services
- Sarah and Gaelon Gardner
- Flowers from Charlie's Produce

We had over 30 wonderful auction items donated, thank you to the generous families and businesses who contributed to raising about \$13,000! All these funds will go toward our annual fundraising efforts we have called "Mind the Gap" to make up for the difference in funding we receive from the state, and what it actually costs to operate our top-notch IB school for over 1,000 students!



Looking at our budget, we anticipate our financial needs for this school year to be about **\$125,000** that we hope our families can invest in your child's education. That amounts to about \$125 for each of our wonderful IB students, and in most cases is subject to a 50% Idaho Tax Credit! You can find more information and donate [HERE](#).

FROM REGISTRAR KATIE ASHBY

We are facilitating our required Mid-Year Residency form and ***need your prompt cooperation***. This form is required by the federal government and will take less than 2 minutes to complete. The deadline to complete the Mid-Year Residency Form is **today, October 4th**. An email was sent out on Monday, September 30 from skyward@sageinternationalschool.org with instructions on how to complete this. Please log in to [Skyward](#), and the form should be pinned at the top. If not, click the link that says Online Form either on the left side of your computer screen, or after hitting the '+' symbol on your smartphone.

Other Registrar services: Katie can also help you with the following by clicking these links: [Transcript requests](#), [DMV Verification Letters](#).

NOTE FROM NURSE NATALIE

Sage Flu and COVID Vaccine Clinic

We are pleased to announce our partnership with Albertsons Pharmacy for this year's FREE vaccine clinic.

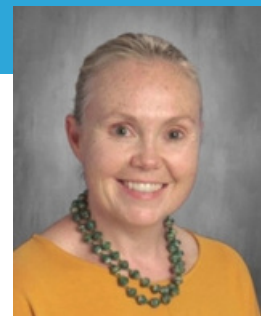
Who: All Sage students and their families

When: Friday, October 25th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Sage Petite Café

We kindly request that you sign up [using this link](#) to assist Albertsons in anticipating attendance, ensuring appropriate staffing and sufficient vaccine supply. There will be a limited number of pediatric COVID vaccines available, and additional pediatric vaccines will be provided based only on interest indicated during sign-ups. However, walk-ins are always welcome! [Informed consent forms](#) can be printed and filled out ahead of time and will also be available at the clinic. Thank you, we look forward to seeing you there!

PYP DIRECTOR, KATE HUNTER



Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are now holding parent/teacher conferences the week of October 14-18th, with the primary conference times of Thursday evening, October 17th, and Friday (daytime), October 18th. You will receive a conference link sign-up from your child's classroom teacher. Both virtual and in-person conferences are available. We hope to see you there!

Assessment Information

Prior to conferences, your child will bring home their MAP assessment results as well as information on how to log on to IStation, a program that we use monthly to monitor students' progress in both math and reading. Please keep in mind that any formal assessment data is one snapshot among many; you can find more details, including what assessments are given and what we do with the information we gather, here in our [Assessment Letter 2024](#).

Toddle – Window into the Classroom

To date, we have 305 family members connected to classrooms via Toddle! Thank you for your engagement with this platform, and we hope you are enjoying the pictures and updates. If you haven't yet connected to your child's classroom, please do so prior to parent/teacher conferences. Toddle will be our primary platform for communicating all-class or all-grade updates moving forward.

Fall Fun

We are looking forward to a fun October, with a Farmstead event, Halloween, and all the other festivities. Keep your eye out on Toddle and our Sage social media accounts for the photo updates!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR, ZACH PARKER



8th Grade Adventure: Three days prior to Fall Break a handful of Sage staff took 85 of our 8th graders to Ketchum. This is our 3rd Annual of such a trip. The purpose has always been to bring students together through placing them in an unfamiliar environment as well as getting them to think and reflect on the experiences they are placed in. It is really a great opportunity for students to lean into and embrace Sage's mission statement and various IB attributes.

This year students had the opportunity to work with the [Wood River Trails Coalition](#) to help clear overgrown trails and repair trailheads. Additionally, students learned from the Forest Service about tree growth and harvesting, animal identification and the history of early conservation pioneers. Free time was spent playing outside on the volleyball court and in the gaga ball pit. There was no lack of rain, which was a favorite part for many 8th graders!



Math Support: I want to circle back to a previous message I sent out last month regarding the use of Imagine Math. Imagine Math is used during the school week and is also available, and recommended, for use at home. All students have access to this and can log in at home. [HERE](#) is a tutorial that Mrs. Harry, 6th grade Math teacher, put together to support families. I strongly recommend setting aside protected time on Friday, or sometime over the weekend, to have your student practice for at least 30 minutes. Imagine Math provides dynamic individual practice on those math skills which your student needs - as well as providing challenge in areas of strength. Our use of Imagine Math (and hopefully the use you encourage at home) is part of our effort to help all of our students become stronger and more successful mathematicians.

Toddle Support: As we all continue to develop our skills and communication with the Toddle App, I want to provide [this support page](#) to help you make adjustments within the settings. Among several aspects, this will show you how to adjust your notifications, language options and, if need be, toggle between multiple students. Additionally, it will define certain terms to help you navigate and find what you need.

Sources of Strength: Our October focus is **Positive Friends**. Talk with your students about what makes a positive friend. Who are their positive friends and why?

Harvest Dance: We will have our fall dance here at Sage from 6:30 -8:30 on October 10th. Tickets will be sold during lunch that week and available at the door for \$5.



11th-Grade DP ART with Karelia Dubkowski: In September students were treated to a visiting artist workshop with mixed-media collage artist [Meghan Kahnle](#). Meghan focuses on art connected with storytelling, community and collaboration. Her multifaceted process



deals with collage, layering and experimenting with texture. In this 2- day workshop, students worked alongside her to learn some of the techniques she incorporates into her process. Following the workshop, students were asked to create a critical investigation and documentation of the workshop that will lead into an independent artwork inspired by some aspect of the artist's technique, process and themes. This will connect to the DP Visual Arts components for testing requirements involving studying artists to inform their own work.

High School IB Shout-outs

For the month of September we are highlighting students and faculty who are **INQUIRERS!** As inquirers we nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life. Sage is full of students and staff who love to learn!

First, we would like to recognize DP Theory of Knowledge teacher **Austin Weeks!** His colleagues appreciate him for his caring and thoughtful demeanor, as well as his brilliant inquiring mind! Dr. Faith Hansen shared the following: "For as long as I have known Austin Weeks he has been learning, reading and growing. I have so many books, podcasts and films that I have engaged with because Austin recommended them to me as a part of his pursuit for greater understanding and knowledge. Austin is the ideal TOK teacher because he models to our students what it means to ask big questions not only of the world's writers and thinkers, but, perhaps more importantly, of ourselves. He inspires me personally and professionally, and I am grateful to have him in my life."



This month we are also honoring senior CP student, **Wyatt Tucker!** Wyatt's teachers had the following to say about him: "*Wyatt nurtures his curiosity and has the skills for inquiry and research. Wyatt independently seeks answers to questions he is interested in and seeks*



solutions to problems he can solve. Wyatt learns with enthusiasm and sustains his love in all aspects of his life." -Bryce Mercer

"*Wyatt has been showing a ton of interest in the ski industry and taking a lot of time to research things like lift maintenance, pre-hospital medicine, ski area operations, etc on his own time and using his time well in class. He has been reading the manual of a ski lift that he thinks is interesting and bringing up discussion questions. It is cool to see a student give a potential career and current interest a more academic depth.*" -Scout Sorcic

High school continued.....

Our MYP student of the month is 10th grader **Olivia Corpstein!** Mr. Falconer shared that *“Olivia always brings a genuine inquisitive attitude to every class, and demonstrates it with hard-work and dedicated research. She jumps into any topic that is new or unfamiliar with enthusiasm and a clear love of discovery. Her curiosity sparks not only her own learning, but brightens up the entire classroom!”*



Olivia and Wyatt, we are very grateful for your brilliant minds. Keep it up!

Important updates and events in the high school:

PSAT/NMSQT: Tuesday, October 8th is our scheduled PSAT/NMSQT school day. All 10th graders (and 11th graders who have previously signed up) will take the digital exam. Please make sure your student arrives at school on time. They should plan to bring water, snacks, and their fully charged school Chromebook. If they do not use a school-issued Chromebook, we will provide one for them.

Vivid Roots presentation for Guatemala service trip: The week of October 7th we will host Vivid Roots Organizers here on campus for an informational meeting which will cover all aspects of their upcoming service trip! The purpose of this info session is to gauge student interest for a potential service trip in April of 2025. *If we move on with planning for this trip, there will be informational meetings hosted that will include parents and family members.

Corn maze social event for 11 & 12th grades at Lowe Family Farms in Kuna. Tuesday, October 8th at 5:00pm. This event was organized by our CP/DP teachers for our 11th & 12th grade students and their families are invited as well!

Halloween Dance: Thursday, October 17th from 8-10 pm here at Sage in the Summit Building. Students in 9th-12th and staff are encouraged to attend and dress in costume. Tickets will be sold during lunch the week of the dance in the Summit building. Tickets for Sage students will be \$5 and outside guest tickets will be \$10.

End of Quarter 1: Thursday, October 17th. Progress grades will be available in Skyward prior to Parent/Teacher conferences.

Secondary P/T Conferences: Thursday, October 24th from 5-7pm and Friday, October 25th from 10am to 12pm. Details will be communicated in a separate email prior to the event.

NACAC National College Fair: Visit with over 85 Colleges/Universities at this free fair!

Date: October 17, 2024

Time: 9am-2pm & 6pm-8pm

Where: Expo Idaho (5610 N Glenwood St)

OUTDOOR EXPEDITIONS

We have had a BUSY month with Boise Expeditions! We managed to get **nearly 100 students** out on camping trips in the month of September! As Mr. Parker mentioned, over 85 8th-grade students enjoyed 3 days and 2 nights at the beautiful Camp Sawtooth! Over fall break we also had 10+ students join the expeditions program in partnership with Idaho Mountain Guides on a 3-day, 2-night camping and climbing trip at the magical City of Rocks National Reserve. Here is some of the fun we had:



Coming up in October, we have another rock climbing clinic for middle schoolers after school each Thursday in October, an overnight camping trip to the Intermountain Bird Observatory for 15 lucky high school students, an overnight camping trip to Owyhee county for 12 lucky 8th grade students and finally a day trip to Idaho City for some upper PYP students! **You can learn more about these trips by clicking the individual links on [our website!](#)**

ENRICHMENT

You can find all our clubs and activities on our website [HERE](#).

Middle School Cross Country Coach Freers Report: Sage boys got 1st Place at our first meet, the “Middleton Soggy Sneaker Run”! Owen Ford ran an exceptionally good race, landing in 2nd overall out of 200 runners. Flynn Wald, Oscar Sisson, Miguel Alfaro, and Tomi Pachon made up the rest of our top boys runners, securing us as the cumulative points winner. In this same meet our Sage girls got 8th place. Scarlet Chetwood ran an exceptionally good race, landing 5th place overall out of 141 runners. Ellie Flores, Yuki Hammes, Azzie Himle, and Finnleigh Isaacson made up the rest of our top girls runners.

In our second meet, the “Nyssa Invitational”, Sage boys got 2nd place. Flynn Wald ran an impressive race, landing 4th overall out of 231 runners. Owen Ford, Miguel Alfaro, Matías Ou Yang, and Tomi Pachon made up the rest of our top boys. Sage girls got 12th place, with Scarlet Chetwood running another impressive race and earning 9th place out of 202 runners. Hannah Johnson, Azzie Himlie, Ellie Flores, and Finnleigh Isaacson made up the rest of our top girls.

We have two more races to wrap up our season, “Rusty Fender” in Bruneau on Oct. 10 and “Winston Tilzey” in Nampa on Oct. 16. Sage students and families are welcome to come support us!



Mountain Bike Team:

This Saturday, October 7 is the state championship race at Bogus Basin! Our rockstar riders are coming into the race in FIRST PLACE out of 10 teams for our division! Races begin at 9:00 AM and you can find all details [HERE](#), they would love for families to come cheer them on at this fun community event! Good luck to our Sage Team!



PTO

Happy October Sage Families, we have exciting updates for everyone! We recently added several new members to our board. Brittany Mitko volunteered to serve as board President, bringing years of PTA experience from the West Ada School District. **Sunshine Ayers** agreed to move up from MYP Rep and serve as our new Vice President. We also have a new Secretary, **Micki Love**, who is new to the PTO. We had our first meeting and are off and running with our first big event and fundraiser for families this Thursday, with Kiss the Pig at Lowe Family Farmstead! We hope you can join us!

The goal of the PTO is to offer fun activities for students and families to connect outside of the classroom, and to support our wonderful teachers and staff members. Our next teacher appreciation event is providing dinner for our teachers during PYP conferences on October 17th. It's a very long day and we want to support them the best we can. If you would like to help, you can either email us to volunteer or donate through our Sage PTO [Cheddar Up page](#). Stay tuned for more about upcoming events, the International Potluck will be in November and always has the best food and is so much fun! **Come join us, our next meeting is October 15th at 5:30pm and all are welcome!**

Lowe Family FARMSTEAD
FARMING FUN • HARVESTING MEMORIES

Sage Night at the Farmstead

CORN POPPERS
CORN MAZE
APPLE BLASTERS

PUMPKIN PATCH
HAY RIDE
AND MORE!

OCTOBER 03, 2024

LOWE FAMILY FARMSTEAD
2500 S. EAGLE RD, KUNA
4PM-8PM
\$12(+TAX) PER PERSON

KISS THE PIG AT 7:30PM

DON'T FORGET TO SAY YOU ARE WITH SAGE.
\$1 FROM EVERY ADMISSION WILL GO TO SAGE PTO.

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