



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 7, 2024



We are enrolling! We have openings in some grade levels for the current 2024-25 school year. Do you have families in your life that could benefit from a Sage education? They can find more information [HERE](#).



We are in need of **substitutes** for both our Middleton and Boise 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](#).

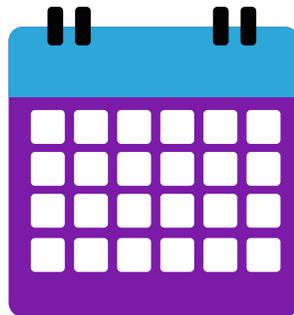


ESAGE is still enrolling for their fun K-6 program right here at Sage! Offering after school, full days on Fridays, and even during our school breaks families can fully customize your schedule. You can find more information [here](#).



We partner with a local business to provide Sage Spirit wear for our families via an online store. You can [visit the website here](#), and a small portion is donated to the school. You can opt to have your items shipped to you, pick up directly from their local store, or have them delivered to Sage for free if you're not in a rush and can wait a couple of weeks. We appreciate you showing your school spirit!

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 10-11: P/T Conferences

October 17: End of 1st Quarter

November 8: Friday school day - all students

November 25-29: Thanksgiving 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 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



FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL, DARCI STELZNER



Sage Middleton community,

We have had a very successful start to our 24-25 school year. I am so proud of the open-mindedness of our students and staff as we adjusted to the finalization of our construction project. It has been a long road, and we couldn't be happier that the outdoor space and new high school building including a library for use by all has finally come to fruition.

This [month's learner profile attribute](#) is **THINKER**. We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

PYP focus: Taking Time (I take time-in and time-away)

- Taking time to think before acting promotes thoughtful decision-making.
- IB ATL Skills: Thinking Skills (Critical thinking, Creative thinking)

A Look Ahead:

- Conferences October 10-11. Look for more information in your weekly updates from Mr. Ambrose and Mrs. Stelzner.
- Quarter 2 begins October 21

LIFE IN THE PYP (K-5TH)



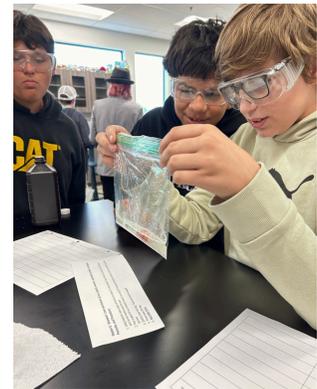
With the first stretch of the year behind us, students have been wrapping up their first units of inquiry for the year. They have been exploring the concepts of where we are in place and time, how we express ourselves, who we are, and more. Continue to monitor communication from teachers about what concepts your student(s) are exploring. We just celebrated exemplary inquirers for the September learner profile and will focus on being a thinker this next month, below are some of our Inquirers!

This month, we will have a visit from the fire department to have our 1st grade students learn fire safety, there is an action Friday opportunity for our 4th/5th grade students, PTO trunk or treat, and we are wrapping up quarter 1. Please continue to look for all the great opportunities that will come about in the month ahead!



LIFE IN SECONDARY (6-II)

Two incredible months have passed since the start of school. Since then we have seen students work through extensive units and projects. We love to see students consistently showing up as their best selves. These efforts are showing in day-to-day classroom activities and their assessments. Check out some pictures of activities happening in our MYP classrooms.



Thank you to our volleyball and cross-country coaches and teams, what a fun season! Student council is up and running, where we will now have culture and community events being planned out and taking place. If you have any ideas, reach out to a student council representative or advisor!

DP candidate:

Our application for Diploma Program (DP) authorization was sent to the IB Organization at the end of September. As we anxiously await the dates for our spring authorization visit (March or May), our 11th-grade teachers are rocking it! Their excellent instruction skills combined with our academically-minded students are successfully guiding students with our college preparatory lens.

We are excited that **Sage Studies** is returning! Fridays are the perfect day for students to catch up on work from the school week. We will be opening up Fridays for you to drop off your secondary student with a Sage Middleton parent volunteer from 8:00-12:00 for the purpose of quiet and dedicated work time. Space will be limited, keep an eye out on Toddle for the link to register your student.

EXPEDITIONS

Sage Expeditions is getting up and running this fall at the Middleton campus! We were able to take our first group of Middleton students out camping over Fall Break to the City of Rocks National Monument. Here they spent 3 days and 2 nights with some students from our Boise campus camping under the gorgeous dark sky reserve and rock climbing at the magical Castle Rocks State Park with the support and guidance of our partners at Idaho Mountain Guides.



Expeditions continued...

On this trip students learned about the basics of dutch oven cooking, experienced safe outdoor climbing, and spent time building community and a sense of belonging both in the outdoors as well as at our school!

Coming up we have an opportunity for our upper PYP students to get out for a day of Halloween themed hiking and exploration at the ghost town of Silver City! We also have a chance for our middle school students to get out for some community service and learn the basics of disc golf in November! You can find details for these trips on [our website!](#)



PTO

Canned Food Drive: Our food drive for the local food bank begins TODAY! Now through October 18th we are accepting non-perishable canned foods for the Middleton Food Pantry. You can send them with your students or drop them off at the front office.



TRUNK or TREAT!

PTO is looking for volunteers to decorate their trunk! We are also looking for candy donations, which can be dropped off at the front office.

[Click HERE](#) to sign up to host a trunk, or just bring your kids by for some fun!

Saturday, October 26, 2024
4:00 - 6:30 pm
Sage Middleton Parking lot

6TH ANNUAL
Sage International Middleton
HARVEST FESTIVAL
208 S Hartley Lane Middleton, ID
SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 16TH - 12PM-4PM

1ST ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

Purchase tickets to play kid friendly games

Baked potato and chili available for purchase

And don't forget the opportunity to pie a teacher in the face!
(\$2 per ticket winners will be drawn randomly)

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
14 baskets including

- Grade-level baskets
- Scentsy Basket
- Photography Gift Certificates
- Custom Decor
- Over \$700 in gift cards

Over 18 LOCAL VENDOR BOOTHS

- Red Aspen
- Candles
- Christmas Lights
- Custom Signs & Crafts
- AND MANY MORE

The **6th annual Sage International Middleton Harvest Festival** will be **Saturday, November 16th from 12:00 -4:00 pm** inside the gym. We hope you can join us for this fun family event!

PTO continued...

SAGE INTERNATIONAL – MIDDLETON PTO MONTHLY EVENTS 2024-2025

AUGUST <ul style="list-style-type: none">5: First Day of School12: Picture Day23: Movie Night: 6:3027: Back to School	SEPTEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none">3: PTO Meeting: 7:3016: Cookie Fundraiser	OCTOBER <ul style="list-style-type: none">1: PTO Meeting: 7:307: Canned Food Drive22: Trunk or Treat 4pm-6pm
NOVEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none">4-14: Door of Gratitude5: PTO Meeting: 7:3016: Harvest Festival25-29: Holiday Break	DECEMBER <ul style="list-style-type: none">3: PTO Meeting: 7:309-18: Candy Grams23-3: Holiday Break	JANUARY <ul style="list-style-type: none">7: PTO Meeting: 7:3024: Movie Night: 6:30

These are the events we have scheduled from now through the end of January. We would love for you to join us! You can follow us on Facebook: @SagemiddletonPTO or email us at: sagemiddletonpto@gmail.com

ATHLETICS

Middle School Girls Volleyball:

We are proud of our girls for another great season, we saw so much growth and teamwork! A BIG thank you to Coaches Nick Cutaia and Morgan Marshall!



Middle School Cross Country:

Our XC team has had a great start to their season! We have one more race coming up, Winston Tilzey in Nampa on October 16th,

We're proud of our athletes for their growth and accomplishments this year!

Girls Middle School Basketball:

Girls in grades 6th, 7th and 8th grade are welcome and we will begin practices this week! Below is the game schedule for this season, we love for our community to come cheer them on!

10/22 Home vs Horseshoe Bend
10/24 Home vs Adrian
10/29 Home vs Rolling Hills

11/5 @ TVCA
11/14 Home vs TVCA (B plays first)
11/19 @ Doral

Boys Basketball registration will open November 4th, please check [here](#) for updates.