



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MIDDLETON NEWSLETTER

MAY 22, 2026



All Lost & Found items will be donated at the end of the day on May 29th. Please take some time to look through and claim any items your students may be missing!



School Day Times: Please note that we have a slight change to the start time of the school day for secondary next year. School will start at 8:00 and dismiss at 3:40 for all grades 6-12. PYP will start at 8:15 and dismiss at 3:35 for all grades. Bus times will adjust accordingly, stay tuned!



As we approach the end of the school year, we are already busy planning for the 2026–2027 school year. While we hope your students will be joining us, if your plans have changed and your student will not be attending Sage this fall, please complete the [Withdraw form](#) if you have not already done so. Completing this form early helps ensure a smooth transition to your student's next school. If you are returning, no action is needed, and we look forward to seeing you next year!



School Supply lists, PYP class lists, and bus registration will be sent out by Toddle mid-July, so watch your inbox!



We are hiring for next year! If you or anyone you know are interested, check out our [Careers website](#) for details about our open positions.

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



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 25: Memorial Day, No School

May 28: Last Day of School!

August 6: Meet the Teacher & Supply Drop off

August 7: First Day of School

[2026-27 Academic Calendar](#)



As we move through May, we begin to reflect on the school year and what we're building together at Sage. Last night, we held our first Sage International Middleton graduation, and it was such an honor to celebrate our graduates' accomplishments with their families, teachers, and friends. I had the opportunity to meet individually with each of our seniors to hear about their experiences at Sage and their plans after graduation. I was deeply impressed by how thoughtful, articulate, and insightful they are. Just as meaningful were the conversations I had with parents, who spoke about their children feeling cared for, challenged, and connected here. Hearing that is incredibly rewarding, because creating that sense of belonging and purpose is exactly what we strive for at Sage.

And I have heard from even more parents as I have read your responses to my one simple question: Why Sage? I have found myself genuinely moved by what you have been sharing. As a fellow parent, your words resonate deeply with me. It brings me so much joy to see other families sharing the same incredible experience that my husband and I have had as parents of our own Sage graduates.

You are sharing stories about classrooms where learning feels alive, where kids come home excited to talk about what they're discovering and how they're thinking. You wrote about teachers who truly know your children, and a school where joy shows up in the smiles you see every day. One parent shared, "I'm consistently impressed with what my kids are learning and HOW they are learning it." Another reflected on their graduate, "so well prepared for college, and life." What I know every parent in the world wants for their child is reflected in: "the team is so close-knit, and the teachers truly love my child."

Another parent captured something that makes Sage truly unique: "A free IB education is such an amazing opportunity only offered to a small percentage of students... the learner profile matches exactly what we want for our child." And perhaps my favorite reflection came from a student who said, "At my last school, I didn't even know what collaboration was. At Sage, all of my learning is through collaboration."

Reading these, I'm reminded that what we're building together isn't just a school. It's a community that's changing what education can look like for our kids.

And what we have at Sage is rare.

A full K-12 International Baccalaureate education, offered as a free, public charter school, is something most communities only find behind private school tuition. We believe this opportunity should be accessible to every child, and together, we've made that belief real.

At Sage, we don't let barriers determine the opportunities our students receive. And we are able to do that because of the partnership we have with you, our families. The reality

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is, funding for education in Idaho falls short, and charter schools like ours are asked to do even more with less. Our students deserve more, and together, we make that possible.

Our [Mind the Gap](#) fundraising effort helps bridge the difference between what we receive in state funding and what it truly takes to provide our students with:

- Teachers who are supported and valued
- A rich, inquiry-based IB education
- The learning environment our students thrive in

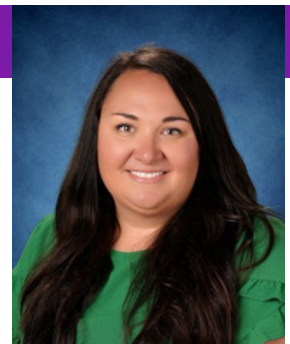
Every gift, no matter the size, directly supports your children and their teachers. And your voice matters just as much. If you haven't yet shared your "Why Sage", I hope you will. Your words tell the story of this school better than anything else ever could. We are offering a small thank you for families who participate. Share your "Why Sage" by filling out the form found in [this letter](#), and you'll be entered into a drawing for a **\$50 KRAVZ gift certificate!**

Sage exists because of this community, and [Mind the Gap](#) is an opportunity to come together to support something we all care deeply about: our kids and their future.

I'm truly grateful to be part of this with you, and thank you for your support of the incredible potential we see in each and every one of your children.

PYP (K-5TH) WITH JACQUE BETTENCOURT

What an incredible year we have had in the PYP! As assessment and testing results continue to come in, it is clear that our students have made tremendous progress across every grade level. We are seeing **remarkable growth** academically, socially, and emotionally, and I could not be more proud of the dedication, perseverance, and hard work our students have demonstrated throughout the year. Their accomplishments are a reflection of not only their efforts, but also the support and encouragement they receive from our outstanding staff and families.



This week, our fifth graders embarked on one of the most memorable traditions of their elementary years as they head to the Frank Church Wilderness Area for our annual Base Camp trip. This 3-night camping adventure serves as a meaningful celebration and culmination of their PYP experience before they transition into middle school. The excitement was contagious as students arrived prepared with their gear, anticipating the adventures ahead. This experience provided opportunities for teamwork, independence, leadership, and unforgettable memories in the outdoors. Check out the photos below!

PYP continued...



Last Friday, we had the pleasure of welcoming our newest IB learners during Kindergarten Readiness Day. It was wonderful to see the excitement and curiosity of our incoming kindergarten students as they practiced important routines such as riding the bus, carrying a lunch tray, opening their snacks independently, and exploring their new school environment. This special day gave students and families an opportunity to become familiar with our school community, and we are thrilled to officially welcome them in August as they begin their educational journey with us.



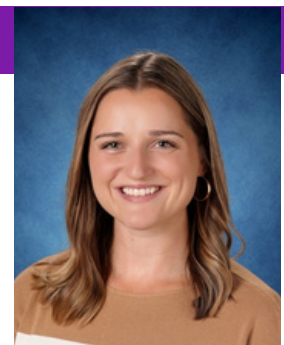
Lastly, I want to share my deepest gratitude for the continued partnership and support from our families, staff, and community throughout this school year. Your encouragement, involvement, and commitment to our students make an incredible difference each and every day. Together, we have created a learning environment where students feel supported, challenged, and inspired to grow. Thank you for being such an important part of another successful year in the PYP.

SECONDARY WITH SARAH JENSEN

May has been an exciting and activity-filled stretch across both middle and high school at Sage!

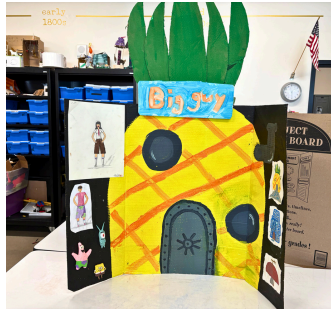


First, learning has been hands-on and engaging for everyone in the classroom. Our 6th-graders explored ecosystems, diving into the interconnectedness of the natural world. Check out their mini ecosystems to the left!



Secondary continued...

High school students enjoyed our second Sagefort of the year (right) and explored various interests. They participated in art projects, board games, outdoor activities, service projects, and so much more.



9th graders impressed us at the *Theme Park Expo*, a creative collaboration between Art and Design that brought imagination and problem-solving together. (left)

High school students have also been busy celebrating milestones together and extending their learning beyond the classroom. Sage Prom (right) was a combined event with Sage International Boise, and was a memorable evening filled with fun and connection.



their CAS (Creativity, Activity, and Service) projects, with a visit to the Humane Society.

11th graders (left) completed an ecological field study to learn the skills of sampling, gaining valuable real-world experience. They also took part in meaningful service through

With the help of high school English teacher Georgia Thies, 9-12th-grade students recently created and published four original anthologies! Over the course of this year, students studied a wide range of mentor texts, analyzed genre conventions, conducted research, and developed their own original writing across multiple genres.

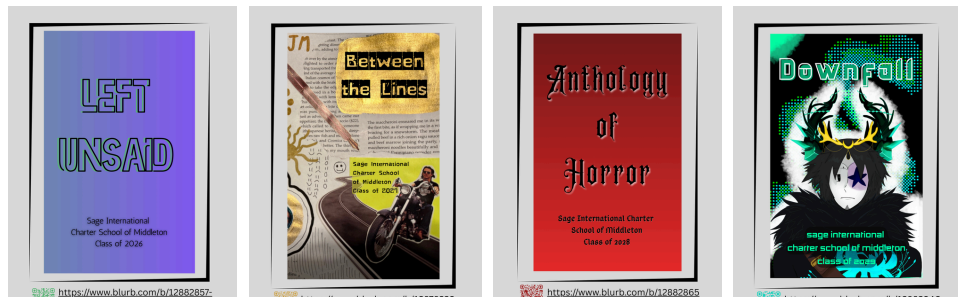
These published collections represent months of drafting, revising, collaborating, and creative risk-taking. These books showcase the growth of our students as writers and thinkers, and we are incredibly proud of the work they have accomplished.

This year's publications include:

- [Left Unsaid](#) - a collection of personal narratives written by the graduating Class of 2026
- [Between the Lines](#) - a poetry anthology by the Class of 2027
- [Anthology of Horror](#) - suspense and horror fiction by the Class of 2028
- [Downfall](#) - a speculative science fiction anthology by the Class of 2029

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Copies of these anthologies, along with books published by students in previous years, are now available for purchase through [Blurb HERE](https://www.blurb.com/b/12882857).



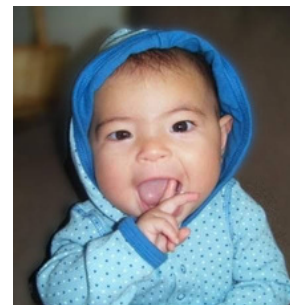
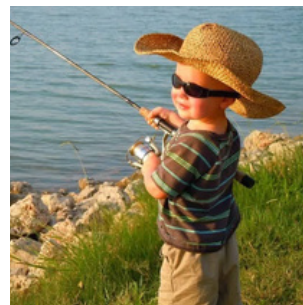
Thank you for supporting student writing and celebrating the incredible work of our young authors!



Finally, our 12th graders recently presented their senior projects, reflecting on their growth and learning journey. We proudly celebrated them as the first graduating class of Sage Middleton on May 21st. A big congratulations to Sage Middleton's first Valedictorian, Jonah Campbell. Look how far they've come!

Congratulations to our **Class of 2026 Sage Middleton Graduates**, we are so proud of you!

Jonah Campbell
Haley Chavez
Jake Gallina
Edson Martinez
Isabel Lewis
Dakota Namba
Logan Simer



Thank you to all our students, staff, and families for a wonderful year and for making these moments so special! Have a great summer and we'll see you in August!

SUMMER RESOURCES & ENRICHMENT

Sage Summer Camp registration is now open! ALL students in K-6th grade, not just Sage students, are welcome to enroll for a fun summer full of action and adventure with daily field trips and fun! So tell your friends, and visit our [website](#) for more info. Please email esage_middleton@sageintl.org with any questions.

Middleton Public Library offers a free summer library card to any student who resides within the Middleton School District area! You can find more information [HERE](#). The [Caldwell Public Library](#) and [Emmet Public Library](#) have programs for all ages as well. Using your local library over the summer is a great way to keep kids engaged with reading and help prevent the summer “slide.” Many libraries offer summer reading programs, story times, book clubs, reading challenges, and special events that make reading feel fun rather than like schoolwork.

Idaho’s Summer Meal Program provides healthy meals all summer long. Many meal sites also offer games and reading activities to build healthy bodies and minds. All kids and teens ages 1-18 years old are welcome. Check out the [map for locations](#).

Check out [Middleton Music lessons](#) offered right here at Sage Middleton!

PTO

Thank you to our PTO and to all families who have worked hard to support our students and staff this year!

During Staff Appreciation Week, our teachers were treated to “A Taste Around the World” thanks to our PTO. A Monday Breakfast, Tuesday Taco Lunch, Wednesday smoothie bowls, Thursday Italian lunch, and a Friday Bento Box!



The cards, personal notes, and drawings meant a lot to our staff and go a long way to fill their cups! Thank you to all who showed them your appreciation.

You can follow PTO on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SagemiddletonPTO> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/sagemiddletonpto> to learn about upcoming events and how you can get involved.