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## Executive Director News

**JASON ULBRICH**

*Executive Director*

The Calendar Task Force presented a draft calendar to the Board of Directors on Jan. 10 at the Board workshop. The Calendar Task Force is comprised of parents, board members, teachers, and administrators. The Eagle Ridge Academy Board of Directors would like to share the draft with the community to gather more feedback. All feedback should be emailed to the Task Force Chair, [Mrs. April Grabanski](#), by Jan. 20. The Board of Directors will consider/approve the calendar at the regular Board meeting on Jan. 24. We have made [four documents available for your review](#) that will help you understand the parameters, process, and the actual calendar.

This year the Board of Directors will publish two calendars. One calendar schedules school to begin prior to Labor Day. The pre-Labor Day calendar ([Primary Calendar](#)) is preferred and will be used if Phase II construction is on time. The post-Labor Day calendar ([Alternative Calendar](#)) will only be used if construction is not running on time. The final decision will be made by July 1. Families should plan on using the pre-Labor Day calendar unless communicated otherwise.



## School Board News

**ANN WATANABE**

*Chair, Board of Directors*

The Eagle Ridge Academy Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Mateen Ashtiani to the Board. Mr. Ashtiani was selected out of a field of five candidates nominated to fill the seat that was vacated by Tony Dennison. His appointment was approved by a vote of 10-0 at a Special Board meeting held on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Mr. Ashtiani's term on the Board will be through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Ashtiani has been involved with Eagle Ridge Academy for just over 10 years and is the father of an 11th grade student at the Academy. We are looking forward to his contributions to the Board's governance of the Academy. Please join us in welcoming him to the Board of Directors.



## Upper School Updates

**ERICA POWELL**

*Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

**"You may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing that we call 'failure' is not the falling down, but the staying down."** *Mary Pickford*

Final exams will be administered in the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric next week, Jan. 18-20. A new semester will start on Jan. 24, and with the beginning of a new semester comes a fresh start for all your child's classes, discipline referrals, and tardies. This is a great time for students to set goals for semester two or have a continuation of their goals that they set for the first semester. Set your child up for success by helping them define where they want to be. We will also be processing any schedule changes your child may want or need, over the next week. All schedule changes for semester two must be submitted by Jan. 26. Students should meet with Ms. Wendy Klute if they would like to make schedule changes.

Finals week absence prior approval forms, which were handed out in advisory this week, [are available here](#).

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# Community Updates



## Lower School Updates

**MELANIE BAIER**

*Principal, School of Grammar*

**“The greatest compliment that was ever paid me was when someone asked me what I thought, and attended to my answer.”** *Henry David Thoreau*

The art of listening to another person (I mean truly listening) is something that takes time to develop, but does more for building relationships than anything else. We often hear what others are saying, but don't take the time to truly listen. Listening and asking questions related to what people are saying shows others we are interested in them as whole people, not just for our own interests.

Do you ask your children questions and listen in a way that shows you are truly interested in what they are saying? Many parents have realized they ask their children questions about

things they (the parents) want to know right away, as opposed to what interests their children first. Do you truly need to know the answer to how your child did on the math test as soon as he/she gets home or can you ask some questions about the parts of the day you know are interesting to your child and truly listen to the answers? When we ask those questions first, it puts value on the child as a person and our interest in him or her, not on how the child does on a test or assignment. When individuals feel we are interested in them as humans, they feel more valued.

Stephen Covey wrote, “To truly listen means to transcend your autobiography, to get out of your own frame of reference, out of your own value system, out of your own history and judging tendencies, and to get deeply into the frame of reference or viewpoint of another person.”

Try listening to your children and others around you in a new way. You may find it strengthens your relationships with them by showing them how you value human being over human doing.



## Developing Connections

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**

*Director of Development*

I'm writing this week as a special call out to families for help in identifying potential corporate or small business partnerships in regards to sponsorships and gifts to support our events ([Donut Dash 5k](#), Annual Golf Events, and Fall Gala), and lend support to our Above and Beyond Campaign, supporting our fitness center and activities fields, auditorium, gymnasium, library, and various other areas of need. Community partnerships and support are very important to building relationships within our school and neighboring communities. By partnering with Eagle Ridge Academy, businesses and corporations show that they care about community involvement and providing a quality education to our students. How can YOU help? Here are some questions to ask yourselves about your workplaces:

- 1. Do they have a Community Relations or Corporation Sponsorship program?** Do you know if they regularly sponsor events or projects?
- 2. Are they a local or national business that would like name recognition, a tax-deductible gift option, and the desire to support their employees' interests?**

**3. What are they passionate about?** Do they support education/literacy, youth, physical education, athletics, or the arts?

**4. Do they have product that they may donate to support an auction?**

**5. Do they offer a financial match for volunteering your time or matching your financial gift?** (i.e. Dollars for Doers, [Double the Donation](#))

**6. Some organizations (UnitedHealthGroup, Cargill, U of M, etc.) use workplace giving tools such as Benevity.** Please [read this list](#) for complete up-to-date list of Minnesota organizations who match their employees' gifts to non-profits.

**7. Do you own your own business and wish to support the school?**

In many cases, the key to successful partnerships is a common link between two entities and a personal connection. You can help. Ask your HR or Community Relations department about opportunities for support.

If you have questions, would like to refer your organization to me, would like a personalized letter of inquiry for your business, or if you or your business would like sponsor or donate by phone, please contact me [via email](#) or call me at 952-746-7760, ext. 1107.

## Community Updates, continued



### Transportation Fees for Second Semester

**KAREN CONNER**  
*Operations Manager*

Second semester transportation fees are due on Jan. 23. Please remit payment to the front office or online through the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). To pay via the Portal, please log in to your account and choose "payments" in the left index. Questions regarding your transportation fees may be directed to [Karen Conner](#).



### Grab-n-Go Cooler will be Available Starting Jan. 17

**JODY BERTNESS**  
*Food Program Specialist*

Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 17, the cafeteria will offer items from our Grab-n-Go cooler to School of Rhetoric students and staff members. An assortment of salads and smaller items will be available; more items may be added as the school year continues.

The free and reduced lunch program does not cover the cost of these items, so students must have extra money in their accounts in order to purchase from the Grab-n-Go.

The Grab-n-Go cooler will open to students approximately five minutes after lunch has started or after most students have already gone through line to leave plenty of time for students to enjoy their lunches. A price list of items will be posted next to the cooler.



*All proceeds from the Donut Dash will fund equipment for the fitness center, walking track, and activity fields at Eagle Ridge Academy.*

## Order Your **YEARBOOK**



### Lower School Yearbooks: Order by Feb. 17

**LAURIE BASIC**  
*1st Grade Teacher*

Don't let your child miss out on the end of this school year tradition! Students can't wait to get their yearbook and remember the great moments of the school year. A limited number of books are available. Orders must be placed by Feb. 17. The price is \$27 per book. [Go online and order your yearbook now!](#)



### Buy Your 2017 Yearbook Now and Save \$10

**COLLEEN BRENNAN**  
*Art Teacher*

Upper School yearbooks currently cost \$50 each, and prices will go up again on Jan. 27. [Order online here](#). This year's book is shaping up to be our best yet. Don't miss out. Order today! If you want to check if a yearbook has been ordered for you, see Dr. Brennan in Room 1602.



### End of Semester Grading

**KAREN CONNER**  
*Operations Manager*

The grading view in the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#) will close at the end of the school day on Wednesday, Jan. 18 for teachers to enter end of semester grades. Please

take some time to check your child(ren)'s grades for any missing assignments prior to the grading view closing. The grading view will open again on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at the end of the school day, and semester one report cards will be available for viewing at that time in the Parent Portal. Questions regarding your child's individual grade should be directed to the teacher issuing the grade. Questions regarding your parent portal may be directed to [Karen Conner](#).





For game and practice information, visit the [TCAC Calendar](#).

## Athletics

The Boys Varsity squad in action in their game on Jan. 6. The final scores were 39-38 (JV) and 79-52 (Varsity).

Community of Peace claimed both victories.

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Clara H. readies for a shot in the Jan. 5 game against Hiawatha Collegiate. The final score was 27-13, with the Huskies earning the win.

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Gabby C. dribbles down the court in the Jan. 5 game against Hiawatha Collegiate. The ERA/ISM Huskies took home the victory.

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The Boys Varsity squad stands for the National Anthem before their Jan. 6 game against Community of Peace.

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MARILYN  
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### 4th/5th Grade Team

#### **1/14 at ISM:**

8:00 a.m. - Girls vs. Notre Dame Academy  
9:15 a.m. - Gray vs. Calvin Christian  
10:30 a.m. - Maroon vs. Annunciation

#### **1/21 at ISM:**

8:00 a.m. - Girls vs. Minnehaha Academy  
9:15 a.m. - Gray vs. All Saints

#### **1/21 at AWAY:**

10:30 a.m. - Maroon vs. St. Therese of Deephaven

### Boys Middle School

1/17 - 7:00 p.m.  
HOME vs. Guardian Angels

1/26 - 5:45 p.m.  
HOME vs. Christian Life

### Girls Middle School

1/17 - 5:45 p.m.  
HOME vs. Carondelet

1/24 - 5:45 p.m.  
HOME vs. Minnehaha Academy

1/26 - 4:30 p.m.  
HOME vs. Christian Life

### Boys Junior Varsity

1/18 - 6:30 p.m.  
HOME vs. Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf

1/20 - 7:00 p.m.  
AWAY vs. St. Paul Preparatory

1/24 - 5:30 p.m.  
AWAY vs. Prairie Seeds Academy

### Girls Junior Varsity

1/17 - 5:30 p.m.  
AWAY vs. North Lakes Academy

1/18 - 5:00 p.m.  
HOME vs. Calvin Christian

1/24 - 5:30 p.m.  
HOME vs. Hiawatha Collegiate

### Boys Varsity

1/18 - 7:00 p.m.  
HOME vs. Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf

1/20 - 7:30 p.m.  
AWAY vs. Liberty Classical Academy

1/24 - 7:00 p.m.  
AWAY vs. Prairie Seeds Academy

### Boys C Squad

1/12 - 5:00 p.m.  
AWAY vs. Cristo Rey Jesuit HS

1/24 - 7:00 p.m.  
HOME vs. Hiawatha Collegiate





## Upcoming Events

Jan. 12 - Jan. 26

*For more information and more events, visit the [school calendar](#).*

**Jan. 12** – 5:30 p.m. – School of Grammar Prospective Student Information Night

**Jan. 13** – Spirit Wear Day

**Jan. 13** – 4:00 p.m. – PTO Ski/Snowboard Club and Potluck at Hyland Hills

**Jan. 16** – No School

**Jan. 17** – 3:30 p.m. – Annual Spelling Bee (Gr. 4-8)

**Jan. 19** – 4:30 p.m. – 2017-18 Enrollment Lottery

**Jan. 20** – 5:30 p.m. – PTO Ski/Snowboard Club at Hyland Hills

**Jan. 23** – No School, Grading Day

**Jan. 16** – 3:20 p.m. – CISA Working Group, Rm. 1202



## More Opportunities:

Parent volunteers are needed in the [lunchroom](#) and the [library](#)! Please consider signing up – it is a great way to meet other Eagle Ridge Academy parents.

A complete list of volunteer opportunities with sign-up links may be found on the “[Give us 5](#)” Volunteer page of the school website.

## Session 2 Activity Clubs

Session 2 Activity Club on-line registrations will open Jan. 17 – 27.

Most all Session 2 Activity Clubs will start the week of Feb. 6. Please check individual club meeting schedules. All ERA club registrations and information can be found on the [ERA Activity page](#).

*Questions? Contact ERA Activity Specialist, K-12: [Marilyn Strand](#).*







### Festival of Treats: Thank You!

Thank you to all who participated in the Festival of Treats! It was a yummy last week of school for our teachers and staff.

### PTO Board Elections in March

We are already thinking about our 2017-18 PTO Board! Elections are planned for March so that we have a nice transition between the current board and future board. We will have some open houses in the next month to share information with those of you who might be interested in helping lead our PTO next year. Start giving it some thought – all parents and teachers/staff are members of the ERA PTO and may serve. It is a ton of fun and we need your new ideas. And, yes, some board members will continue to lead various school events – we work as a team. [Click here](#) for more information on roles and our PTO.

### PTO Ski/Snowboard Club

The cold weather is not bothering any of our skiers or snowboarders! This Friday, Jan. 13, kicks off our first potluck. [Please register](#) number of attendees (gluten-free or traditional pasta) and sign up to bring chips, drinks, salads, or dessert. All are welcome to attend, even if you don't enjoy winter sports! You won't want to miss the fun.

Lesson payments for Jan. 20 are due Jan. 13 by noon, with payments placed in an envelope with "ski or snowboard lesson" written on the front, and delivered to Mrs. Strand in the Door 2 Health and Activity Office. Please mark your calendars for future potluck dates: Jan. 27, Feb. 10, and the annual end of season Pizza Party Potluck on Feb. 24.

Find all the information about Ski/Snowboard club [here](#).

### PTO Redemption Program

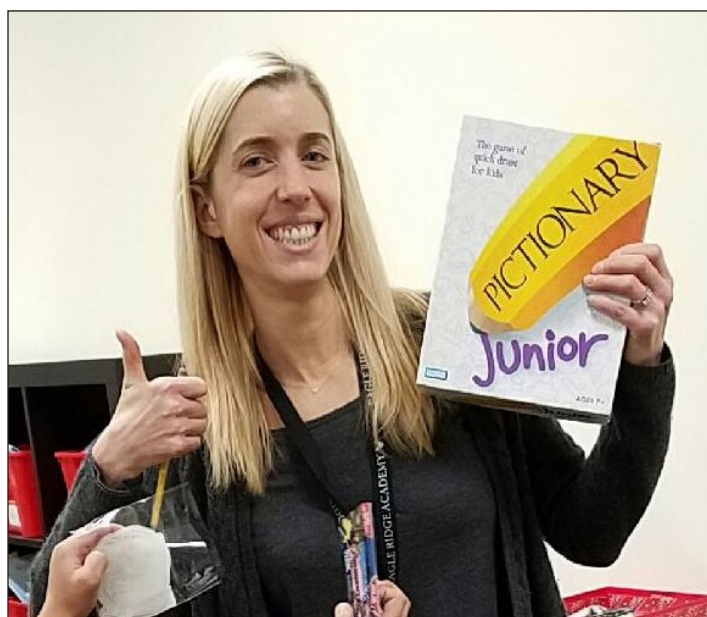
Eagle Ridge Redemption Program's second contest is on! Please send in all redemption items and submit them to your teacher in K-5 or your advisor or the redemption collection bin outside Door 2 for grades 6-12.

We collect Box Tops, Labels for Education, Coke Rewards (codes found on caps and cardboard packaging), Milk Moola from Kwik Trip, Tyson Project A+ Labels, Country Hearth and Village Hearth Bread UPCs, and old cell phones and used ink cartridges for recycling.

This contest will end on Feb. 22 at 9:00 a.m. We will be trimming and counting redemption items on Wednesday morn-

ings (Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22) at 8:00 a.m. You can check in at the desk inside Door 2, and they will let you know how to find our volunteering area. Please feel free to bring your own scissors and notepad, if you think of it.

Mrs. Kelash's class won a pizza party and Mrs. Sahli's class won a game party with prizes for everyone, including Mrs. Sahli! She got a \$20 gift card to Amazon. We had a blast celebrating with both classes on all their tremendous efforts.



Mrs. Kelash (top) and Mrs. Sahli (bottom) with their prizes. | PHOTO COURTESY OF ERA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION