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Executive Director News

JASON ULBRICH

Executive Director

Yes, the end of the school year has arrived, yet we continue to learn. Eagle Ridge Academy has been through five expansions or significant growth periods. This is a testament to what we have done and the desire for a Classical Education amongst families. Each growth period brings opportunities and hardships. Hardships bring reflection, and reflection brings new learning and a constant pursuit of excellence. This is true lifelong learning. This summer will be a time for reflection so we may become better in 2017-2018. We will also grow next year as 9-12 grade students move into their space upstairs.

While we take time to learn this summer, this week is one of gratitude, recognition, and celebration! On Friday we will have an amazing group of seniors walk across the stage and receive their diplomas. We exist to prepare our students and your children to be exemplary citizens. We have over 40 students who will enter this world prepared to make it a better place. I am grateful to families for choosing Eagle Ridge Academy, the students for their hard work, staff for their dedication to the students and pursuit of excellence, and our Board of Directors for the countless volunteer hours they provide.

We want to invite you to join us in preparing for the next school year. Eagle Ridge Academy will be hosting our 2nd Annual Summer Saturday Volunteer Day on August 5th. This is a Save the Date! There will be more details to come via an invitation to all. This will be a great time to take ownership in our school and meet other families.

Summer Office Hours

Closed June 12

June: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., M-F

Closed July 3-7

July: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., M-Th

August: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., M-F

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The Meaning of Commencement

ERICA POWELL

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

“You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.” Tom Brokaw

The word commencement has two meanings. One meaning the act of beginning, and the other meaning the ceremony for the end of an academic year. This word is appropriate for the ceremony that will take place for our seniors this Friday night. They will begin their journey into the next phase of their lives, while celebrating their academic accomplishments at Eagle Ridge Academy. Our senior class has worked very hard to get to this moment in their academic career and I look forward to being able to join them in this celebration.

Eagle Ridge Academy's commencement ceremony will be at 7:00 p.m. on June 9 at Calvary Reformed Christian Church, 5300 France Ave., Edina, MN. The class has over 40 seniors. Both the valedictorian, Joshua L., and class representative, Parker Z., will be speaking. The staff speaker will be Ms. Matisse Murray and the guest speaker will be Mr. Erik Gabrielson. Commencement concludes with a sword ceremony as each graduate is presented a wooden rudis (Roman-style sword) inscribed with the school's motto "Sapere Aude, Discere Aude," which means Dare to Learn, Dare to be Wise. Graduation is open to the Eagle Ridge Academy community.





Community Updates



Save the Date: College Boot Camp & TA Training

WENDY KLUTE
Academic Counselor

We would like all seniors to attend Eagle Ridge Academy's first annual college boot camp on Monday, August 28 during regular school hours. Buses will be running since school begins that day for K-5. Lunch and snacks will be provided. More details to come.

All Teaching Assistants (juniors and seniors) must attend training on Monday, August 28 from 2:15 - 3:10 p.m.



Developing Connections

KELLY SCHIFFMAN
Director of Development



Thank you for the support given this year to all of the Academy's events and activities. Thanks to the generosity of many, more than \$100,000 was raised this year to help fund things like the auditorium, library, fitness equipment and walking track, kitchen equipment, robotics, schol-

arship, and endowment, just to name a few. We look forward to adding to that total with our golf event proceeds to help support our activity fields. Following are upcoming events and some opportunities in which to participate.

The Academy's annual Golf Tournament takes place on June 12 at Bent Creek Golf Club in Eden Prairie. There are an expected 92 golfers who will "Swing 'FORE' Eagle Ridge Academy." We look forward to a great day of golf and camaraderie on the course. The post-event details will be shared following the event, along with total funds raised.

Shop with SCRIP

Join ERA's SCRIP Program! You purchase gift cards from Scrip online at face value, and the retailer gives a percentage back to Eagle Ridge Academy. The difference is an instant rebate for Eagle Ridge Academy. Great Lakes Scrip Center offers more than 350 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery and department stores,



Goodbye from Mrs. Baier

MELANIE BAIER
Principal, School of Grammar

"Good bye may seem forever. Farewell is like the end, but in my heart is the memory and there you will always be." *Walt Disney Company*

Saying goodbye to the Eagle Ridge Academy community is bittersweet to say the least. I have treasured my time here with students, staff, and parents alike. The way our school has grown, in so many ways, over the past five years has been very inspiring. I hope you will continue to inspire and grow together as a community in the years to come.

Eagle Ridge Academy is a special place. Hold onto what makes it special, share it with others, and the world will benefit greatly. I wish you all the best in the future!

gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using Scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!

There are two simple steps to sign up:

1. Sign up with ShopWithScrip.com and use Enrollment Code 961LF2D642179.
2. Register with PrestoPay.

Workplace Gift and Volunteer Matching

Many organizations have workplace matching gift programs. Check with your employer to see if they match financial gifts or donate for volunteer hours given. Watch for more information on our August 5 Volunteer Day at Eagle Ridge Academy. Like last year, we will have a full day dedicated to getting our building ready for the school year with volunteers from families and community. A variety of jobs throughout the building and grounds will be available to sign up for and lunch will be served on the patio!

Help plan the Fall Gala

Join the Planning Committee to help organize the annual Gala, which takes place November 10, 2017. Help determine theme, activities, music, food, silent auction, and fun. Be part of this committee to create an outstanding evening event for adults!

Community Updates



TRIA and Twin Cities Orthopedics Offer Free Sports Physicals

MARILYN STRAND

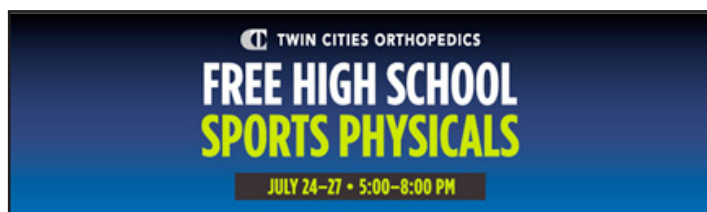
Activities Specialist

Is your child planning to participate in fall athletics? Two Minnesota clinics will offer free sports physicals to student athletes. Check below for more information.

TRIA has announced their FREE Sports Physicals dates for 2017! Walk-ins are welcome but it's best to [register for a time on their website](#).

Thursday, August 3 and Tuesday, August 8
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
TRIA Orthopaedic Center – 2nd Floor
8100 Northland Drive, Bloomington, MN 55431

Twin Cities Orthopedics just announced their FREE Sports Physical dates for 2017! [Follow this link](#) for more information on locations, dates, and times.



Remember to pick up your lost and found items! All items remaining will be donated after June 9.



Summer Soccer Camps at the International School of Minnesota

We are happy to announce that ISM/ERA and Minnesota United Football Club (MNUFC) have a new week-long summer camps in June and August this summer!

The Community Camp: Monday, June 26 – Friday, June 30

Ages: 9 - 18, boys and girls
Time: 9 am -12 noon
Where: ISM soccer field
Cost: \$159

[Registration Link](#)

This camp is open to the community, with space for 60, so register soon!

The High School Tryout Camp: Monday, August 7 – Friday, August 11

Ages: 12 -18, boys and girls
Time: 9 am -12 noon
Where: ISM soccer field
Cost: \$159

[Registration Link](#)

This camp is intended for students who want to play soccer in the Fall 2017 season, but it is available to the community through MN United FC website, so register quickly as there are only 40 spaces available.

You can see both of these camps [on this link](#) (and register here too) along with their other camps during the summer. Campers will have the opportunity to be trained using the same principles and methods utilized in Minnesota United FC Academy. The community camps are offered in cooperation with a local association, club, or youth organization at local facilities. Camp benefits also include a MNUFC camp shirt, complimentary ticket to MNUFC game, and a player cinch bag!

Any questions can be directed towards Mr. Craig Mal-lace, MNUFC Director of Camps & Youth Development (craig.m@mnufc.com or by phone at 763-331-8783).



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Back to School ~ Important Dates

2017-2018

Date	Time	Event	Where
Monday, July 10 & Tuesday, July 11	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Uniform Sale at Educational Outfitters	<i>Educational Outfitters</i> 6002 Excelsior Blvd. St. Louis Park, MN 5416
Tuesday, July 25	5:00-8:00 p.m.	PTO Back to School Kick-Off & Used Uniform Sale	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i>
Wednesday, Aug. 16	6:00-7:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Curriculum Night <i>Parents only.</i>	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i> Forum
Thursday, Aug. 17		PTO Back to School Picnic <i>Time schedule by grade:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades K-2: 4:00-5:30 p.m. • Grades 3-5: 5:30-7:00 p.m. • Grades 6-12: 6:30-8:00 p.m. 	<i>Staring Lake Park</i> 14800 Pioneer Trail Eden Prairie, MN
Tuesday, Aug. 22	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Grades 6-12: Meet Your Teacher Night and School Portraits <i>Please make every effort to have your child's portrait taken on this day, as retake opportunities are limited. Formal dress is required for school portraits.</i>	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i> Classrooms
Thursday, Aug. 24	5:00-7:00 p.m.	Grades K-5: Meet Your Teacher Night	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i> Classrooms
Monday, Aug. 28-30	Various Times	Kindergarten Assessment	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i>
Monday, Aug. 28	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Grades 1-5: First Day of School	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i>
Tuesday, Aug. 29	8:00 a.m. - 3:09 p.m.	Grades 6-12: First Day of School	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i>
Thursday, Aug. 31	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Kindergarten: First Day of School	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i>
Tuesday, Sept. 12	6:00-7:30 p.m.	Grades 6-12: Curriculum Night <i>Parents only.</i>	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i> Forum
Tuesday, Sept. 12		School of Grammar Portrait Day <i>Formal dress is required for school portraits.</i>	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i>
Thursday, Sept. 14	Various Times	Grades 1-5: Curriculum Night <i>Parents only. Time schedule by grade:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 1-3: 6:00-7:00 p.m. • Specialists: 7:00-7:30 p.m. • Grades 4-5: 7:30-8:30 p.m. 	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i> Forum
Friday, Sept. 29		Portrait Retakes, Grades 6-12 <i>Formal dress is required for school portraits.</i>	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i>
Friday, Oct. 6	6:00-9:30 p.m.	PTO Rockin' the Ridge	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i>
Friday, Oct. 13		Portrait Retakes, Grades K-5 <i>Formal dress is required for school portraits.</i>	<i>Eagle Ridge Academy</i>

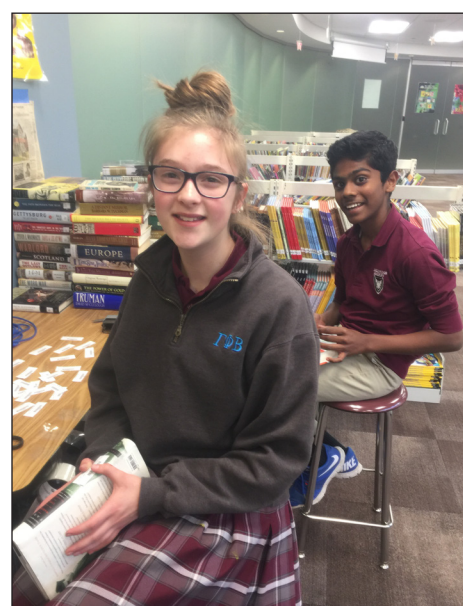


Become a 2017-18 Classroom Parent!

Classroom Parents are needed for the 2017-18 school year. Classroom parents are important and valuable to each of our teachers. Being a classroom parent is a great way to get to know the families in your child(ren)'s classes. The role of the classroom parent:

- Participate in Summer grade level gatherings
- Help your classroom teacher with classroom set up (August)
- Be available to answer questions that new families may have during the school year
- Welcome families at "Meet the teacher" Night
- Welcome students the first week of school (optional)
- Coordinate the Winter Party and the End of the School Year Party (December & June)
- Help your classroom teacher with various projects (or find parent volunteers from the class)

Please email [Marilyn Strand](#) if you have any questions about the role of a Classroom parent or are interested in signing up.



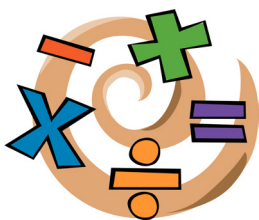
School of Grammar Math Club Recap

About 125 staff, students, and their family members gathered in the ERA forum last Friday, May 26, for the School of Grammar Math Club Awards Ceremony. Seventy-four students in grades 3, 4, and 5 competed in the Perennial Math competition January through April. It is an online competition against students in the same grade levels living in the United States, Canada, China, Turkey, Spain, and the United Kingdom. This year there were 2,079 third grade students on 127 teams in the Perennial Math competition. Eagle Ridge Academy's top 10 scores from our third grade team totaled 151, which was four more points than they needed to place in the top 10% of teams. The top 6 third grade students also placed in the top 10% for individual scores. In the fourth grade, there were 2,995 students on 147 teams, and Eagle Ridge Academy's top 10 scores totaled 201, which is 41 points over the top 10% mark of 160! The entire top 10 team placed in the top 10% as individuals along with Theo H. Our fifth grade team was just 14 points shy of placing in the top 10% of 150 teams. Nitiya A placed first on the team and in the top 10% of 1,578 individuals. Anvit K and Chakrika A were close behind in second and third place on the fifth grade team.

Top 10 scores for the Third Grade Team

1. Neeraj C
2. Rohana M
3. Aahil G
4. Devanshu S
5. Anirudh P
6. Sathvik K
7. Ariya T
8. Eshanthasai V
9. Spandan D
10. Syon S

Coach: Ms. Rau



Top 10 scores for the Fourth Grade Team

1. Sathvik V
2. Hannah P
3. Ashfaq H
4. Bhuvan G
5. Aarush S
6. Cora N
7. Elliot K
8. Sayan M
9. Shawn S
10. Pranav S

Coach: Ms. Nimchuk

Library Aid Club

Every Thursday these two students came from 3:15-4:30 p.m. to help Mrs. Erickson, our school Librarian. Thank you, Muthu M. and Gabriella S.!

Muthu wrote the following summary of club activities: "Have you ever thought about what happens behind the scenes at your library? That's what we decided to find out! We found out that we could help with the following activities for Mrs. Erickson, the librarian. We repaired damaged books, shelved books, did inventory, put plastic book covers on hard covered books, and placed barcodes and spine labels on new books. It was fun!"



PTO News

PTO SECRETARIES

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PTO Back to School Kick-Off

Mark your calendars for our annual PTO Back to School Kick-Off on Tuesday, July 25, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at ERA. One of our featured events is our annual Used and New Uniform Sale, along with Spirit Wear samples to try on and order, a Parent Info Booth, translators provided for community support, special guest Mrs. Erickson the Librarian, and ERA administration available to answer questions about the lunchroom, forms, Infinite Campus and transportation. Please see the [event flyer](#) for details. Updates will be communicated throughout the summer as details are firmed up.

Get prepared for our Uniform Sale. Details on how to donate or sell your uniform pieces, including drop off options prior to the sale, and our updated garment tags [can be found here](#). If your items are currently in storage, they will be placed in the sale.

New this year: Book Drive! We will be collecting gently used books to help our teachers stock their classroom libraries. Books may be dropped off following the Used Uniform Sale at Eagle Ridge Academy.

Please partner with us for the event. We will need lots of "personal shoppers" to assist our new families in their uniform purchases, as well as people to staff the info booth and other areas on Tuesday, July 25. Set up will be Monday, July 24. Please [sign up here](#) to make sure you receive reminders about the event.

2017-18 School Supply Kits Available Now

Hit summer with one less stress! School supply kits are on sale right now for Grades K-8. Order [here using code 88078](#) until June 9. These pre-packaged school supply kits are designed for your class by your teacher, with the exact styles and brands you need. Plus, value pricing, convenient online ordering, and classroom delivery for Meet your Teacher Night. Any questions or need assistance, contact PTO Member, Jodie at jodielynn20@yahoo.com.

PTO Redemption Program

Thank you so much for your continued efforts on the redemption program submissions! We are so grateful for your attention and care on these free money making efforts for our school! Who doesn't love trash to cash? These endeavors give us extra dollars for the PTO efforts which support a variety of school needs! We look forward to our com-

Thank you, PTO, for cool treat donations for the last day of both lower and upper school!



munity impact on these efforts next year! Thank you to all our volunteers who came to cut and count these itty, bitty pieces of wrappers and whatnot. We so enjoyed having your company and your support!

Our final contest of the year was quite the send-off to the school year! We planned to give out frozen treats to the top of classes or advisory groups. We had lots of great participation and in the end we awarded SIX groups because there was a tie for 5th place. Here are the results:

1. Tetzlaff (1,405) - way to go!
2. Rockcastle (721)
3. Molnar (543)
4. Madigan (424)
5. TIE Myers (413) and Madson (413)

Over the summer, feel free to collect Box Tops, Coke Rewards caps and codes, Milk Moola caps from Kwik Trip, Tyson Chicken Project A+ symbols, Loaves for Learning-Country Hearth/Village Hearth UPC labels, and any used ink cartridges/old cell phones. We hope to start out the 2017/18 school year with an exciting school-wide contest!

End of Year Thank You!

As we close out the school year, all parents and members of our ERA PTO and your PTO Board wished to thank each of you for your contributions to our PTO and school! We host events for our school throughout the year including our Back to School Picnic (this year – Aug 17), Rockin the Ridge (this year – Oct 6), Teacher Conference Meals, Uniform Sales, Spirit Wear sales, Ski Club, Teacher Appreciation Week, School Kits, and the Ice Cream truck. We also supported lots of school sponsored events and activities throughout the year. Join in the fun, watch for volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer break!