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Executive Director News: January Community Letter

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Executive Director

This month's Executive Director Community Letter focuses on the need for civil discourse in our current culture of opinion wars and sensory overload. Civil discourse, which James Calvin Davis defines as "the exercise of patience, integrity, humility, and mutual respect in civil conversation, even (or especially) with those with whom we disagree" is a foundational part of all School of Rhetoric humanities courses, where students have the opportunity to listen to, exchange, and understand the views of others, to treat the ideas of others with respect through discussion, to dialogue, and to debate.

Read on to view other community updates, such as the approved 2018-19 Academic Calendar and notes on the Activities Director and Schools of Logic & Rhetoric Principal searches.

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COMMUNITY LETTER**



ACT offered to Juniors on April 3

SUSAN BLOOMGREN

Director of Academics

On April 3, Eagle Ridge Academy will be offering the ACT to juniors during the school day. In the past, The Department of Education has reimbursed schools for the cost of administering the test during the school day. New legislation has eliminated this funding except for students receiving educational benefits. It is our desire that all students continue to take the exam. In order to make this opportunity accessible to families, the Academy will cover half of the cost of the test and additional administration fees incurred. The cost to families will be \$32. Note: if your child receives free and reduced lunch benefits, the exam is offered free of charge. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.



Schools of Logic & Rhetoric Updates

ERICA POWELL

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

January Pillar Award Winners

Teachers nominate students for Pillar Awards each month to recognize outstanding embodiment of the school's values.

6th Grade (Team Eagle)

Citizenship: Khalid O.
Integrity: Asavari P.
Perseverance: Max K.
Honor: Isabelle C.
Excellence: Gabe J.
Respect: Jonah W.

6th Grade (Team Lion)

Citizenship: Jack S.
Integrity: Arasely E.
Perseverance: Moises D.
Honor: Izzy M.
Excellence: Darcy J.
Respect: Carter A.

7th Grade

Citizenship: Natalie G.
Integrity: Nisanth Y.
Perseverance: Gokul G.
Honor: Ella H.
Excellence: Victoria P.
Respect: Maddi M.

8th Grade

Citizenship: Sharmaan H.
Integrity: Celia S.
Perseverance: Fionnuala F.
Honor: Greta E.
Excellence: Aarya D.
Respect: Delaney W.

9th Grade: Sri G.

10th Grade: Piper W.

11th Grade: Olivia L.

12th Grade: Parker D.



School of Logic students received January Pillar Awards during Whole Group Advisory on Jan. 24. | PHOTO BY MARY CORNELIUS

Developing Connections



KELLY SCHIFFMAN
Director of Development

2018 at Eagle Ridge Academy has many activities and opportunities for involvement and support. Are you interested in getting more involved in activities that benefit your child? See opportunities below:

- **Early bird pricing for the May 12 Donut Dash 5K ends Monday, Jan. 29. [Register here.](#)** Don't miss this fun Eagle Ridge Academy tradition! If you prefer to pay by cash or check, please send your [completed registration](#) to school no later than Monday, Jan. 29.
- **Registration is [officially open](#) for the Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament on June 11.** Would you like to be part of our planning committee? Committee members do not need to play golf or know a lot about it to help plan.
- **Do you work for an employer who has a matching gift program or supports community events as recommended by the employee?** Consider reaching out to your Community Relations or HR departments to ask about their community support and employee giving opportunities. Many organizations match employee gifts up to 100%, essentially doubling your donation to the Academy, donate to charities of choice based on volunteer hours, and sponsor events financially or with in-kind donations. Be informed by asking today!
- **Don't forget that ERA offers SCRIP**, a gift card program that gives back to the Academy with purchases on every day items such as groceries, restaurants, retail, or gas. You buy gift cards from more than 300 retailers at face value, and SCRIP donates a portion of all purchased back to Eagle Ridge Academy.
- **Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy (FERA)**, a certified 501c3 and the Academy's foundation, has a sole purpose of funding Eagle Ridge Academy and sustaining its existence into the future. If you have a passion for building the future of the Academy through non-profit board involvement, we would like to hear from you. The FERA Board is comprised of parents and staff, committed to developing community partnerships in order to fund critical needs of the Academy and support the Academy's goals to provide a traditional, Classical Education to our students.

Please [contact me](#) to talk about any of these opportunities to get involved.

Save the Date: June 11, 2018!



**Early Bird
Deadline:
Only \$25 through
Jan. 29!**

Join us for the sweetest Saturday in spring!
The Donut Dash 5k & Mini-Donut Dash are
back on May 12. [Click here for details.](#)



Register at www.epdonutdash2018.zapevent.com!

Athletics Update



15th Annual **Night at the Target Center** *and Senior Recognition Night* **Saturday, February 10, 2018**

Schedule

Girls Varsity vs. Nova Classical Academy
7:30 p.m.

Boys Varsity vs. Nova Classical Academy
9:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at:

- ERA Activity Office (M-F 9:00am-5:00pm)
- Admissions Table at High School basketball games
 - ISM Main Desk (M-F 8:00am-6:00pm)
- Directly from ISM Athletic Director - [Turner Neal](#)

Ticket Information

Tickets are \$20 for both games. Checks made out to: "Husky Booster Club"
Includes a Husky fan treat from the Husky Booster Club.

The voucher must be shown to enter the Huskies' game on February 10 and
can be redeemed for a Timberwolves ticket to one of the following games:

Tuesday, March 20 vs. LA Clippers
Monday, March 26 vs. Memphis
Wednesday, March 28 vs. Atlanta
Sunday, April 1 vs. Utah
Monday, April 9 vs. Memphis



Students loved the fall session of Culinary Arts Club.
PHOTO BY JODY BERTNESS

Spring Session: Activity Clubs

Registration due Friday, Jan. 26

Spring Activity Club registration is open through Friday, Jan. 26! Don't miss your chance to sign your child up for longstanding favorites like Chess Club, Impart Art Club, or Children's Choir, or inspire them to try something new, like our Culinary Arts clubs, Improv Club, Service Club, or Junior Mythology Club! Clubs run from Feb. 5 through April 19.

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CLUBS & REGISTER!**



The first Prom planning meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 1 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in conference room 1202. Prom advisors are Mrs. Strand (Activities), Mrs. Snyder (School Nurse), and Mrs. TenPas (ERA parent). To be on the Prom planning committee, you must be in 11th or 12th grade and commit to attend two meetings per month. These meetings will take place from 4:00-5:00 p.m. after school. Questions about Prom or the planning committee? Contact [Mrs. Strand](#) in the Activity Office.

Upcoming School Events:

Jan. 25 - Feb. 10

Jan. 25 – Winter Band & Orchestra Concert
(Grade 6)

Jan. 26 – Last Day to Register for Activity Clubs

Jan. 30 – PTO Quarterly Meeting

Feb. 2 – 5th Grade Movie Night Fundraiser

Feb. 5 – Spring Play Auditions

Feb. 6 – 2nd Grade Field Trip to MN History
Center

Feb. 8 – Choir Concert (Gr. 6-12)

Feb. 9 – 6th Grade Field Trip to MN History
Center

Feb. 10 – 15th Annual Night at the Target Center
for Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball

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

Eagle Ridge Academy's Spring Play

PETER AND THE STARCATCHER

Tryouts for Grades 7-12

Monday, Feb. 5 from 3:30-5:30 pm in the Auditorium
No Need to Sign Up...Just Show Up!

Volunteer Opportunity: Research Database Creation

Looking for a way to volunteer from home while utilizing your internet research skills? ERA is seeking 1-3 volunteers to assist in creating an information database. This project will require gathering information from Classical school websites across the country. Contact [Mary Cornelius](#) for specifics and to get involved!

Please join us for the PTO Quarterly meeting on Jan. 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the ERA Forum. We will discuss the application process for distributing our excess funds for the benefit of the ERA community. We will also discuss our spring event planning, which includes the February Uniform Sale and Elections for our 2018-19 Board.

The next Ski & Snowboard Club lesson is on Jan. 26. The next lesson is on Feb. 2, and payment for that lesson is due on Jan. 26 by 3:00 p.m. All waivers and payments should be placed in an envelope with "PTO" written on the front and brought to Mrs. Strand in the Activities Office. Please refer to our [FAQ info at this link](#) for more information.

Once again, anyone may attend weekly; you do not "join" Ski & Snowboard Club. Even friends and family may take advantage of our special rates. Group lessons are available for \$10 and must be prepaid the Friday before the lesson. Discount lift tickets (\$20) and ski or snowboard rental package (\$17) will be available for purchase from the ERA PTO inside the Hyland chalet.

Our second Ski & Snowboard Club potluck is this Friday, Jan. 26. Everyone at school is welcome to attend, whether you ski or not. Come and join the fun! If you would like to contribute to the potluck, [you may sign up at this link](#).



Eagle Ridge students take the Hyland shuttle to Ski & Snowboard Club on Friday, Jan. 19 | PHOTO BY DAVE HORNER

Winter Uniform Sale: Feb. 19, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Looking for Uniforms? The PTO Winter Uniform Sale will be held at ERA during conferences on Feb. 19 from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Get to your conference early or stay for a bit afterwards to save money and stock up on uniforms for your growing child. Personal shoppers will be on hand to assist and answer questions.

Uniforms to Sell or Donate? Uniform donations may be brought to the Activities Office inside the Main Entrance (Door 2). Please view our [information flyer](#) for more details, including drop off options prior to the sale. Updated garment tags for families wishing to sell uniform pieces can be found [in this link](#).

We are also in need for volunteers to make this event a success for our ERA families. Please [sign up here](#) for one or more sessions to help set up, sell, and/or clear the Used Uniform Sale.

Redemption Program Contest Winners

Now that we are three weeks into 2018, it's time to gear up for our third redemption program contest. Send in the following items to your classroom teacher, advisory teacher (6th grade), or the collection bin outside Mrs. Strand's office in the vestibule of the Main Entrance. This contest will end on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 9:00 a.m. The winning lower school classroom and upper school classroom will receive a reward of their choosing (with a minimum of at least 400). Here are the items we collect to earn money for our school:

- *Box Tops, Coke Rewards*
- *Tyson Project A+*
- *Loaves for Learning*
- *Milk Moola*
- *Old cell phones/used printer cartridges*

If you'd like to volunteer to help us trim and count these items, we'd love to have you! We will be meeting on the following Thursday mornings from about 8-10am: Feb. 1, 8, 15, and 22. Please bring a pen, paper, and a pair of scissors. When you arrive, please check in at the Main Office.

7th Annual Roller Skating Party

March 10 | 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Roller Garden in St. Louis Park

Join us for the popular annual event! Admission includes a free glow necklace for every skater. This is a private party for K-8th grade families. [Please see our flyer for more info!](#)

