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Interim Executive

Director Report

BRUCE LOCKLEAR

Interim Executive Director

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

During the next three months, I will assist with Jason's duties and responsibilities during his absence and continue my work with the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric. Thank you for your kindness and support as we enter into this time of transition. Additionally, our team at ERA is phenomenal. Everyone has been extremely helpful and kind as we prepare to navigate the next couple of months.

The transition plan for the next three months includes the following pieces. First, the day-to-day operations will remain stable, meaning those who navigated these tasks in the past, will continue to do so with a few extra tasks. Second, we hired a full-time Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) to assist with some of the day-to-day operations in support of Mrs. P. as she covers my classroom observations. I will pick up many of Jason's day-to-day tasks. We are excited and look forward to our normal continued excellence for your student.

I look forward to serving our school community in this role. Please feel free to [reach out](#) if you have any questions.

THANKSGIVING
NOVEMBER 22, 2018

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.”

WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving
Break
Office Closed | Nov. 21-23



Seeing Our Vision in Action

JANELLE MELLGREN

Principal, School of Grammar

School of Grammar staff have worked hard the last year to ensure that the focus of the each lesson, the learning objective, is clearly communicated with our students. In much the same way, our Vision provides us our objectives for the work we do with your children every day. Eagle Ridge Academy:

- prepares students to be exemplary and knowledgeable citizens
- instills a life-long passion for learning
- values self-discipline, respect, perseverance, and achievement
- teaches truth, beauty and goodness
- fosters an appreciation for the United States of America and her unique role in the world

Lately, I've noticed how many of our students exemplify our Vision. I have truly lost count of the numerous times I've been asked by students how my day is going, given a compliment, had a door held open for me, or seen a student pick up a dropped item in the hallway because they know it belongs to their friend and they want to return it. Just this morning I was speaking with our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Johnson. I sneezed, and as he was walking down the hallway, one of our School of Rhetoric students called out "bless you!" While we certainly have things we continue to learn and practice in these Vision objectives, I am truly thankful for the ways I already see so many of our students embodying these characteristics. I hope you have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events | NOV. 16 - NOV. 30

- Nov. 15** – Give to the Max Day 2018
- Nov. 16** – Gala for the Gryphons
- Nov. 20** – Spirit Wear Day
- Nov. 21-23** – No School, Thanksgiving Break
Office Closed
- Nov. 27** – School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

For more info and events, visit the school calendar.

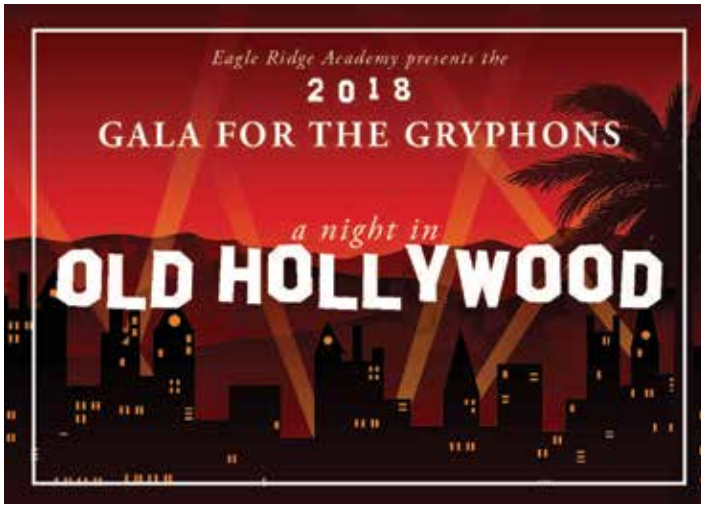


Developing Connections

KELLY SCHIFFMAN

Director of Development

Community Updates



ANNUAL GALA FOR THE GRYPHONS, "A NIGHT IN OLD HOLLYWOOD" ON NOV. 16

The Gala is a day away! We are ready for a wonderful evening among friends celebrating the students of Eagle Ridge Academy!

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction is open at www.32auctions.com/Gala-Gryphons2018 and will stay open online until Nov. 14 at 11 p.m., at which time it will close to prepare for the live event on Nov. 16. You'll definitely want to visit the site for more than 150 items including fantastic student-made art, family experiences and entertainment packages, teacher/grade level experiences for students, museum and theatre tickets, spa, MN sporting tickets (Twins, Wild, Saints), Batting Practice Buddies with the Minnesota Twins at Target Field, fun baskets, clothing and accessories, dining out, jewelry (including freshwater pearls from Beijing and Shanghai), food packages, hotel packages, a Microsoft Surface laptop, a Southern Meal for 8 prepared by our own Dr. Locklear and his wife, and much more! Several of the items will have a Buy Now option and others will roll over to the live event, starting with the highest bid at 11 p.m. on Nov. 14.

Live Auction

A Live Auction takes place during the event. We have three items this year for your consideration:

1. Weekend Getaway in Duluth: Value \$650
2. MN Twins game for Four (4) in Champion Club section of Target Field. Value: \$1,975
3. Ski Condo in Big Sky, Montana: Value \$3,200

For details, visit www.eagleridgeacademy.org/gala/

*Please note for bidding at the live event, you may ASSIGN A PROXY, meaning that if you are unable to attend the event, you may designate a person to bid on your behalf. The live auction items are of interest to many people...you DO NOT need to be present to bid. If you are interested in these items, please contact Kelly Schiffman to arrange a bidder in your stead.

Can't Attend, but Want to Support?

If you are unable to attend, but wish to support the cause, please [consider donating an outright gift](#).

TODAY IS GIVE TO THE MAX DAY!

- What if you could help our school receive \$1,000 just by giving \$10 or more? Today, on Nov. 15, 2018, you'll have that chance.
- Join us for Give to the Max Day on Nov. 15, and you can help us receive \$500, \$1,000 or \$10,000. Just make an online donation on GiveMN.org, and your donation will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 Golden Ticket every 10 minutes for Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy. Here's the really exciting part: One donation made on GiveMN.org during the Give to the Max Day campaign will be randomly selected to receive a \$10,000 Super-Sized GiveMN Golden Ticket.
- Help us increase our odds and make the most of your gift by making a donation today on GiveMN.org. Search for Friends of Eagle Ridge Academy then make your donation. Together, we hope to raise more than \$5,000 on Give to the Max Day, and you can help us reach our goal!



PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

[Pledge your annual support to Eagle Ridge Academy](#) with an affordable monthly gift broken down into smaller amounts, which makes giving easier, and allows a predictable revenue source for Eagle Ridge Academy. Be sure to check with your employer on Matching Gift opportunities! [Check here to see if your employer matches](#).

For more information on how you may participate in helping develop Eagle Ridge Academy, please contact Kelly Schiffman at 952-746-7760, ext. 1107 or kschiffman@eagleridgeacademy.org. Visit our website for online giving and other important information at www.eagleridgeacademy.org.

Community Updates



Logic & Rhetoric Update

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We are quickly approaching the conclusion of November and are forced to step back and ask where the time going and embrace the reality that graduation will soon be upon us. OK, I made a quantum leap in time, but you get my point... time is marching quickly past! Navigating the fleeting time, I would urge parents of seniors to embrace this time and truly enjoy the road ahead. Whether the road is paved with college decisions, careers plans, or an exploration of military options, time will go quickly, and your seniors are excited about what lies ahead. Enjoy the moments you have with them today. Senior year is a special time in their lives as they are only high school seniors once!

In our SoL and SoR, we are excited about the many great things happening! First, in our SoR, we are closing in on a course options survey for students in grades 8-12. We have a list of courses vetted from a survey last spring and through feedback from our staff. The survey is a list of 20-plus courses and students will be asked to rank the top five courses they would like to see added to our course catalog. Additionally, we are close to codifying an agreement with two neighboring Classical charter schools to offer additional College in the Schools (CIS) and Advanced Placement (AP) classes as a collaborative; this means we would partner with these two schools and livestream courses into the partnering schools. One school would own the course, and the others would go "live" to the classroom via Zoom or some other modality that would allow live access and participation for students. Stay tuned for more to come on this. Regardless of the survey findings, what we do know is this: students would rather take these college-level courses on campus, taught by or supported by our teachers. Our efforts align with making this happen as efficiently and effectively as possible for our students.

Our District Curriculum Team (CISA) heard the first reading of a proposal on weighted grading. Our current practice is to weight grades for CIS and AP courses at .25 numeric advantage. The proposal discussed with this committee is to increase the weighting value to 1.0. This practice would encourage more students to take rigorous courses and aligns us with many high schools in the area.

We are excited for all that lies ahead!



Winter Drama

KRIS BABLER

Activities Director

Drama has two definitions: 1) a play for theater, and 2) an exciting, emotional, or unexpected series of events or set of circumstances. Luckily for us here at Eagle Ridge Academy, we are in store for both this winter.

Our fall play, *The Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s*, will debut Friday, Dec. 7-9 and was received with excitement by our Schools of Logic and Rhetoric students when they had the opportunity to watch a scene at a recent whole group advisory.

Girls and boys varsity basketball start practices Nov. 12 and Nov. 19, respectively. With over 90 students in grades 7-12 registered and trying out for teams, our basketball programs are certain to provide exciting and emotional moments this winter. K-4 youth basketball, launching Saturdays in December, will be an opportunity for our varsity teams to coach the youngest generation of Gryphons.

I look forward to seeing you in our beautiful new theater or out in the gym. Enjoy the drama, for all the world's a stage!



Scholarship Opportunities

WENDY KLUTE

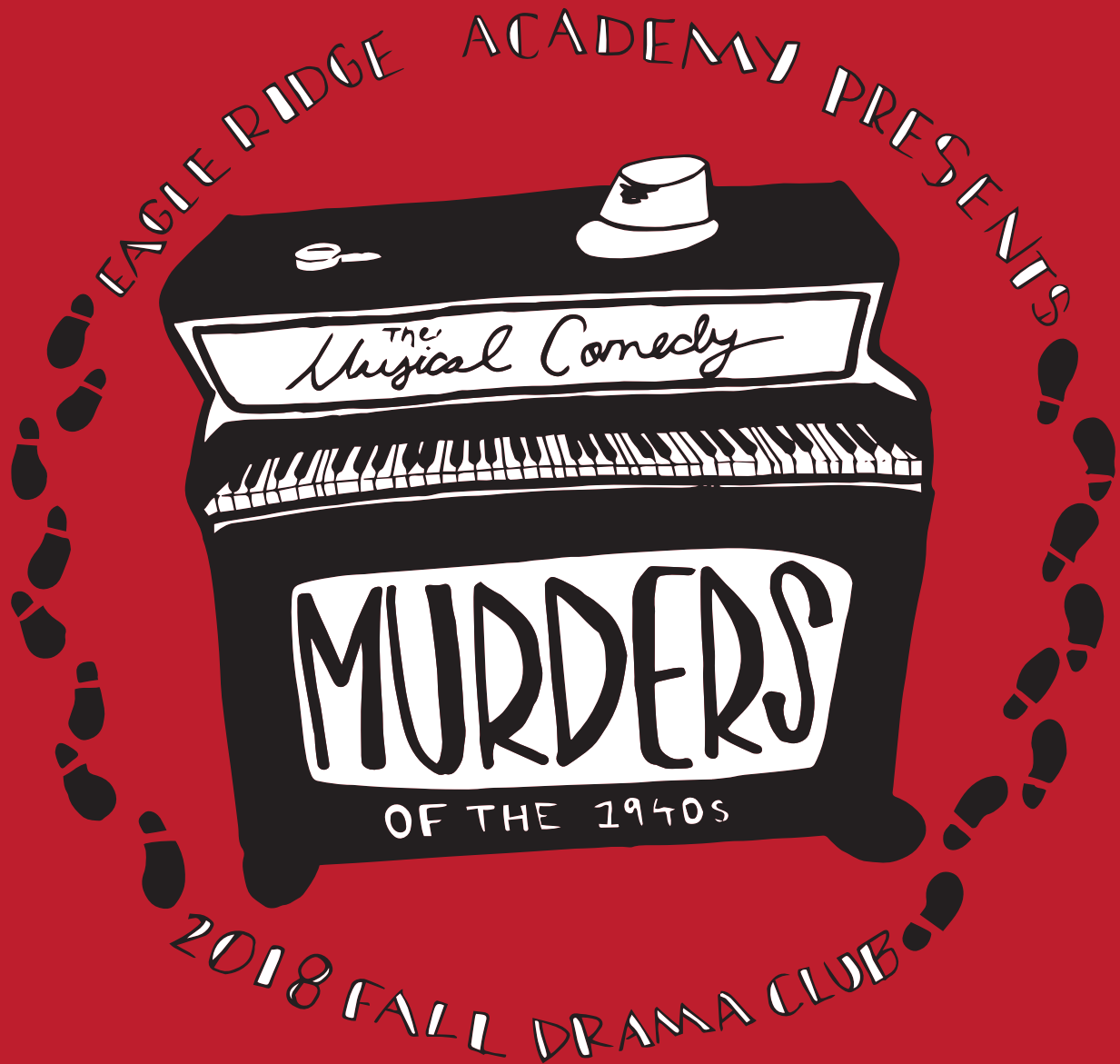
Academic Counselor

Looking for Scholarships? Check out the *College Prep page of the website* for a list of opportunities.

College Reps are Visiting Campus

College representatives are visiting Eagle Ridge Academy, and interested sophomores, juniors, and seniors are welcome to attend any meeting of their choice. Below, students met with a rep from the University of Minnesota. Find upcoming college rep visits on the *Eagle Ridge Academy school calendar*.





Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2:00 p.m.

in the Eagle Ridge Academy Auditorium

TICKETS: \$5/adults and \$3/students and seniors 65+
Reserve online | Purchase with cash or check at the door

Upper School Yearbooks are \$45 through Nov. 23. **ORDER TODAY!**

CLICK HERE TO ORDER!

YEARBOOK

CELEBRATING MOMENTS THAT MATTER

Jostens



PTO News

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB COMING SOON!

Get ready ERA families! Ski and Snowboard Club will begin on Friday, Dec. 7 at Hyland Ski Area in Bloomington. Invite your friends and families so they may take advantage of our special rates and have a fun time.

In order to get started, we ask each family to sign the waiver for the year which [may be found here](#) or signed when you purchase your discount lift tickets and rentals from a volunteer in the Hyland chalet near windows facing hill. Group lessons for ski and snowboard are held on Friday evenings from 5:00-6:30 p.m. for \$13 per person.

All waivers and pre-payments must be turned in to the Main Office in an envelope labeled "Ski/Snowboard Club, Child's Name, type of lesson (ski or snowboard)" by 3:30 pm on the Friday before the lesson.

Please check the ERA website for [more details on the club](#), [FAQs](#), and information about [Hyland's shuttle service](#).

Fun doesn't end there—there are three family potlucks during the club, hosted on Jan. 25, Feb. 8, and Feb. 22. These events give everyone a chance to participate in bringing something for all to enjoy. Stay tuned in Eagle Eye and on Facebook for a potluck sign-up when the dates gets closer. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Kelli TenPas via email at kellitenpas@gmail.com.

PTO UPDATES

All PTO quarterly minutes are available to view in our [PTO webpage](#). If you have any suggestions, comments, or ideas to improve any PTO events, please email pto.eagleridge@gmail.com. Once again, we value and appreciate your financial support for PTO events such as RTR, Used Uniform Sales, Teacher Conference Meals, and other events throughout the

This could be your class!

See it...Save it!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION **4 LEAVES LEARNING** **Coca-Cola GIVE** **Project A+** **Milk 5+**

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year. We make sure the funding is used wisely and focuses on our PTO mission: Engaged Parents, Supported Teachers, and Fun Student activities.

ERA DIRECTORY APP: MY SCHOOL ANYWHERE

This is a one-stop app that will help families search, sign up, and connect with other ERA families through our PTO web and mobile app. The PTO encourages you to register if you haven't already. More information on how to register can be viewed under "[PTO Directory](#)" on the [PTO website](#).

CARPOOL INTEREST SIGNUPS

Once you are logged in to the My School Anywhere app, the Carpool Interest information may be found under "Signups." More information may be viewed on the [PTO website](#).