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Preparing Students to be Future Ready

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Greetings! ERA is an awesome school for our students to learn and grow. Over the past couple of weeks, we have engaged in a myriad of conversations about honoring Classical Education while maintaining a growth mindset. It is important that all students feel they have a place at the table as we prepare them to be “future ready.” This includes college for 2 or 4 years, work, or the military. **In essence, we are preparing students for a future that is yet to exist.** So how do we achieve this elusive task for the betterment of our students?

First, we remain deeply rooted in our mission: “The mission of Eagle Ridge Academy is to provide our students with a traditional, Classical Education that demands their best in academic achievement, behavior, and attitude and challenges them to attain their highest potential.” I remember my grandmother, one of the most influential people in my life, always telling me, “If you don’t stand for something, you will fall for anything.” At ERA, we know what we stand for, and we live it out each day. Our mission drives our daily actions.

Second, we keep learning at the forefront. I was in an elementary class recently, and the class was reciting the structure of a sentence. You all remember the noun, the verb, the prepositional phrases; these are critical foundational elements of learning. Every student in the class was engaged and knew the elements of the sentence structure. All students in the class appeared to enjoy the learning and enjoy each other. Most importantly, the teacher presented the lesson in the Classical format, with grammar and recitation driving learning. The high level of engagement and deep love for content was refreshing.

Third, we continue to enhance our curriculum offerings in the Upper School. This past week, students completed a survey to identify their courses of interest. The top five courses are College in the Schools (CIS) Psychology, Engineering, Personal Business and Finance, Forensics, and Team Sports.

Parents Day Out

HOSTED BY JCL

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 | 1:00-5:00 P.M.
For children grades K-6. Suggested \$10-\$15 donation per child. Please bring snow gear!
RSVP via email to [Ms. Jessica Bergeron](#).

Upcoming Events | NOV. 30 - DEC. 14

Dec. 3-7 – Holiday Food Drive (Gr. 6-12)
Dec. 7-9 – Fall Play: *The Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s*
Dec. 7 – PTO Ski & Snowboard Club
Dec. 10 – Bemidji State College Rep Visit
Dec. 14 – Spirit Wear Day (Gr. K-12)

For more info and events, visit the school calendar.

Our next steps in this process process include:

1. Determining colleges or universities with whom we will partner to offer College in the Schools courses.
2. Determining staff who will teach the courses.
3. Examining course costs.
4. Completing course proposal forms, which will be researched by the departments seeking to offer the course.
5. Determining the logistics of how the courses can be offered, i.e., as synchronous, asynchronous, or as a course offering taught by our staff.

It is an exciting time to be a Gryphon! We thank you for choosing our school and entrusting us with your greatest gift, your children.

Community Updates



Congrats to Gr. K-5 Pillar Award Winners!

JANELLE MELLGREN

Principal, School of Grammar

Pillar Assemblies have begun in the School of Grammar! The focus for the month of November was on Citizenship, with a specific focus of how that might look in the lunchroom. We also talked about bringing good Citizenship home and out into our community. Pillar stickers were drawn, and Gus the Gryphon made an appearance. It was a fun way to celebrate our Pillars together!



CONGRATS, CHESS PLAYERS!

Aarti K., Aditi K., Joshini S., and Arjun V. competed in the 2018 Priyanka Open earlier this month and came away with great success! Way to go, Gryphons!



The first Prom planning meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 6 from 4:00-4:30 p.m. in conference room 1202. Ms. Donna Cornelius (Activities) is the Prom Advisor. 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 [Ms. Donna Cornelius](#) in the Main Office.

GRYPHONS BASKETBALL JV & Varsity Games

NOV. 29:

Girls JV & Varsity - 5:30, 7:00
HOME vs. Western Lutheran

NOV. 30:

Boys C, JV & Varsity - 4:30, 5:45, 7:30
AWAY vs. West Lutheran

Girls JV & Varsity - 5:30, 7:00
AWAY vs. Maranatha Christian

DEC. 4:

Boys JV & Varsity - 5:15, 6:30
HOME vs. Liberty Classical Academy

DEC. 5:

Girls JV & Varsity - 5:45, 7:00
HOME vs. Irondale

DEC. 7:

Boys JV & Varsity - 6:15, 7:30
AWAY vs. PACT Charter

DEC. 11:

Boys JV & Varsity - 5:45, 7:00
HOME vs. Avail Academy

DEC. 13:

Boys JV & Varsity - 5:30, 7:00
AWAY vs. Christo Rey Jesuit

Girls Varsity - 7:00
AWAY vs. HS for Recording Arts

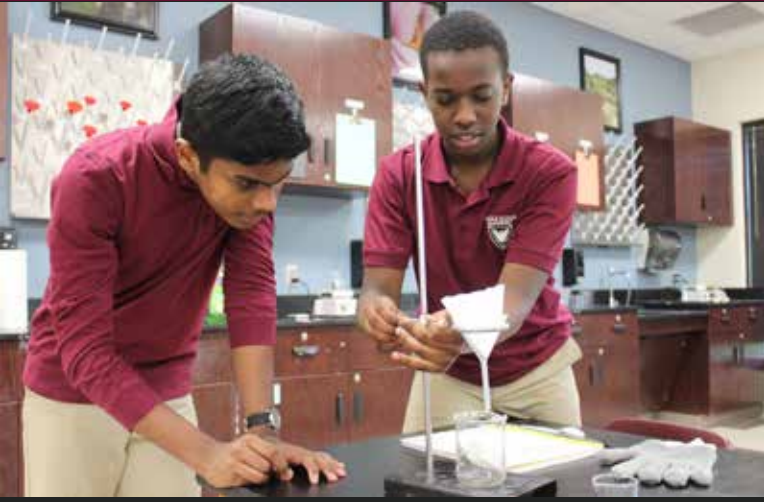
Join a Club!

There's still time to join a club starting this fall or next semester! Several new opportunities have been added since the beginning of the year, including:

- The Citizen School Paper
- Culinary Arts Club
- Girls Badminton
- Gryphon Fitness Club
- ...and more!

To register today, visit the [Activities page](#) of the school website. Payment is due upon registration. *Questions? Contact Ms. Donna Cornelius.*





Inspire Dreams Today

Thank you for choosing Eagle Ridge Academy as your children’s educational family and for trusting us with their young minds. We extend heartfelt gratitude to everyone who generously supported the 2018 Gala or Give to the Max Day. You helped us raise an incredible **\$57,000** in support of student enrichment. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give to the Academy this season, there is still time to make a difference—to make an impact on a student’s future.

Would you give a gift of \$25 to inspire dreams?

You can help build and sustain a scholarship program for our students. Whether your children are 5 or 18 years old, and whether they choose a technical trade school or a university, they have dreams of pursuing something greater from the time they enter the doors of the Academy. **Our teachers push them to attain their highest potential. You can help push them further by supporting them with scholarship funds. Visit our website to make your gift online today.**

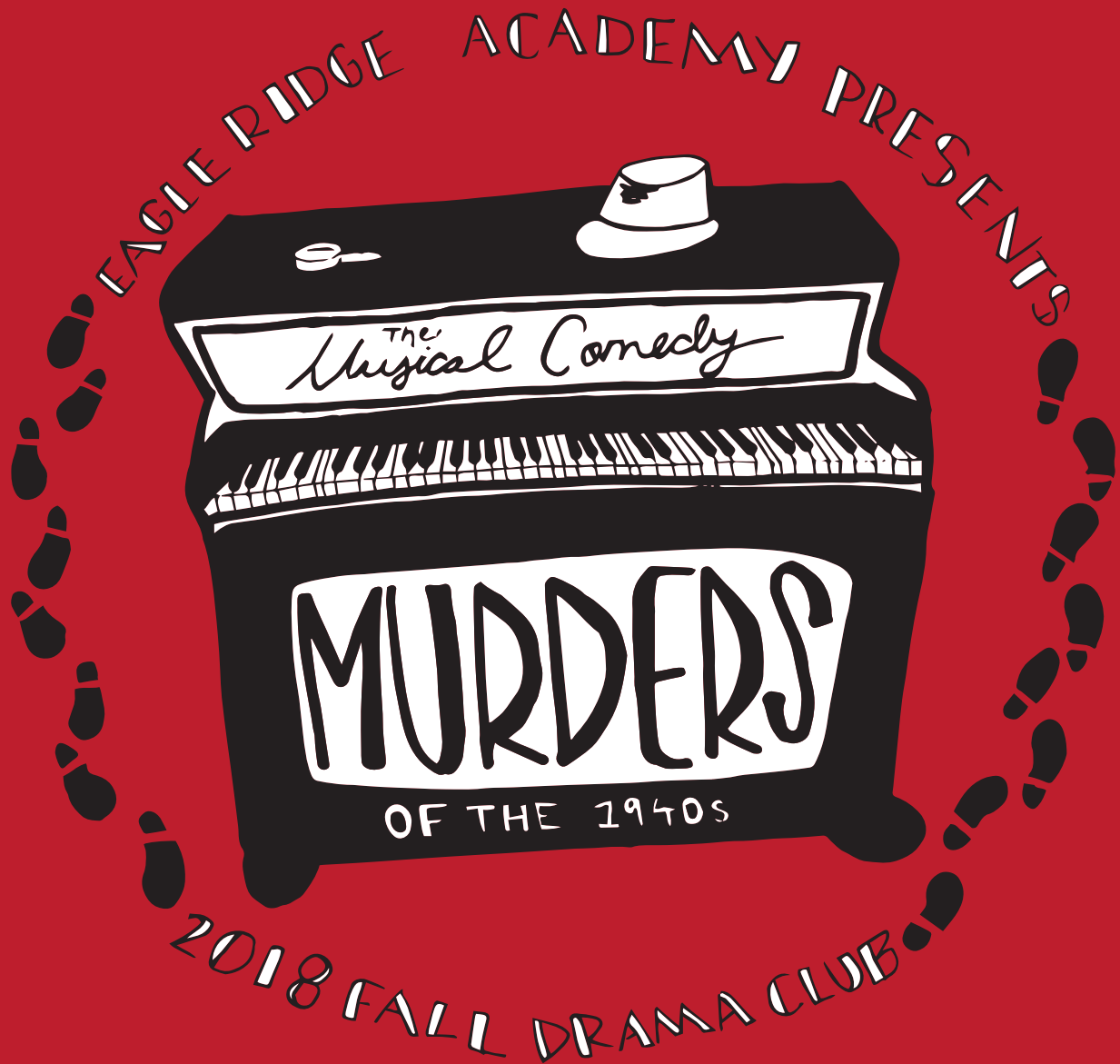
Our Students are Future Ready—Support Their Future Endeavors!



Eagle Ridge Academy’s annual **Gala for the Gryphons**, “A Night in Old Hollywood,” took place on Friday, Nov. 16 at Bearpath Golf & Country Club in Eden Prairie. More than **\$54,000** was raised in support of the Academy’s college scholarship program for our graduating seniors. With 150 people in attendance, the evening brought people together to celebrate the students of the Academy and included a social hour, silent and live auction, music, and dinner. The Academy is grateful for the contributions of the community and for the way they have helped grow and sustain this important program for future generations.

View photos from the event here. | **PHOTOS TAKEN BY SRIDHAR THAYUR**





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



PTO News

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB IS 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. **The deadline to sign up for the first lesson on Dec. 7 is tomorrow Friday, Nov. 30 by 3:00 p.m.**

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 for information in the Eagle Eye and on Facebook with a potluck sign-up as the dates get closer. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Kelli TenPas via email at kellitenpas@gmail.com.

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 SIGN-UPS

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](#).



This could be your class!

See it...Save it!



eagleridgeacademy.org/parent-teacher-organization

FESTIVAL OF TREATS

Join an annual tradition at Eagle Ridge Academy! The ERA community contributes homemade treats or store bought goodies for a holiday treat day on Dec. 18 for our teachers and staff. [Sign up to bring one of many fun categories of treats](#)—including cheese and crackers, fruits, candies, and popcorn.

Once you have signed up, you can bring your treats to school's Main Office on Monday, Dec. 17, or in the morning on Tuesday, Dec. 18.



What's for Lunch?



Don't forget to eat your vegetables.

Eagle Ridge Academy Lunch Menu

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit are Offered Daily on the Fruit & Vegetable Bar

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MONDAY

- 1) French Toast Sticks with Turkey Sausage (V)
- 2) Turkey, Cheese & Egg on English Muffin
- 3) Crispy Chicken Salad
- 4) Turkey BLT Wrap

Breakfast Potatoes

TUESDAY

- 1) Chicken Fajitas
- 2) Cheese Quesadillas (V)
- 3) Buffalo Chicken Salad
- 4) Deli Sandwich

Rice

WEDNESDAY

- HOM Persimmon**
- 1) Penne with Meat Sauce and Garlic Bread
 - 2) BBQ Chicken Sand.
 - 3) Pretzel Bites with Cheese Cubes (V)
 - 4) Chef Salad

Garden Green Beans

THURSDAY

- 1) All American Burger Basket
- 2) Chicken Nugget Basket & a Soft Pan Roll
- 3) Hummus & Vegetable Bowl (V)
- 4) Deli Sandwich French Fries

FRIDAY

- 1) Cheese Pizza (V)
- 2) Hot Chicken & Cheese Flatbread
- 3) Buffalo Chicken Wrap
- 4) Chicken Caesar Salad

Garlic & Herb Broccoli

- 1) Sweet & Sour Chicken Bites Over Rice
- 2) Philly Flatbread
- 3) Veggie Salad (V)
- 4) Chicken Caesar Wrap

Rice

Have a Bagel Day

- 1) Beef Lasagna w/ Garlic Toast
- 2) Buffalo Chicken Fajita
- 3) Yogurt Pack (V)
- 4) Chicken Banh Mi Sandwich

Roasted Broccoli

- 1) Soft Shell Tacos with Lettuce, Cheese & Salsa
- 2) Black Bean Burger (V)
- 3) Fruited Spinach Salad
- 4) Munchable

Mexican Street Corn

HOM Sage

- 1) Roasted Turkey with Dinner Roll
- 2) Grilled Cheese Sand.
- 3) Hummus & Vegetable Bowl (V)
- 4) Deli Sub

Mashed Potatoes

- 1) Cheese Pizza (V)
- 2) Turkey Corn Dog Bites
- 3) Crispy Chicken Salad
- 4) Turkey BLT Wrap

Glazed Carrots

- Maple Syrup Day**
- 1) Pancakes with fruit topping and Scrambled Eggs (V)
 - 2) Southern Chicken Biscuit Sandwich
 - 3) WG Chips, Salsa, Cheese Cubes (V)
 - 4) Chicken Caesar Salad

Breakfast Potatoes

- 1) Mac & Cheese (V)
- 2) Chicken Quesadilla
- 3) Turkey BLT Salad
- 4) Deli Sub

Rice

- 1) Crispy Chicken Tender Basket
- 2) Fish Nugget Basket
- 3) Pretzel w/ Cheese (V)
- 4) Chef Salad Dinner Roll French Fries

HOM Cabbage

- 1) Soft Shell Tacos with Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa
- 2) BBQ Chicken Sandwich
- 3) Yogurt Pack (V)
- 4) Deli Sandwich

Cole Slaw

No School



HARVEST OF THE MONTH RECIPE—DECEMBER

Braised Cabbage Apple Bacon

Yield: 4 servings

- 2 slices thick cut bacon
- 3 c chopped green cabbage
- 3 c chopped red cabbage
- 1 c chopped yellow onion
- 1 c Braeburn apple, skin on, chopped
- 1 c Granny Smith apple, skin on, chopped
- 3 Tbs balsamic vinegar
- 3/4 tsp black pepper
- 1/8 tsp kosher salt

1. Chop bacon into small chunks and cook in a large saucepan for 5 minutes.
2. Add the chopped green and red cabbage, and chopped onion.
3. Simmer for 20 minutes, covered.
4. Add the chopped apples, balsamic vinegar, salt, and pepper.
5. Simmer for another 5 minutes.
6. Serve and Enjoy!

NUTRITION SNAPSHOT ~ 1 serving
102 calories, 2g total fat, .5g sat. fat, 0g trans fat, 155mg sodium, 20g carbohydrate, 4g fiber, 2.5mg cholesterol, 3g protein