



How many winter icons can you find?  
Answer on pg. 6!

# Eagle Eye



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## Because of a Teacher...

**BRUCE LOCKLEAR**

*Interim Executive Director  
Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric*

As we approach winter break, I want to take time to say thank you to our staff for all of their work to make Eagle Ridge Academy a great place for students and adults alike. Recently, I came across [this video](#) entitled “Because of a Teacher...” Please take a few minutes to view the video and thank a teacher or staff member for their work with our children at Eagle Ridge Academy.

The work we do at Eagle Ridge Academy is intended to prepare students to attain their highest potential. We are a school that demands a great deal from our students, and we do so in a Classical Education setting. This past year, we experienced great success with state assessments, and we anticipate the same again this year. However, as I am learning more and more about the Classical tradition, I have taken notice of something David Hicks shared in his work *Of Norms and Nobility*: “***It has been said that a person with an experience is never at the mercy of a person with an argument***” (p. 107).

Classical Education, as you are aware of by now, provides students with an experience—an experience that is different from the traditional schools that surround us. The experience is a look into what defines us as people and how, as a society, we have developed over time. We use the works of Plato, Socrates, and other Classicists to inform our practice. We learn from history, both from those things worth repeating and those things that we should learn to avoid. I am honored to be a part of this school and our method for educating our students.

Finally, here's a shout out to the cast and crew of our *Musical Comedy, Murders of the 1940s*. The show was a success! I am always impressed with the ability of our students to manage their studies, community obligations, family commitments, and extra-curricular activities. Families, thank you for all you do and give to our school and community!

## Upcoming Events | DEC. 14 - JAN. 10

- Dec. 14 – Spirit Wear Day (Gr. K-12)
- Dec. 14 – Coffee House Concert
- Dec. 14 – PTO Ski & Snowboard Club
- Dec. 20 – Free Dress Day (Gr. K-12)
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1 – Winter Break, Office Closed
- Jan. 2 – School Resumes
- Jan. 8 – School Board Listening Session
- Jan. 9 – Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)
- Jan. 10 – Winter 2019-20 Enrollment Extravaganza

*For more info and events, visit the school calendar.*

## YEARBOOK HOLIDAY SWEEPSTAKES

**THIS WEEK ONLY; Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>**

Order your yearbook online and you are automatically entered to win a **\$1,000 Amazon gift card**.

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Save the Date:

**Marilyn Strand**  
Memorial Game

**Tuesday, Jan. 15**  
JV at 5:30 · VARSITY at 7:00

Proceeds and freewill donations at this game will go to support the **Marilyn Strand Memorial Scholarship.**

Let's change the  
**Lost & Found**  
to the **Lost & FIND!**

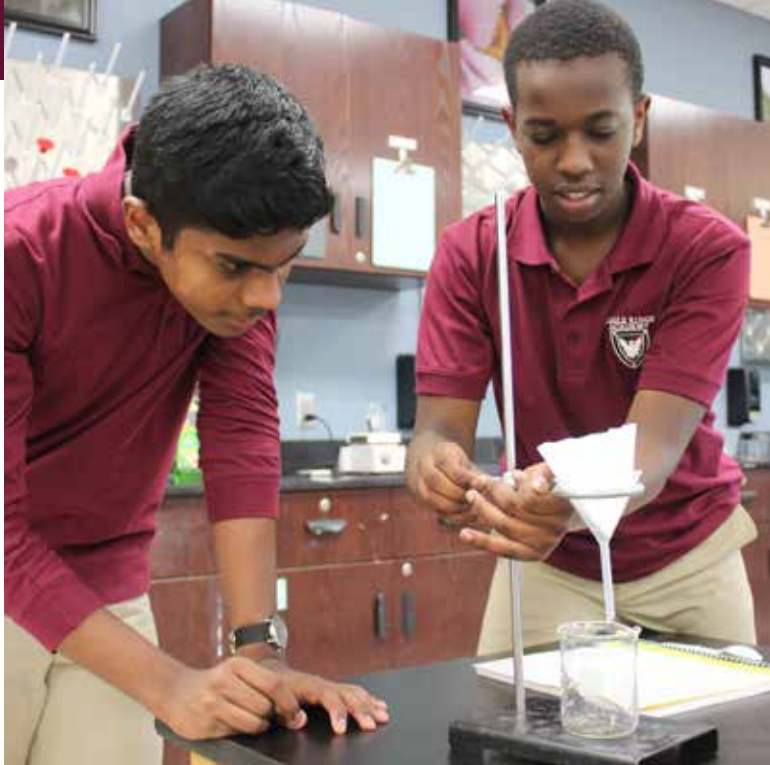


The Lost & Found will be cleaned out over Winter Break, and all items that are not claimed will be donated. Please be sure to check for your missing belongings by the end of day on Thursday, Dec. 20. Plenty of coats would love to go back home and play outside with a child!

**SCHOOLS OF LOGIC & RHETORIC**  
**FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE**  
2018-19 • Semester 1

Time	Tuesday, Jan. 15	Wednesday, Jan. 16	Thursday, Jan. 17
8:00-9:45	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3
9:50-10:25	Advisory	Advisory	Advisory
10:30 -10:55	<b>Logic:</b> Lunch <b>Rhetoric:</b> Advisory	<b>Logic:</b> Lunch <b>Rhetoric:</b> Advisory	<b>Logic:</b> Lunch <b>Rhetoric:</b> Advisory
11:00-12:45	Period 4	Advisory / Test Make Up	Period 5
12:50-1:15	<b>Logic:</b> Advisory <b>Rhetoric:</b> Lunch	<b>Logic:</b> Advisory <b>Rhetoric:</b> Lunch	<b>Logic:</b> Advisory <b>Rhetoric:</b> Lunch
1:20-3:09	Period 6	Period 7	Advisory





## 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!



### Developing Connections

**KELLY SCHIFFMAN**  
*Director of Development*



### GIFTING THAT GIVES BACK

Find gifts for everyone on your list while raising funds for Eagle Ridge Academy with the holiday gift guide. Shop gift cards from over 750 top brands, including Best Buy, Amazon, Nordstrom, Walmart, The Home Depot, and more. Whether you buy the gift cards to give as gifts to family and friends, or to use them to buy your gifts, groceries, gas, entertainment, or household—Eagle Ridge Academy earns with every gift card purchased. It’s simple, and it’s thoughtful. Use the Enrollment Code 961LF2D642179 and register with PrestoPay. Cards are delivered back to school within three days.

Shop the gift guide at [ShopWithScrip.com/GiftGuide](http://ShopWithScrip.com/GiftGuide)

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 by email. Visit our website for online giving and other important information at [www.eagleridgeacademy.org](http://www.eagleridgeacademy.org).

# 5th Grade Kindness Retreat

The 5th Grade Class attended the Youth Frontiers Kindness Retreat on Nov. 30. Here's what they learned.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY 5TH GRADE TEACHERS

"On November 30th, we went on a field trip to a place called the Kindness Retreat. When we first got there, the grown ups and high schoolers introduced themselves. Then they showed us a dance routine and we all danced and said hi to people." - Sheba

"Ally (one of the Youth Frontier staff) talked about this thing, a boomerang. Not any boomerang, though, it was a kindness boomerang! After that, we split into smaller groups, which was my favorite part." - Nathan

"The Kindness Retreat is about stopping bullying and helping each other feel welcomed and happy. My favorite part

was when we were dancing because it seemed to bond my relationship with my friends." - Nicole

"My favorite parts were when Mr. Ward busted some moves and the small group activities."

"The thing that I learned was about how much people cared about me and ways I can improve of being a better me, a better person, and a better scholar." - Janella

"I learned that besides showing CIPHER, you should also show kindness, as it is equally important as CIPHER.

"We can all make our school and our community a better place by helping others and showing others an example of what you should act like." - Laki

"I plan to use this at school and other places by being kinder to people and standing up for them." - Rohana

"The Kindness Retreat reinforced for me that your mood affects those around you. At school, I will plan to use what I learned by remembering that everyone needs some kindness." - Violet

**Be Kind**

# Free Dress Day

## Thursday, Dec. 20

2018-19 FREE DRESS DAY DATES:  
Oct. 5, Dec. 20, March 22, May 24



### What is Free Dress Day?

Free Dress Day is a school fundraiser for various departments at Eagle Ridge Academy. Students pay \$5 to be able to wear non-uniforms to school on specific days.

**One Week Before:** Dec. 13-19: K-12 students may bring \$5 to their homeroom or first hour teacher to participate in Free Dress Day.

**The Day of:** Dec. 20: The cost is \$6 if students pay on the actual Free Dress Day.

### Guidelines for Free Dress Day:

All shoes must have backs, boots are permitted. Long and short sleeve shirts are permitted. No strapless, spaghetti straps, or sleeveless tops are permitted. Jeans are permitted; however, jeans with immodest rips in them are not. Sweat pants are permitted. Any logos on clothing must be school appropriate. Shirts are not to be tied back with elastic bands, but may be untucked. Heels should be no more than 1". Skirt and shorts length should be modest, and no more than 2" above the knee. Costumes and masks should not be worn. No hats are permitted. Leggings and yoga pants may only be worn with modest shirts, tunics, shorts, and skirts.

### Dec. 20 Free Dress Day funds are going to support:

- Lego Robotics Event
- 2nd Grade author visit
- Kindergarten buses to service project
- 7th Grade Courage Retreat
- Choir Club additional Twins Game funds
- Transcript paper



# Athletics & Activities

**Congrats on a great show, cast and crew!**



View more photos from *The Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s* on our Facebook page!

## GRYPHON • BASKETBALL

### C, JV, and Varsity Games

#### DEC. 13:

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

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

#### DEC. 15:

Boys C, JV & Varsity - 1:00, 2:15, 4:00  
HOME vs. St. Paul Academy & Summit School

#### DEC. 18:

Girls Varsity - 7:00  
Away vs. Avail Academy

#### DEC. 20:

Girls Varsity - 7:00  
HOME vs. Hmong College Prep Academy

#### DEC. 27-29:

Boys Varsity - Tournament  
AWAY at Avail Academy

#### DEC. 28-29:

Girls JV & Varsity - Tournament  
AWAY at North Lakes Academy

#### JAN. 4:

Boys JV & Varsity - 5:30, 7:00  
AWAY vs. Community of Peace

Girls Varsity - 7:30  
AWAY vs. Liberty Classical Academy



# PTO News

## PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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### NEXT WEEK: FESTIVAL OF TREATS

Join our annual holiday tradition at Eagle Ridge Academy when ERA families contribute homemade treats or store bought goodies for our wonderful teachers and staff. The event will take place next Tuesday, Dec. 18. There are many fun categories of treats to choose from, including cheese and crackers, fruits, candies, and popcorn. Hurry! **There are still some slots left for you to sign up to bring in your yummy treats.**

Once you have signed up, you may bring your treats to the Main Office near Door 2 on Monday, Dec. 17 or the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 18.

### SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

The first ski and snowboard lessons started last week, and next group lesson is on Dec 14. Please note that Hyland has changed their group lesson policy. If you want a lesson, you must submit your payment a week beforehand, by Thursday at 3:00 p.m. Hyland also requires a minimum of five students per group or the lesson will not be offered.

Lessons are \$13 per person. Cash or check payment is accepted (exact amount only). Please write checks to Eagle Ridge Academy and turn in your payment to the Main Office near Door 2. On the outside of the envelope, please write your child's name, type of lesson needed (Ski or Snowboard), and ERA Ski/Snowboard Club with your lesson payment included. Payment for the lesson on Jan. 11, 2019 is due on Jan. 3, 2019 by 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please see ERA PTO LED CLUBS (K-12) on the [Activities page](#) of the school website.



It's the perfect time of year to **See it...Save it!**

[eagleridgeacademy.org/parent-teacher-organization](http://eagleridgeacademy.org/parent-teacher-organization)

# USED UNIFORM SALE

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**MONDAY, FEB. 18, 2019**  
**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**WE NEED YOUR GENTLY-USED ERA UNIFORMS!** If you have gently-used, out-grown uniforms at home, please consider selling them at our PTO Used Uniform Sale. Alternatively, you may choose to donate uniform items, with proceeds to benefit your ERA PTO. Labeled uniforms can be dropped off in the Main Office near Door 2 anytime during office hours.

**INFORMATION FOR UNIFORM SELLERS:** Please carefully read our uniform sale policy [here](#). In addition to labeling each item for sale, sellers must also register their information on [this form](#) in order to receive a mailed check of their proceeds. Feel free to use our printable [garment labels](#) to clearly label your uniform items for sale. Any unlabeled items will be considered a donation to the PTO.

*\*There are 8 winter icons hidden in this issue! Did you find them all?*