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In Awe of Our Students

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Interim Executive Director

Principal, Schools of Logic & Rhetoric

We hope break was a time of relaxation and enjoyment for you. Winter break always seems to come at the right time, giving us all a time to decompress, connect with family and friends, and catch up on those tasks that fell off or found their way to the bottom of our to-do lists. For our school, break was a time to reexamine our priorities and to make certain that we are aligned with our vision and mission. We always work consistently to reflect these in our behavior and actions. In these conversations with our leadership team, we believe we are on track. The evidence of this is our focus on our students and their ability to excel in our highly rigorous curriculum. We see this week in and week out as students are consistently meeting and exceeding our expectations.

Speaking of our students, I am always amazed and pleasantly surprised by all the activities in which they are engaged, as well as their level of commitment to our school and their myriad of activities. Often, I will find time to sit in the commons and visit with students to find out more about their experiences at ERA and inquire about what lies ahead for them. Recently, I spoke with a student who loves music, especially choral music. She shared she is scheduled to perform at Carnegie Hall in February as a part of a program for which she applied and submitted an audition tape.

Once I managed my awe and picked my jaw up from the floor, I responded with how impressed I was and expressed my gratitude for all she does for our school. All this to say, we have a special student body here in grades K-12. Not all are performing at Carnegie Hall, and yes, I am still in awe by this, but our students are engaged in finding their niche and working hard academically so that they have options following high school—options to be selected by the top colleges in our country, to join the military, or to pursue a career immediately following high school.

At the end of the day, we are lucky to have such a caring and high performing school as an option for our families.

Upcoming Events | JAN. 10 - JAN. 24

- Jan. 10 – Winter 2019-20 Enrollment Extravaganza
- Jan. 11 – Spirit Wear Day (K-12)
- Jan. 11 – 8th Grade Dance
- Jan. 15-17 – Finals Week, Upper School (Gr. 6-12)
- Jan. 18 – No School
- Jan. 19 – Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball Games at Target Center
- Jan. 21 – No School
- Jan. 21 – 2019-20 Enrollments Lottery
- Jan. 22 – School Board Meeting
- Jan. 24 – Annual Spelling Bee
- Jan. 26 – High School Winter Dance

For more info and events, visit the school calendar.

SCHOOLS OF LOGIC & RHETORIC

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

2018-19 • Semester 1

Early release and late arrival are available during finals week for students in grades 9-12. [See details and parameters on this linked form, due Friday, Jan. 11 at 3:09 p.m.](#)

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	Logic: Lunch Rhetoric: Advisory	Logic: Lunch Rhetoric: Advisory	Logic: Lunch Rhetoric: Advisory
11:00-12:45	Period 4	Advisory / Test Make Up	Period 5
12:50-1:15	Logic: Advisory Rhetoric: Lunch	Logic: Advisory Rhetoric: Lunch	Logic: Advisory Rhetoric: Lunch
1:20-3:09	Period 6	Period 7	Advisory



School of Logic Olympus Club Members



School of Rhetoric Olympus Club Members

2018
SPRING SEMESTER

EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY

Olympus Club

Students listed are recognized for achieving a grade-point average of 3.33 or higher in the Spring 2018 semester while also receiving less than three tardies and no detentions. Olympus Club students have won the ability to wear Spirit Wear dress during finals week. Way to go, Gryphons!

SCHOOL OF LOGIC

Carter A.
Livia B.
Isabelle C.
Margaret C.
Jack D.
Uriel D.
Emily E.
Arjan E.
Aafia F.
Anthony F.
Maren F.
Violet G.
Daniela G.
Gabriel G.
Logan G.
Dhruv G.
Owen H.
Kayden J.
Jay J.
Darcy J.
Gabriel J.
Kathryn J.
Nora J.
Benjamin J.

Sanchaya Varshika J.
Max K.
Shivsai K.
Thor L.
Greta L.
Walter L.
Kaelen L.
Lasya M.
Isabel M.
Sihaam M.
Theodore R.
Devang S.
Emma S.
Grace S.
Aditya S.
Jackson S.
Andrew W.
Ava W.
Jonah W.
Abigail W.
Ming Wei Y.
Mariam Z.
Aisha A.

Valeria C.
Michael C.
Daniel D.
Elsa D.
Natalie G.
Pranav G.
Aniketh H.
Ella H.
Zoe H.
Alexander J.
Matthew K.
Dhruvi M.
Sophie M.
Dhruvi M.
Ananya S.
Siri T.
Karis T.
Luke W.
Noelle W.
Nisanth Y.
Alexandra Z.

SCHOOL OF RHETORIC

Tanya B.
Isabel B.
Eudora B.
Katelyn B.
Alexander B.
Josephine C.
Miriam C.
Gabriella C.
William C.
Emma D.
Thomas D.
Lisha F.
Fionnuala F.
Ellie G.
Alexa G.
Alexander G.
Anna G.
Nathaniel G.
Sridhatri G.
Marit H.
Saeda H.
Clara H.
Maxwell H.
Gillian H.

Ariannya H.
Gretchen H.
Helena H.
Sanjana J.
Bunny J.
Madelyn J.
Makenzie K.
Khaia K.
Shea K.
Olivia K.
Henry L.
Andrea M.
Kaitlyn M.
Jackson M.
Molly M.
Jakob M.
Andrew M.
Isaac M.
Dominic M.
Sofia M.
Emma M.
Muthuvignesh M.
Elise M.

Abigail M.
Hayley M.
Madeleine M.
Sunan M.
Shamis M.
Evan N.
Eric O.
Grace O.
Mitchell O.
Ayayo O.
Tapan P.
Isabella P.
Melanie P.
Anusha R.
Alita R.
Beatrice R.
Julia S.
Anna S.
Emily S.
Kaya W.
Piper W.
Catherine W.

Community Updates



Sibling Applications for 2018-19 Lottery

JANICE GERHEART
Admissions Specialist

If you have children who are NOT currently attending Eagle Ridge Academy, but you would like to enter them into the enrollment lottery for the 2019-2020 school year, please [complete an application for each child](#) prior to 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

When completing the application, please enter the name and grade of the sibling(s) currently enrolled in the space provided. The enrollment lottery will take place on Monday, Jan. 21 with results emailed on Friday, Feb. 1. You do not need to reapply for children who are already enrolled.

Sibling applicants in kindergarten and grades 9-12 will automatically receive an enrollment offer since openings in those grades will be available at the time of the lottery. The number of openings in all other grades will be determined by the number of students who do not return for the 2019-20 school year. Generally, it is late spring before families notify us of their intent not to return. Thank you and feel free to [contact me](#) with questions regarding the application/enrollment process.



Infinite Campus Grade View Closed 1/16-1/23

KAREN CONNER
Operations Manager

The grading view in the [Infinite Campus parent portal](#) will close at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16 for teachers to enter semester one grades. Report cards and semester grades will be available for viewing on Wednesday, Jan. 23 at the end of the school day. We encourage you to log into the Infinite Campus parent portal on a regular basis to track your child's progress.

If you need assistance accessing your Infinite Campus parent portal account, please contact [Janice Gerheart](#).



Perseverance

JANELLE MELLGREN
Principal, School of Grammar

The Pillar we're focusing on this month is **perseverance**. As I've been pondering this, it's occurred to me that often we present this character trait in simplistic terms. We continue trying to do something with the understanding that accomplishing it often takes more than a first try but rather continual effort.

While I think there is a lot of value in that idea of perseverance, I think it might be just as important to think about perseverance as a journey in terms of what opportunities for relationships and growth it provides. Sometimes we continue to persist and during the process, we learn important things about ourselves or others that we wouldn't have otherwise found out. Other times, we have people alongside us assisting and encouraging us—sometimes those might be the people we expect and sometimes it's a surprise, so we meet someone new. Often when we persevere, we are able to understand and provide encouragement to someone else in a similar circumstance later, all because we went on the journey.

So, as we work to do our part to teach our students perseverance, I hope they will learn the value of continuing to try and how rewarding it can be when we do achieve a goal we've set. I also hope that we will do a good job helping them see the value this journey can hold for them—if they are open to seeing, experiencing, and putting it into practice.





Developing Connections

KELLY SCHIFFMAN
Director of Development

2019 brings many activities and opportunities for involvement and support at Eagle Ridge Academy. Are you interested in getting more involved in activities that benefit your child?

- **We are welcoming new faces to help plan our annual golf tournament, the Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament**, which takes place June 17 at Bent Creek Golf Club. Committee members do not need to play golf or know a lot about it to help plan.
- **The Donut Dash 5K**, a fun Eagle Ridge Academy tradition, will need volunteers for this year's event on May 11. Consider volunteering for a couple hours to help check people in, guide runners on the course, help with the Mini-Donut Dash, direct traffic, or help with food. Fun times!
- **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. FERA is committed to developing community and national 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. To support areas like scholarships, teacher education, student leadership, activities and athletics, the performing arts, robotics, or our endowment, you may [donate now](#).

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

Community Updates



Am I Well Enough to Go to School?

PAULA KOFFLIN, RN, BSN, PHN, LSN
School Nurse

The peak of the cold and flu season is upon us. To prevent widespread flu in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing cold or flu symptoms. To decide whether or not to send your child to school, [please consider the following guidelines, which we have compiled into one handy sheet for your use.](#)

Consider keeping your child at home for an extra day of rest and observation if he or she has any of the following symptoms: very stuffy or runny nose and/or cough, mild sore throat (no fever, no known exposure to strep), headache, and/or mild stomachache.

Definitely keep your child at home for treatment and observation if he or she has any of these symptoms: vomiting (even once); diarrhea; chills; general malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches; frequent congested (wet) or croupy cough; lots of nasal congestion with frequent blowing of nose; fever (greater than 100.5 degrees). Your child may return to school only after his or her temperature has been consistently below 100.5 degrees, by mouth, for a minimum of 24 hours. ****If you have to give acetaminophen or ibuprofen before school for an elevated temperature, your child should not come to school. During the height of cold/flu season, your child will be sent home from school if their temperature is greater than 99.5 and if accompanied by cold/flu symptoms.**

To help prevent the flu and other colds, teach your children good hygiene habits: wash hands frequently; do not touch eyes, nose or mouth; cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing; avoid close contact with people who are sick.

If there are any questions regarding the flu or if you want to talk to the nurse, [please reach out](#).

GRYPHON CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Save the Date:
June 17, 2019!*





ERA
BASKETBALL

Save the Date:
Marilyn Strand
Memorial Game

****Postponed****
New Date Available Soon

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

**GAME POSTPONED
DUE TO
REF SHORTAGE**

New Date Available Soon! Stay tuned via email and Facebook for updates.



Gryphons Girls Basketball Featured on WCCO News

Our ERA-ISM girls basketball team and coach, former Timberwolves player Troy Hudson, were featured last Friday on WCCO-TV. Their tenacity and perseverance shine through! [Click to watch the story.](#)



Register for Spring Clubs

DONNA CORNELIUS

Activities Specialist

Spring activity clubs will be starting soon, and many year-long clubs are still accepting registration if your child is interested in trying a new extra-curricular during second semester. Available clubs include:

Full Year Clubs

- ERA Fitness Club: Gr. 9-12
- The Citizen School Paper: Gr. 9-12
- Climbing Club: Gr. 9-12
- Club Terra: Gr. 6-12
- The Nerd Coalition: Gr. 7-12
- Book Club: Gr. 9-12
- Math Team: Gr. 7-12
- MN High School Music Listening Contest: Gr. 9-12
- Spanish Club: Gr. 9-12
- Mock Trial: Gr. 7-12
- Junior Classical League: Gr. 6-12
- Film History with Dr. Rockcastle: Gr. 11-12

Spring Semester Clubs

- Gryphon Youth Welcome to Running Club: Gr. 3-8
- Girls Badminton: Gr. 6-12
- Robotics Club: Gr. 9-12
- FIRST Lego League: Gr. 3-6
- Choir Club Session 2: Gr. 3-5
- Japanese Club Jan –April: Gr. 9-12
- Improv Club: Gr. 9-12
- Culture Kids International: Gr. K-5

For registration links and more details, visit the [Activities](#) page of the school website.

GRYPHON • BASKETBALL C, JV, and Varsity Games

JAN. 11:

Boys C, JV & Varsity - 5:30, 7:00
AWAY vs. Concordia Academy - Roseville

Girls JV & Varsity - 5:30, 7:30
AWAY vs. North Lakes Academy

JAN. 16:

Boys JV & Varsity - 5:30, 7:00
HOME vs. Hope Academy

JAN. 18:

Boys JV & Varsity - 4:30, 6:00
HOME vs. Cristo Rey Jesuit HS

Girls Varsity - 7:45
HOME vs. HS for Recording Arts

JAN. 19:

Girls Varsity - 2:30
vs. Twin Cities Academy at the Target Center

Boys Varsity - 4:30
vs. Twin Cities Academy at the Target Center

JAN. 23:

Girls Varsity - 7:00
HOME vs. Cristo Rey Jesuit HS

First Lego League Robotics

Eagle Ridge Academy's Robotics program expanded to include a new team for grades 3-6 this fall.

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY
MR. DEREK LUTZ, ROBOTICS
PROGRAM ADVISOR



Eagle Ridge Academy's FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team, made up of grades 9-12, started in 2016 when a group of students successfully petitioned the school to start a program. This year, the Robotics program expanded to include FIRST Lego League (FLL), serving grades 3-6, to give ERA five FLL teams for the first time. The growth over the last three years has been astounding, from seven students in 2016 to 63 in 2018!

The goal of FLL is to provide young students an opportunity to explore STEM fields through building a Lego robot that they can code to complete missions at a regional tournament against other teams. The club also helps students develop their team work and communication skills as they use all of their ideas and focus on a singular goal. Finally, starting FLL gives high school students in Robotics the opportunity to mentor younger students as they worked with the FLL teams.

Throughout the fall, FLL teams created robots that they could program to



complete different tasks. The robot had to leave home base, move and interact with objects in the field, and return home, all without having the students touch it after running the program.

The teams also developed a research project to combat a problem that astronauts would face in space. Each group needed to brainstorm ideas of a problem astronauts face, decide as a group on one problem, research that problem using books and the internet to learn more about it and learn about current methods to combat the problem, talk to professionals in their field, share their research with others, and come up with their own solution to the problem based on all of that infor-

mation. Students then came up with a poster board, skit, or other methods to display their information at the tournament and memorize their lines for what they would say when presenting their information to a judge.

There will be a second round of FLL this spring, with [registration available on the school website](#). We are looking for sponsors to expand our program to include K-2 students (Junior FIRST LEGO League) and a middle school program (FIRST Tech Trek). If you have any contacts within a company that may be able to sponsor the Robotics program, please reach out to [Derek Lutz](#) to learn more.

Build it!



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, outgrown 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.



PTO News

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

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SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

The first ski and snowboard lessons started last week, and the next group lesson is on Jan. 11. The following lesson is on Jan. 18, with payment due today, Jan. 10, by 3:00 p.m. 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. 18, 2019 is due today, Jan. 10, 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.

PTO QUARTERLY MEETING: JAN. 28

Join us for PTO Quarterly meeting on Jan 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the ERA forum. The discussion will include financial updates, spring event planning (February Uniform Sale, Roller Garden, Teacher Appreciation Week), and Elections for our 2019-2020 PTO Board.

SEE IT... SAVE IT!

Have you joined in the See it...Save it fun yet? Now is the time! Earn money for ERA by collecting redemption items that are already in your cupboard and help your classroom or advisory win a prize! Go to eagleridgeacademy.org/parent-teacher-organization and click on See it...Save it! for more details. Our second contest is underway and will end on Wednesday, Feb. 20! Watch the Eagle Eye for contest standings throughout the month of February.