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Join us May 2: Spring State of the Academy

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Executive Director

Join us on **Thursday, May 2 from 5:30-7:15 p.m.** for the **Spring State of the Academy**, which will include annual updates along with Upper School and Activities updates and a Tasting Event with Taher, our school lunch provider.

I will present the annual State of the Academy Address from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Topics to be covered will include academic progress, financial health, extracurricular activities, goal progress from 2018-19, and opportunities for growth for 2019-20. There will also be a Questions and Answer session.

The Upper School Update section will feature Susan Bloomgren, Director of Academics, and Dr. Bruce Locklear, Principal of the Schools of Logic and Rhetoric, addressing the topics of expanded academic offerings, changes in the Latin requirement for graduation, and changes in weighted grades.

Kris Babler, Activities Director, will give an update about the Gryphon Youth Sports League (GYSL).

Finally, a sampling of food from Taher, our school lunch provider, will be available. We invite you to join us for an informative evening of community engagement!



#GoGryphons

Weather Make-Up Days

Please plan to be at school on:
Monday, May 6



2019 Board Candidate FORUM

April 18 at 6:00 p.m. • Eagle Ridge Academy Forum
Hear From Your School Board Candidates!

Upcoming Events | MARCH 21-APRIL 18

- March 21 – School of Grammar Variety Show
- March 22 – Free Dress Day
- March 25-29 – Spring Break, Office Closed
- April 1 – School Resumes
- April 1-12 – Driver's Ed
- April 4 – Volunteer Appreciation Event
- April 5 – Spirit Wear Day
- April 9 – School Board Listening Session
- April 9 – School Board Workshop
- April 11 – 7th Grade Science Fair
- April 13 – ACT College Entrance Exam
- April 15 – Children's Choir Performance
- April 16 – Children's Choir at Twins Game
- April 18 – School Board Candidate Forum
- April 18 – Donut Dash Day Wear DD5k Spirit Wear!

For more info and events, visit the school calendar.



Sign Up to Play the Piano!

Questions? Contact
Kelly Schiffman.



SUSAN BLOOMGREN
Director of Academics

MCA Testing Updates

Testing will begin on Wed., April 17

After spring break, students in grades 3-8, 10, and 11 will be taking the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs). See the testing schedule here:

School of Rhetoric: MCA Scores and College Classes

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities may use high school MCA reading and mathematics scores to assist in determining course enrollment by the 2019–2020 school year.

- Students who are at or above an identified score will not be required to take a remedial, non-credit bearing course in the corresponding subject area.
- Students who are below an identified score, which indicates that the student's performance is not on track to meet career and college readiness, may need to take a remedial, non-credit bearing course in the corresponding subject area.

Importance of Testing

Starting this year, students who do not take the MCAs will negatively impact a school's MCA proficiency by counting as not passing the assessment. There are several repercussions for the school and the student when a student does not test.

The score does not provide a clear picture of an individual student's performance. When students do not take the MCAs, the not passing score creates an inaccurate picture of school performance, which could negatively impact our charter renewal as well as school-wide and teacher goals linked to performance.

As a result of these changes, it is imperative that students take the assessment during the testing window from 4/17 to 5/7.

Grades 3-11: 2019 MCA Testing Schedule

Grade	Math	Reading	Science
3rd	4/29	4/23	N/A
4th	4/30	4/25	N/A
5th	4/29	4/23	5/7
6th	4/30	4/25	N/A
7th	4/24	5/1	N/A
8th	4/17	5/1	5/7
10th	N/A	4/17	4/24
11th	4/17	N/A	N/A

The **ACT**[®]
For Juniors

April 24
More Information
to Come



Spring Events Update



Developing Connections

KELLY SCHIFFMAN
Director of Development

With the nice weather emerging, it's a good time to start thinking spring and summer! The Donut Dash 5K and Mini-Donut Dash ½ Mile is eight weeks away on May 11 and the Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament is June 17!

Proceeds from both events will help support Robotics and a new student Pep Band at Eagle Ridge Academy.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:

1. **Register** today: [Donut Dash](#) | [Gryphon Golf Classic](#)
2. **Sponsor** the events with a donation of product or a financial gift.
3. **Ask** your employer to participate as a sponsor.
4. **Volunteer** to help at the 5K on May 11. We need 50 volunteers.
5. **Donate** a 100 percent tax-deductible gift.
6. **Help promote** both events by sharing on your social media or word of mouth. Invite your friends, family, and work colleagues. [Donut Dash](#) | [Gryphon Golf Classic](#)

We are seeking corporate sponsors for both of these events. Check with your employer to see if they might be interested in backing either of these events and supporting your student(s) and his/her classmates at Eagle Ridge Academy!

GRYPHON CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT:

June 17 • [Register Now](#)



Join us for
the 5th Annual Dash!

**Race on Saturday,
May 11, 2019**

**Register Today
for Only \$30!**



Activities Corner

Free Dress Day Friday, March 22

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:

March 18-21: K-12 students may bring \$5 to their home-room or first hour teacher to participate in Free Dress Day.

The Day of:

March 22: 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.

March 22 Free Dress Day funds are going to support:

- Kindergarten Reading Supplement
- Art Expo Displays
- Camera Lens for Communication Department
- Buses for Humanities Theater Field Trips
- Display Frames for Upper School
- Buses for 2nd Grade Field Trip to Landscape Arboretum
- 4th & 5th Grade Pi Day Celebration
- Metallophone for K-5 Music
- Buses for 1st Grade Field Trip to MN Zoo
- 6th Grade Field Trips to Bakken Museum and Eagle Bluff



Congratulations, Drama Club!

**"The Importance of Being Earnest"
was a smashing success.**

The junior and senior classes of
Eagle Ridge Academy cordially invite you to

Starlit Galaxy

2019 Prom
on Saturday, May 4
7:00pm - 10:00pm

tickets \$65 thru 4/12, \$75 thru 4/18
Appetizers provided

The Garden Room at Chanhassen Dinner Theatre
501 W 78th Street
Chanhassen, MN 55317

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

Eagle Ridge Academy Auditorium



THANK YOU for sharing your time and talents with us.
Please join us in celebration honoring YOU - our volunteers!

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Dessert social immediately following the program

RSVP HERE • *Questions? Contact Donna Cornelius, Activities Specialist*



PTO News

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
pto.eagleridge@gmail.com

SEEKING 2019-2020 ERA PTO BOARD MEMBERS

Please [nominate yourself or another person](#) to join our 2019-2020 ERA PTO Board. We are looking for engaged, enthusiastic ERA parents to join us to fulfill our mission of creating fun student events and supporting our teachers. No experience is necessary, just a desire to have fun, meet other parents, and serve our community. Most positions are paired, and we thrive on teamwork. All are welcome—we hope you'll join us! [Nominations are due April 15, 2019](#) and will be published in the April 25 edition of the Eagle Eye. The new board will be voted on by attendees at our Quarterly PTO Community Meeting on April 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

SEE IT... SAVE IT!

Please continue to collect redemption items for the Spring Contest! We are collecting Coke codes, Box Tops, Loaves4Learning UPCs, and Tyson Rewards. Thank you to all who turned in Milk Moola for our final submission. As a reminder, we are no longer able to accept Milk Moola now that Kwik Trip has discontinued the program. Kwik Trip does participate in the Scrip program, so to continue supporting ERA through your purchases there, [please look into the Scrip program here](#). See it...Save it is also no longer able to accept ink cartridges and cell phones. We appreciate your continued support of ERA through See it...Save it!



NEW DATE
SUNDAY, APRIL 28
5:00-7:00 PM

8th Annual Roller Skating Party
**Roller Garden in
St. Louis Park**

Please join us Sunday, April 28, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Roller Garden!

Cost: \$6 for students, including skate/rollerblade rental. Non-skating parents stay and visit for free (no drop offs!). All students receive a FREE glow necklace. Food and beverages are available for purchase.