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Board of Directors News

Clare Murray, Teacher Board Member

The board of directors invites you to join us tonight via Zoom to learn more about the candidates running for the Eagle Ridge Academy Board of Directors. This is a great opportunity to get to know the candidates and ask questions prior to voting.

Topic: Board of Directors Candidate Forum

Time: May 21, 2020 06:00 PM Central Time

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 831 3387 5915 | Password: ERA2020

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83133875915>



Schools of Logic & Rhetoric News

Bart Johnson, Principal

The Eagle Ridge Academy's Class of 2020 invites you to their commencement ceremony on Friday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook Live. You may [view the ceremony here](#).

A compilation of prerecorded speeches from students and staff, as well as the video of seniors receiving their diplomas will be edited to create the video production that will be viewed on June 5. We encourage everyone to attend!

Classic Learning Test

Missy Madigan, Instructional Coach & Classical Coordinator

On behalf of the dedicated educators providing a high quality, Classical education to our wonderful students, I proclaim a great Gryphon congratulations to our ten juniors who recently took the Classic Learning Test (CLT), a college entrance assessment rooted in measuring students' ability to critically think and reason using passages from great works studied within the Classical tradition.



CLT

About the CLT: The CLT was founded in 2015 to provide alternative standardized tests rooted in tradition and taking advantage of modern technologies. Featuring passages selected from great works across a variety of disciplines, the CLT suite of assessments provides a highly accurate and rigorous measure of reasoning, aptitude, and academic formation for students from diverse educational backgrounds. The CLT also provides colleges and secondary schools with detailed information about student learning trends in order to facilitate decisions about admissions, curricula, and instruction.

Below are some highlights from the April 25 test session, noting that a perfect score is 120:

- 90% of students scored above the national average and achieved a score above 75 - the mark CLT notes as proficient.
- Overall, students scored an average score of 82.
- Our highest score was a remarkable 109.
- Students completing the post-test survey called the experience: engaging, efficient, and rigorous.
- All students mentioned that they felt either very well prepared or well prepared for the test given their courses at Eagle Ridge.

We are proud of the diligence of our students as they give us their best in academic achievement, behavior, and attitude as they strive for their highest potential.

National Merit Scholarship Finalists



Last fall, Helena Holland and Melanie Perry, two Eagle Ridge Academy seniors, were excited to learn that they had been recognized as 2020 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists.

On May 13, it was announced that both students had received the honor of being named as finalists for this prestigious scholarship. Helena received a full scholarship to the University of Nebraska where she will study electrical engineering and Melanie received a humanities fellowship to study at Brandeis University in Boston in the fall. Congratulations to these scholars for their hard work and dedication.



Developing Connections

Kelly Schiffman, Director of Development

This gorgeous weather is perfect for hitting the golf course! We are excited to be able to hold our annual Gryphon Classic Golf Tournament on June 8... just under three weeks away! There will be certain social distancing guidelines but, overall, you will notice little difference. To secure carts, please get your registration in by Friday, May 25.



The most important piece is that you still get to play 18 holes of golf, on a Monday, all while supporting the students of Eagle Ridge Academy! Proceeds this year will help support a new 6,200 SF gymnasium and new weight room.

For more information or to register, visit <https://www.eagleridgeacademy.org/event/7th-annual-golf-tournament/> or call Kelly Schiffman at 952-746-7760, ext. 1107. We hope many of you will join us this year and support the school while being outdoors and enjoying some safe distance company on the course!

**GRYPHON
CLASSIC GOLF
TOURNAMENT:**
June 8 • Register Now



Community Updates

Kris Babler, Activities Director

Greetings Eagle Ridge Academy Families,

Coaches and co-curricular leaders are planning for summer small group contact with the goal of a launch date of July 6. We are currently establishing guidelines based on CDC and Minnesota Department of Education guidelines. It is Eagle Ridge Academy's intent to allow maximum use of the school facilities for this programming when we are allowed to do so.

Please watch for future communications of available options as we adapt to the constantly changing situation.

Fall Registration

We are currently rebuilding the athletics, activities, and clubs websites and upgrading our online registration process. Expect registration for fall sports to happen later than usual this year.

We are excited about the return of our cross country, volleyball, and soccer programs. Last season had a number of exciting benchmarks. The cross country program sent runners to the state meet, the volleyball team won its first section tournament game, and the boys' soccer team won the Minnesota Classic Athletic Association.

Gryphon Youth Soccer will return, as well. We continue to plan for fall activities to return - from pep band and theater to our athletic programs. We will follow all guidelines set forth by the Minnesota Department of Education in order to provide a safe environment for all students.

Refunds

Refunds for spring activities are being processed, with many families already seeing payment. Please be patient as our staff works through the paperwork necessary to document refunds.

Cross Country

What: Informational Meeting for ERA/ISM Cross Country

Who: Students (and parents) who will be in grades 7 through 12 in the fall of 2020 that may be interested in participating in cross country

When: Thursday, May 21, 7:00 pm

Where: [Zoom Meeting](#) | Meeting ID: 785 4015 1535 | Password: 003044

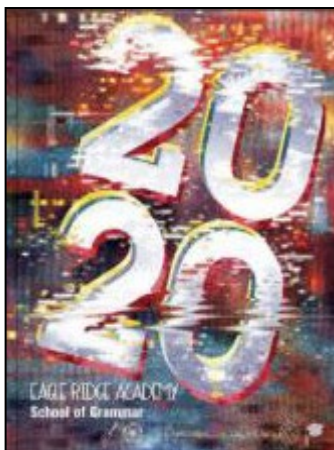
Topics: What is cross country? Why do we do this? Why summer conditioning? And what does it involve? Questions? We would love to have you attend!!!

Stay safe and GO GRYPHONS!



ERA Art Hub

As we are not able to congregate in our typical fashion for shows and displays, the art teachers invite you to visit the [ERA ART HUB](#) to enjoy the artistic works of our K-12 students. Please note that we continue to welcome 6th-12th grade contributions in all areas of artistic expression.



K-5 School of Grammar Yearbook Distribution...

I know everyone is excited to see the wonderful pictures taken over the school year, when we were all together.

- Yearbook Distribution will take place: **June 2 & 3** from **9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- Find me by the **garden, under the tent** - social distancing is required.
- Yearbooks **must be signed out by the purchasing adult** to ensure a secure distribution of pre-paid yearbooks.
- Yearbooks **must be picked up during allotted time** for spring pick up.
- All yearbooks that have not been picked up will be secured during summer break. **Remaining yearbooks will be distributed to students in the fall.**
- I'm sorry, but we do not have any extra yearbooks available for purchase.

The week of May 11, our Lower School yearbook advisor shared the individual yearbook class pages with all classroom teachers. We hope you've enjoyed the small memento of smiles during this time of isolation.

Order Food Service for 5/26-29

Our chef at Eagle Ridge Academy prepares breakfast and lunch each school day. These meals are available to all children 18 years old and younger, and the children do not have to be students at the Academy. There is no income qualification to be eligible to receive the meals that are provided during distance learning. For your convenience, we bundle meals so you may pick up one week's worth of meals for each child rather than travel to the Academy daily. We ask that you complete [this order form](#) and choose up to four (4) meals for each child for the week of May 11, 2020. We recommend Tuesday as a pick up day, as we have experienced occasional delays in shipments due to the COVID-19 virus. We have staff on hand to facilitate safe pick up of the meals you order. The order form is emailed to families weekly and is due each Friday. If you forget to complete an order form, please let us know so that we will make sure to have meals available, though options may be limited as the order form assists us in planning.

If you have questions about food service, please contact Brittany Radtke, Chef:
bradtke@eagleridgeacademy.org



Reminder:

Unclaimed Lost & Found items will be donated at the end of the school year.

PTO News

Parent Teacher Organization, pto.eagleridge@gmail.com

TEACHER APPRECIATION...MONTH!

In the midst of distance learning, we are coming to appreciate, even more than ever, the hard work and dedication of our wonderful ERA teachers. While this week is the officially designated Teacher Appreciation Week, our PTO has planned a few surprises to span the month of May. We are asking for your help to make it all possible and show our teachers how much we see, notice, and appreciate all they do!

THIS WEEK: We planned a very special gift and gift card delivery to each teacher and staff member! Please consider a small donation in honor of your student's or students' teacher(s).

Donate anytime online [HERE](#) OR mail check/cash to the address above "Attn: PTO Teacher Appreciation".

Thank you in advance for your participation and partnership in encouraging our ERA Teachers!

SEEKING 2020-2021 ERA PTO BOARD MEMBERS

Please nominate yourself or another person to join our 2020-2021 ERA PTO Board. We are looking for engaged, enthusiastic ERA parents to join us in fulfillment of our mission to create fun student events and support 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 and we hope you'll join us! Due to circumstances regarding the current pandemic, we have extended our nomination period through the end of the school year to maximize participation. We can't wait to see you in the fall! [Nominate yourself or someone else here.](#)

STAY CONNECTED WITH FRIENDS USING OUR SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Connect with our ERA community through the K-12 Parent Directory. (Please note that My School Anywhere is now Membership Tool Kit.)

Step 1:

- Create an account at eagleridgeacademy.membershiptoolkit.com.
- If you already have an account from last year, using My School Anywhere, you can use the same email and password to log in. You can then confirm or edit your information.

Step 2:

- Click "verify my email" and check your email for a link to complete the process.

Questions? Please contact: Anu: anu.philip@gmail.com or Jodie: jodielynn20@yahoo.com