



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

December 2, 2021 Newsletter

A Message from Executive Director, Andy Johnson:

We live in a beautiful place. A significant reason that my family and I chose Idaho after transitioning from a long career in the Army was the beauty and accessibility of the outdoors. We have spent countless hours hiking, backpacking, running, fishing, hunting and relaxing in the mountains of Idaho. I love being in the mountains - no matter what I am doing.



I feel very fortunate that both Sage and Forge have outdoor programs. In fact, I believe that they are more than programs. I think they are fundamental to the experience of many of our students now and in the past. I helped lead Forge's first overnight backpacking trip in August of 2021 and it reminded me (after a long Covid break from school trips in the outdoors) of the power that shared experiences in the outdoors can have on a child's (and adult's) sense of belonging at school.

We are striving at both campuses - across our network - to offer opportunities to get outdoors at levels that match each person's comfort and ability. Please read through our newsletters carefully and notice that both schools have upcoming life sports opportunities at Bogus Basin. These are accessible, affordable ways to introduce children to the mountains in winter.

December 11th is the United Nations International Mountain Day. I was elated to discover this. Mountains are absolutely essential to our lives in Idaho. They are wonderful places to visit; they provide much of the water in our reservoirs; they sustain trout-filled rivers and they attract tourists who support small businesses in mountain towns. As a member of the Sage International Network of Schools, I take seriously our responsibility, as our mission urges, to ask questions, to learn and to take action locally and globally to protect fragile ecosystems such as our beautiful Idaho mountains. Please take a moment to explore International Mountain Day at [this link](#).

All the best,

Andy



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

December 20-31 - Holiday Break - No School!

January 13 - End of 1st Semester

January 17 - MLK Jr. Day- no school!

The 2022-2023 School Year Calendar has been approved and can be found [HERE!](#)

STAY CONNECTED!

Other than this newsletter, [our website](#) is the best resource for general info about Sage. You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter!



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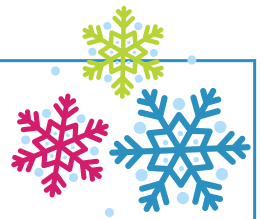


OUR MISSION:

SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ENGAGES STUDENTS WITHIN AN INCLUSIVE IB LEARNING COMMUNITY, CHALLENGING ALL MEMBERS TO TAKE RISKS AND CONTRIBUTE LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY THROUGH OPEN-MINDED INQUIRY.



A Note from our Head of School, Kali Webb:



Hello Sage Families,

We made it to December...the final month of what feels like a very long 2021. While this past year - and most certainly 2020 - have been filled with challenges and the ongoing pandemic, I believe our Sage Community has remained steadfast and courageous through it all. As a school and family partnership we have always put our students first and are driven by our mission to provide a safe, meaningful, and challenging educational experience. It truly takes all of us, through our partnership and commitment to one another, to provide opportunities for our children to develop into IB learners, compassionate humans, critical thinkers, and contributing members of the local and global community. Despite an ongoing global pandemic and continuous civil and political unrest, the Sage Community has continued to be a shining light in the Treasure Valley and beyond. It's successful because of you...because of us...because of our partnership. As I took some much needed time to reflect this past week, one thing I kept coming back to was our partnership. This whole thing - this bold idea to run a tuition-free IB For All school in Boise, ID - is a team effort, and I am beyond blessed to be a part of this team that does amazing things for kids. Thank you for staying committed, for partnering with our team, and for always keeping our IB Learners at the CENTER of all we do.

As we reflect on the past year and prepare for the next, I encourage all of us to stay focused on our children and driven by our mission to engage students within an inclusive IB learning community, challenging all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry.

Happy last month of 2021 Team Sage, and cheers to a 2022 full of love, laughter, learning, and purpose.

Much Love,
Ms. Kali Webb, Head of School



We are excited to announce our **4th Annual Sage Giving Tree!** This event is spearheaded by Mr. Parker each year as an opportunity for Sage to support our own families who are in extra need of assistance. This year the Sage Giving Tree will focus on food insecure Sage families.



- **To donate**, please purchase Walmart and/or Winco gift cards and deliver them to either front desk of the main (Everest) building by **noon on Monday, December 13th**. Please be sure to identify who you are when you drop it off.
- You can purchase Walmart gift cards online, and then email to BOTH zach.parker@sageintl.org AND Administrative Assistant extraordinaire Katie Ashby, katie.ashby@sageintl.org. When ordering online, please identify sender as From a "Caring Sage Family", but include your name when forwarding to us so that we can identify who sent the card.
- **Families in need of assistance**, please complete this survey. Respect for privacy is important and names will only be seen by Mr. Parker and Katie Ashby. This survey will close on Wednesday, December 8th.
- Gift cards will be mailed out to families the week of December 14th.

Thank you to all who are willing to help us make this holiday season better for our Sage Families who need it most!!





Nurse P's Health Corner:

GIVE THE GIFT OF COVID-19 IMMUNITY TO YOUR FAMILY!

Covid-19 vaccine is now widely available to ages 5 and up. Local healthcare providers and pharmacies are accepting appointments for anyone ages 5 & up to receive the Covid-19 vaccine and boosters. Please consult with your doctor to determine if the



Covid-19 vaccine is recommended for your family members. [Click here to locate vaccine clinics](#) in your area.

COVID-19 VACCINE IS ALSO CONVENIENTLY AVAILABLE AT THE ALBERTSONS CORPORATE OFFICES on Parkcenter on Fridays from 11am-5pm & Saturdays 9am-3pm.

Albertsons is hosting COVID-19 Vaccine clinics at their corporate office right across the street from the Sage campus at 250 E. Parkcenter Blvd. Boise, ID 83706. You can schedule your [appointment here](#).

Keep Sage Strong Thru 2021 by Keeping Students Home With Symptoms of Illness:

Students with symptoms of illness, especially multiple symptoms, should be kept at home until symptom-free (or at least very mild and well-controlled) for 24 hrs. This guidance applies to symptoms of the common cold as well. In order to continue with in-person learning, we must protect our students and staff not only from contracting Covid-19 but other minor illnesses as well. Our staff is particularly vulnerable because they work with so many students and subs are critically limited. We appreciate everyone doing their part by conducting daily health screenings before sending students to school. We recommend using the [CDC Covid-19 Symptom Checker](#).

Please keep students home if:

- They have any symptoms consistent with Covid-19
- They've had direct exposure to a positive case
- They have a pending test after a known exposure
- **Especially** if they tested positive for Covid-19.



If you are unsure about whether you should send your child to school or not, please email health@sageintl.org and our Health Team will respond with guidance.

Absences & COVID-19 Exposure/Case Reporting:

For absences due to minor illness, appointments or for other reasons please email our attendance staff at attendance@sageintl.org or call 208-343-7243 and select Option 1. **Always provide your child's full name and grade.** To report a COVID-19 exposure or positive case please notify the attendance staff by email or phone **AND our health team** (Nurse P & Jen Rabin, Health Assistant) at health@sageintl.org. *If you are notifying Sage outside school hours you will be contacted on the next school day.*

Immunization exemptions are allowed, in accordance with Idaho Code 39-4802, and include medical, religious, and 'other' exemptions. Parents/guardians may check the 'Religious/Other' exemption provided on the immunization requirements form or may include a signed written statement regarding religious/other exemptions.

We cannot stress enough the **importance that your student bring a WATER BOTTLE** to school every single day, because our drinking faucets remain off for health precautions, we go through dozens of plastic water bottles every day for students who don't have one! !

Thank you for the generous donations we have received for our **Food Pantry** from so many families! Our needs often change, and currently we need: bottled water (see above - bring a bottle!), individually packaged cereal cups, oatmeal cups, and shelf-stable 1% plain milk boxes. You can drop them off at either front desk, or you can purchase from our [Sage Amazon Wishlist](#) and have them shipped directly to us! Be sure when shopping on Amazon to **make Sage your Amazon Smile beneficiary!** Thank you so much!




Hi Sage Family,

We hope you enjoyed Thanksgiving break, from the stories kids are sharing, you definitely did!


We are wrapping up a very CARING November. Thank you for all of your work in supporting our kiddos this month and always. It has been such a pleasure to watch as these students made thank you cards, did acts for our caring chain, created and passed out affirmations, and did caring acts around our school. We have such a special community and I found myself being very thankful throughout this month.

In December we will focus on being **PRINCIPLED**. We are excited to see our students working on their hallway behaviors, cleaning up after themselves, doing the right thing when nobody's watching, resolving conflicts, managing their emotions, and being responsible and accountable. Please help support them by having discussions about your family values and principles at home.







Holidays can bring many stressors to you and your family. Try these tips to keep you and your family de-stressed this season! If your family needs any assistance, check out our [Community Resources page](#) on the Sage website or reach out to one of the counselors.



- 7 - Tips for Reducing Holiday Stress



The holidays are here again! While this can be a great time to enjoy family and friends, it can also be stressful. Here are some tips on decreasing stress so you can increase fun.

- 1** Make lists of activities you want to do and events you want to attend and prioritize them. 
- 2** Decide what you DON'T want to do and cross those things off the list.
- 3** Let things be IMPERFECT. Sometimes the messy can be the most fun. 
- 4** Accept help if/when you need it. 
- 5** Give help when/where you can. 
- 6** Keep up your (and your kids') regular routines for eating, sleeping, etc. 
- 7** Make time for yourself! And do something you enjoy. 

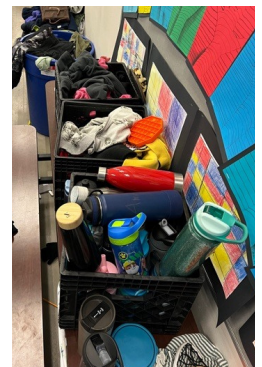
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We will be hosting a **Red Cross blood drive** on December 14th from 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM in the Everest cafeteria. Parents, teachers, and students over 16 years old can sign up on the American Red Cross website through the sponsor code: SageBoise. [Here is a link](#) to the code as well, thank you!

LOST AND FOUND

Once again, it's overflowing and it's COLD outside! (Also, see above about water bottles!) Please ask your students to look through and claim their items (in the cafeteria and front desk), better yet swing by and have a look yourself! All remaining items will be donated on Thursday Dec 16th to find new homes for the holidays!

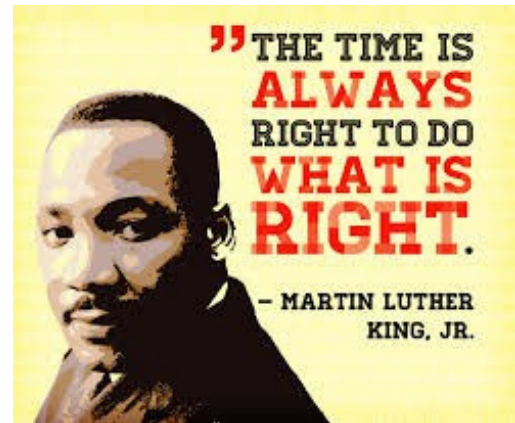


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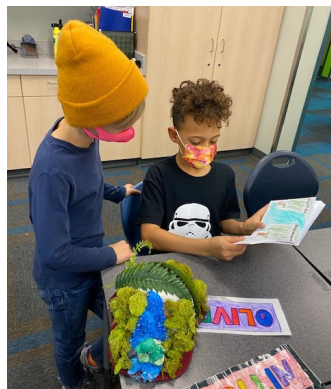
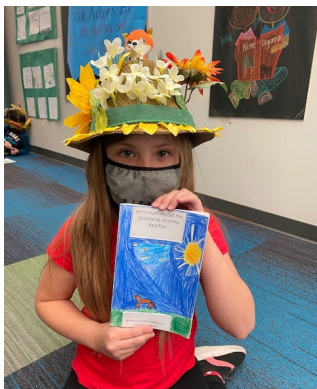
December's Attribute: **PRINCIPLED**

"We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences."

Here are some resources for parents to learn with their child about the IB Learner Profile attribute of Principled. You can also find some great book recommendations here!



3rd Graders were able to share with 2nd graders their final projects for the unit "How the World Works". 3rd grade learned about the 5 major types of biomes: aquatic, grassland, forest, desert, and tundra. They created wonderful hats representing their chosen biome, along with books that they wrote and illustrated full of information! Way to go 3rd Grade!

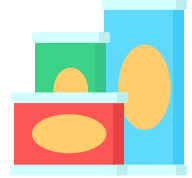


MIDDLE SCHOOL AT SAGE:

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a talent show in January! The talent show auditions will be from December 13-16th. We will be sending out the audition form the Monday we get back from thanksgiving break 11/29. You can work in groups for this, but your group can not be more than 4 people. Keep in mind, only 10 people in each grade will make it to the actual talent show.



Before break middle school held a canned food drive competition among grade levels, and had a great time! It was a close competition, but in the end 8th grade won with a whopping 75 cans! We really appreciate everyone who participated, and we were able to donate over 200 pounds of food to The Idaho Food Bank.



THE 12 DAYS OF SAGE!

Students can take part in the following activities on these dates:

29th- Fun Holiday Trivia

30th- Decorate your door holiday/winter theme

1st- Holiday Movie Trivia

2nd- Ugly Sweater Day!

6th- Advisory Competition

7th- Holiday Joke Competition - Advisory

8th- Holiday Cards for the Elderly

9th- Trash Pick-up

13th- PJ and Silly Sock Day!

14th- Share your Family Traditions

15th- Decorated Door *Judging*

16th- Deck the Halls with Clean Cubbies!



Middle School French students made origami butterflies (papillons!) Magnifique!

HIGH SCHOOL AT SAGE:

Senior Portraits: Lifetouch was on campus on Wednesday, December 1st to photograph our seniors. Parents were sent an email on 11/30 with information on how to order portraits through Lifetouch. These portraits will be featured in our yearbook as well!

PSAT/NMSQT: Scores will be available to view in students' College Board accounts on December 7, 2021. Please take the time to review your 10th graders' test results. Feel free to reach out to our High School Director with any questions.



Senior Shout Out: Congratulations to senior Anette Vogt for her admission to Boise State University, she has received the Presidential Scholarship! She works hard here at Sage, serving her community in many ways. We are so proud of all she has accomplished.

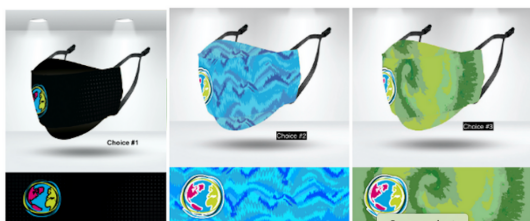
The high school Student Council organized a fall food drive. Each grade in the high school competed to see who could donate the most food per capita, with the winning grade earning an extended lunch. After weeks of collecting donations, the 10th graders came out on top. In total, the high school donated 422 pounds of food to the Idaho Food Bank! This was our 4th year organizing a fall food drive, thank you to the families who donated! We look forward to future food drives and giving back to our community.



November 18th was our PTO-sponsored Thanksgiving Feast and Humanitarian Day for 6-12th grades, and WOW what a success it was! We are so grateful to the DOZENS of families that donated both food and their time to provide this awesome experience for our students and staff! Thank you to our secondary PTO lead Gwen Hernandez for organizing! Throughout the day students also participated in service projects in the area. We are THANKFUL!



We still have a few Sage masks for sale! You can purchase them [here](#). All Spirit items will be ready for pickup next week, watch your inbox for details!



There's still time to register your 6-12th student! Deadline for Bogus Basin for the first race is Dec 3, Deadline for Sage is Dec 8. Find more details [HERE](#)!

Clubs, Activities and Sports

Currently active at Sage

Click on each for more info!

- Art Club 9th-12th grade**
- Board Game Club 9th-12th grade**
- Dance Committee 9th-12th grade**
- Gardening Club 6th-8th grade**
- Gardening Club 9th-12th grade**
- Girls on the Run 3rd-5th grade**
- Green Club 9th-12th grade**
- Middle School Student Council 6th-8th grade**
- Mock Trial Team 9th-12th grade**
- Model United Nations 9th-12th grade**
- Movie Club 6th-12th grade**
- National Beta Club 9th-12th grade**
- Rising Stars 1st-11th grade**
- Ski & Snowboard Team**
- Sole Kids K-6th grade**
- Ultimate Frisbee 9th-12th grade**
- Yearbook Club 6th-12th grade**



Friday Bogus Basin Program Returns!

Come and join us for Bogus Basin's fantastic "Life Sports" program. In this 3-week enrichment program offered through Sage, your child will complete a 1.5-hour group lesson, along with receiving a day lift ticket and equipment rental. After their lesson, they will have 2 hours of ski time to practice their skills. Sage provides a ride from Sage to Bogus Basin and back, along with limited supervision.

- **3 Fridays: January 7th, January 21st and February 11th**
- **Students in 3rd grade and up who are self-sufficient on skis**
- **Cost: \$200 for 3-week session with Lessons and Rentals, \$175 for 3-week session with Lessons Only**

Click HERE for more information, deadline to register is **December 10th!**

