



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BOISE NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 16, 2022



Lost and Found: Please come look for any items your student may be missing. Items will be donated on the Friday after we return from break. Also, please label coats with your student's name! If you do so we will be able to return them to their rightful owner. Thank you!



Mind the Gap: With 2022 wrapping up and the season of giving upon us, we hope that you consider a gift to Sage to support the opportunities we provide your students. Please take 3 minutes to listen to **this inspiring message** from our Chief Financial and Operations Officer, Emily Downey! We hope to reach the halfway point of \$50,00 by the end of this year....we're so close!



Sage Night at Bardennay in Boise: Thanks to Sage parent Maika Jacoba, the Downtown Bardenay is hosting a charity night for Sage on Monday, January 16! Our school will receive 20% of **all sales between 5-9pm!** Mark your calendars, we'd love to see you and your family there for a great meal!



We're enrolling! We have seats currently available in some grade levels at both our Boise and Middleton schools, and very short waitlists in others. If you know anyone who may be interested in joining the Sage family at semester, please send them our way! See below about enrollment for next year.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

December 16 - Jan 1 - Holiday Break, no school

January 10 - Lottery Info Night - 4:30 pm

January 12 - Last day of first semester

January 16 - MLK Jr. Day - no school

January 30 - Re-enrollment for 2023-24 opens

February 20 - 24 - February Break, no school

STAY IN TOUCH

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!



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 MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON:



Dear Families and Staff of the Sage International Network of Schools,

At the midpoint of the school year and the end of 2022, I am inclined to be reflective and think about where we are as International Baccalaureate World Schools and to be grateful for such strong and supportive communities around our schools.

I am happy to report that nearly 2/3s of the Senior Class of 2023 - the class which started as kindergarteners during Sage Boise's first year of operation - are full [Diploma Programme \(DP\)](#) or [Career-related Programme \(CP\)](#) candidates. I believe that most people can manage either program with the right support and with determination and persistence - support and encouragement they get at Sage Schools.

Our Seniors represent, every year, the support, encouragement and thousands of opportunities they had to learn and grow during their (potentially) thirteen years in IB programs at a Sage school. They should be ready by the time they are 11th Graders to take on the challenges and rewards of learning deeply, stretching themselves and doing hard things with the people around them.

The benefits of participating fully in the IB are legion. Yes, the CP and DP are excellent preparation for post-secondary educational options such as colleges and universities. People who participate in the DP or CP are more likely to persist at college and more likely to graduate within five years. Additionally, more and more universities and colleges are offering credit for IB courses. These credits vary by university or college and can add up to thousands and thousands of dollars in savings and more freedom to pursue courses that are of higher and more immediate interest than entry-level Freshman courses.

Another benefit that I want to point out and is rarely highlighted is the joy of doing hard things with people you care about. Sage's DP and CP students immediately have something in common with each other and with any other DP or CP student they meet on their new campus. They can laugh (or commiserate) about oral exams in French, designing an experiment for their Biology Internal Assessment (IA), perhaps argue whether or not the Araby chapter in Joyce's Dubliners is the basis for the wonderful Irish film Sing Street (seriously, watch it!) or be happy they don't have to take first year calculus because they did HL math.

I encourage you to read more about what research says about the IB's programs [here](#). I also encourage you to speak directly to your child's teachers, their division director or program coordinator if you want to learn more.

All the best,

Andy Johnson
Executive Director

ENROLLMENT NEWS



Each year we require you to re-enroll your student for the upcoming school year. While we always guarantee current students a seat, this allows us to plan for our lottery and how many openings we will have available for each grade level in the coming year. This is also an opportunity to review the contact information we have on record for your family.

This year **re-enrollment will be open from January 30th through February 12th**. At that time, you will also have the opportunity to apply for the sibling lottery for any additional students you would like to enroll. Siblings that live within the same household are given priority in our enrollment lottery for any openings that we have available.

Our 2023-24 lottery application for families who are NEW to Sage is open January 2nd - February 23rd, and you will see information about it posted on our social media and website. Do not apply to that lottery. If you did not apply for the sibling lottery and would like to, please contact Gloria at gloria.merriam@sageintl.org.

We do invite you to share the lottery information with your friends who may be interested in attending Sage! YOU, our amazing Sage families, are our most valuable marketers!

INTRODUCING NURSE NATALIE...

We are so pleased to introduce our new School Nurse, Natalie Emmerling. Since joining our team a few weeks ago, she has already accomplished so much and the students absolutely adore her! She has also spent time collaborating with Lorinda, our nurse at our Middleton campus, to train and form a partnership with our sister school.

Natalie and her husband Nick have 4 children and are in their 4th year attending Sage. He is currently serving our country on a 15-month deployment with the Army National Guard. She may look familiar, as she has spent a lot of time volunteering in their classrooms and with the PTO!



Natalie brings experience as a licensed vocational nurse and has worked in hospitals as well as in special education classrooms where she served students with demanding medical needs. She also has experience as a CNA and an EMT. She is caring and knowledgeable, and we consider ourselves very fortunate to have her!

A quick note from Nurse Natalie:

Hello parents! If your students have any known medical needs, it would be helpful if you could reach out to me via email at natalie.emmerling@sageintl.org to touch base. I'd like to ensure that medical records are up to date and that I'm aware of your students' specific needs. I am absolutely LOVING getting to know all your kids and being here to care for them!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:



For her service project, senior Gretchen Hiebert is organizing a drive for the American Red Cross, please consider offering your support!

Next month is national blood donor month and a time to consider the importance of giving blood and its lifesaving impacts. To honor this time, Sage is partnering with the American Red Cross and hosting its yearly blood drive where students, staff and parents can volunteer. The Drive will take place on **January 11th from 8:30-1:30pm** in the small cafeteria of the Everest building.

To sign up, [click here](#) to create an account and find an appropriate time slot to your availability, there are only 29 slots available. Students between 16 and 18 will need to have a permission slip signed and returned to Gretchen Hiebert or Mrs. Burkett before they can donate. Permission slips can be found in Burkett's office. Thank you for your service!

LIFE IN THE PYP

Ms. Bu's annual "Love Blizzard" struck our campus AND our favorite coffee shop, thanks to the help of some Sage seniors who helped install these pieces of art. Thank you to our PYP artists and the install crew for making our campus extra festive!



Celebrating Sage Family Literacy: Our wonderful librarian Mrs. Konkol put together a photo wall celebrating K-2 Sage families reading together, and invited families to submit photos of our students reading with family members. The entries were placed in a drawing, and three lucky winners took home gift baskets with new books and hot cocoa. Take a look at [this short video](#) showcasing our entries and winners!

The Miller family had an extra special entry, which Matt shares about here: "It re-creates a photo of my family that ran in my hometown newspaper 40 years ago about our avid reading habits,



'The Family That Reads Together.' All 4 of us in that 1983 photo are in the photo we shared, plus Derek of course." We hope you ALL take time to read with your students over break!

LIFE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Last Friday Mr. Parker and Lang & Lit teacher Ms. Gatfield led a team-building retreat at the school for our two middle school student leadership teams, **Student Council** and **Sources of Strength!**

They learned about each other and what they do for our students, made plans for communication and advertising, prepped and enjoyed meals together, and even had an overnighter at the school with fun games!



5th Annual Giving Tree

Thank you to Mr. Parker for organizing this great opportunity for our generous Sage families to support families in our Sage community who are experiencing food insecurity. Thanks to you, we raised an amazing \$4,000 to help out 15 families! WOW!

HIGH SCHOOL WITH DIRECTOR BRANDY BURKETT



Hey Sage families!

On behalf of the entire high school faculty, I would like to wish you happy holidays! It is always an exciting time around campus during the holidays and we are grateful for our Sage families and feel it, especially during this time. Love, the High School team

Updates on the Summit: As most of you know, 2 years ago most of the high school teachers packed up their rooms and moved across the street to the old K-1 building. It has been quite a process but this school year our network office worked to update the building by adding fresh paint, new lighting and flooring, and now, new furniture! We are so excited for our students and staff to be able to fully benefit from the updates to our Summit building. Next time you are on campus with your high schooler, stop by and take a look!



PSAT scores: PSAT/NMSQT scores were released at the end of November and are available to view through your child's College Board account. If your 10th grader has not made an account, please have them do so. Each student will be able to access their own scores through this account for both the PSAT and the SAT. Please record your login information so that you can access this in the future. You can email Brittany Meduna or Brandy Burkett with questions.

FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Happy Holidays, Sage Family!

As we all move into 'the most wonderful time of the year', it is common for some of us (kiddos included), to feel a rise in anxiety. Busy schedules, shopping, holiday parties, traditions, family, etc. can bring on holiday stress and I want to offer you some tips to keep that in check so that we can **enjoy** this season together!



Here are some tips for kiddos from [Child Mind Institute](#), you can [click here](#) for more details. In short, rather than trying to protect your child from feeling afraid or uncomfortable, it is more beneficial to teach them strategies for dealing with their anxiety and express confidence that they can face their fears.

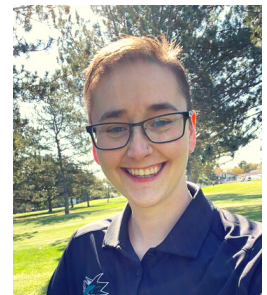
For Adults, here are some tips from an [Article in Parade](#). The ones I am personally working on this year are - not abandoning my healthy habits during the holidays, finding the balance between time together and time alone, and keeping a gratitude journal!

I wish you a stress-less season filled with happiness and love.
Looking forward to seeing everyone after the new year!

Sincerely,
Ashley Rivers
K-7 School Counselor

Season's greetings!

College-bound students and guardians, please make sure you are checking deadlines for university applications, scholarships, and FAFSA! Our [Sage College & Career Readiness page](#) has an abundance of resources and scholarship listings. Please reach out if you need assistance with any of this.



With semester 1 ending on January 12th, make sure your student(s) are ready for their final projects and exams! Check out this article on [How to Study for Finals](#) from the Princeton Review that has tips to finish out the semester strong.

Students, please look at your semester 2 schedule in Skyward to ensure it is correct. If you are requesting a schedule change or your schedule is wrong, email Ms. Meduna. Schedule change requests will only be considered the first two weeks of the semester.

Best wishes and warmest thoughts for a magical Holiday and Happy New Year!

Brittany Meduna,
8-12 School Counselor

SAGE FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESSES

We have a wide variety of businesses that are owned and operated by Sage families in the Treasure Valley at both of our Sage schools! We are a diverse and talented group, and you can view the list and more information about each [here](#). If you would like to add your business, please fill out this form [here](#) for it to be added.

A BIG thank you to the following businesses who have donated prizes for our staff holiday party: Wild Rush Flowers, Annie Grubb Realty, Ada Therapy Services, CoreStrong Studio, 3 Girls Catering, Caldwell Transportation, Saint Lawrence Gridiron, Wild Root Cafe, Sloane Marley, and 'A While Ago in Idaho', and Fibrenew.



Also thank you to the following generous Sage Families who have donated prizes as well! The Lunde Family, Garrity Family, and Miller Family!

SUPPORT SAGE

Besides [Mind the Gap](#), here are some other ways you can support your school:

- **THANK YOU** to everyone who has donated to our food pantry and community supplies either through our [Amazon Wishlist](#) or by dropping items off. We appreciate your help!
- **AMAZON SMILE** - As you do your holiday shopping, keep in mind that by designating Sage as your Amazon smile charity you can make a donation to us for FREE with every purchase! Find out more about the program [here](#).
- **Fred Meyer** also has a similar program called [Community Rewards](#) if you participate in their rewards program, earn free money for Sage!

ENRICHMENT

Current Clubs at Sage - click for more information:

[A/V Club 7th-8th grade](#)

[Board Game Club 9th-12th grade](#)

[D & D Club 7th grade](#)

[D & D Club \(Bard's Tavern\) 8th grade](#)

[Dungeons & Dragon Club 11th grade](#)

[Dance Committee 9th-12th grade](#)

[French Club 9-12th grade](#)

[Gender Equality Club 6th-8th grade](#)

[Girls on the Run 3rd-5th grade](#)

[Green Club 9th-12th grade](#)

[High School Student Council 9th-12th grade](#)

[National Beta Club 9th-12th grade](#)

[Rising Stars K-11th grade](#)

[Soccer Shots Kinder-2nd grade](#)

[Teacher Appreciation Club 6th-12th grade](#)

[Yearbook Club 6th-12th grade](#)



Community Opportunities - You can find other activities offered for all ages in our community [here](#)! If you would like to add something, please email info@sageintl.org.