



SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

February 3, 2021 Newsletter

A Message from Executive Director, Andy Johnson:

Dear parents and staff of Sage and Forge International Schools,

I hope you are all well. Our teachers, staff, school nurses and counselors are working incredibly hard to ensure that your children have excellent learning experiences in a safe and nurturing school. We appreciate everything you are doing at home to keep your families healthy during this pandemic. Your efforts directly contribute to our ability to maximize the number of students learning and growing with their teachers and friends. We are halfway through the year and are grateful that your children have been learning in-person with their teachers. An enriching learning experience and personal connections are incredibly important.



Sage and Forge are special places. Our mission compels us to ensure we have an “inclusive International Baccalaureate learning community.” We believe that our approach to college and career preparatory education is a great fit for most children and families. We also believe that our curricular framework offers all children chances to shine, learn and grow in multiple ways. All of our students study a second language, engage in the arts, study mathematics and literature, hone their writing skills in every subject, learn to present their ideas supported by facts, grapple with the experimental sciences, consider the arc and lessons of history and develop their ability to conduct research in every subject - all while working and collaborating with others.

We are entering re-enrollment and lottery season. Through the month of February, families across the Valley will start to consider options for their children for the upcoming school year. Word of mouth is essential and we'd love your help in spreading the word by reaching out to others you feel may benefit from our schools. We sincerely value each of our families and want you to stay with Sage and Forge. Please reach out to our schools' leaders or our registrars if you have questions or need assistance. Sage's registrar can be reached at gloria.merriam@sageintl.org and Forge's registrar can be reached at arin.jeffs@forgeintl.org.

We look forward to collaborating with you. We are committed, over the next months, to reaching out through information sessions, surveys, parking lot conversations, and parent-teacher conferences to help ensure our schools and our families are connected and moving forward together.

All the best,

Andy Johnson
Executive Director

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.

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!



A Note from our Head of School, Kali Webb:

Hello Sage Families!

Our students and staff have been hard at work and we only have 2 more weeks until our February break! Thank you for your ongoing support and continued trust in our team the last several weeks. We appreciate your help monitoring your students for symptoms, and keeping them home if they are ill

or have been exposed. Your cooperation will allow us to remain open through this current surge. Please see Nurse P's Health Corner with new quarantine guidance that we have set in place. It is crucial to our continued success navigating this pandemic as a school!



Re-enrollment for current Sage students will begin next week! We are so excited to have your student as part of our Sage community and look forward to having them back next year. Our Registrar Gloria Merriam will be emailing directions this Friday, and re-enrollment will be open on Monday, February 7th, and be open through the 18th. This is required for all returning Sage students, and during this process you will also be able to register siblings in the lottery that you would like to attend Sage next year.

Our 2022-23 Enrollment Lottery is now OPEN to families who are NEW to Sage. Please share with your friends and family that you feel Sage would be a great fit for. We will be holding two Information Sessions in the coming weeks. The first will be on Tuesday, February 15th, and the second on Thursday, March 3rd, both at 5:30 PM. We would love for anyone interested to attend, including our current Sage families!

We can and will do this TOGETHER!

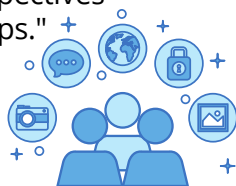
In service,
Kali Webb



Attribute of the Month: Communicator

"We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups."

Here are some tips for parents on developing Communicators at home!



First Semester Report Cards

Semester 1 is now complete and you should have received an email from our Registrar Gloria Merriam last week letting you know that Semester 1 grades have been posted in Skyward. Be sure to log in as Family/Student Access, and grades can be found under the Portfolio tab. Report cards have been posted for KG-8th grade, and transcripts have been posted for 9th-12th grade.

If you have any questions regarding your student(s) grade or classes, please contact their teacher directly.

This is also a good time to review your contact information under "My Account" to confirm it's correct! For tips on accessing Skyward, please click [HERE](#) or visit our website and select 'Skyward' under the 'Parents' tab.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- February 4** - Sage Vaccine Clinic
- February 15** - Sage Info Night #1
- February 21-25** - Winter Break - No School!
- March 3** - Info Night #2
- March 10** - Sage Lottery Draw

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



Nurse P's Health Corner:

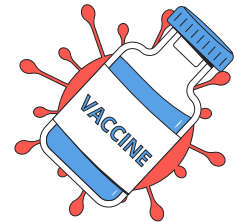
Updated Sage Quarantine Guidance!

- Positive and probable cases are required to quarantine for 5-days at home with an add'l 5-days of masking and distancing in public.
- Exposed individuals now only need to quarantine if they develop symptoms. Once symptoms appear after an exposure, individuals are considered probable and will need to complete a 5-day quarantine. We also strongly recommend wearing masks outdoors on campus until community spread in our area improves.
 - If families prefer to quarantine after an exposure due to an inability to isolate, high risk of potential ongoing exposure due to multiple affected family members, or for other concerns, please email health@sageintl.org and we will work with you.



COVID-19 Vaccine & Booster Clinic at Sage Fri. Feb. 4th 10am-2pm

We are seeing more severe illness and time out of school among unvaccinated students and those who are overdue for their boosters. To encourage more Sage families and staff to get vaccinated and boosted we will partner with AFC Urgent Care to host a Covid-19 vaccine/ booster and flu shot clinic on campus this Friday, Feb. 4th from 10am-2pm. Vaccines are available for those ages 5 & up and boosters are available for those ages 12 & up. Whether you need your first, second, booster doses, or a flu shot, this clinic is for you! For those receiving their first Covid-19 dose on Feb. 4th, AFC will return to give second doses and boosters on March 4th. [Click here to register](#) and select which vaccines you want to receive for yourself and your family members. Feel free to invite friends and family to this clinic! Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



FREE COVID-19 Testing Available to All Community Members:

Grace Jordan Elementary (Hosted by Keele Medical)

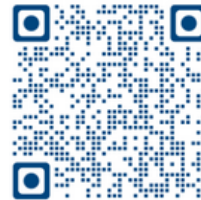
Click HERE or scan this QR code with the camera of your phone:

6411 W. Fairfield, Boise, ID 83709

In Community Center

Mon.-Fri 8am-4:30pm

(Closed between 8:30-9am and 2:30-3pm daily)



Riverglen Junior High School (Hosted by Keele Medical)

Click HERE or scan this QR code with the camera of your phone:

In Wrestling Room

6801 N. Gary Ln.

Boise, ID 83714

Mon.-Fri 8am-4:30pm

(Closed between 1-2pm daily)



Capital High School Parking Lot (Hosted by Omni Medical Group)

8055 W Goddard Rd

Boise, ID 83704

Mon.-Sat. 8am-6pm

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.



Thank you to everyone who has donated food pantry items and supplies for the school! If you are looking to help, we are always in need of items found on our [Amazon Wish List](#). These same items can also be purchased locally and dropped off at either front desk. Be sure when shopping anytime on Amazon to make Sage your Amazon Smile beneficiary! It's a great program that earns free money for Sage! THANK YOU!



A Note from PYP Director, Eric Wakild:

At the elementary level, we use assessments as one way to make sure that our students are making academic progress. Some of which are the monthly Idaho Reading Indicator (IRI), the tri-yearly Dibels, and the tri-yearly MAP. Being at the end of first semester, we have just completed all three! Which, supplemented with our teachers' summative and formative assessments, gives us a more complete picture of how your student is performing.



For students that we are concerned about, our teachers will be inviting families to invitation-only Parent-Teacher conferences next Thursday (Feb 3rd) and Friday (Feb 4th) or possibly at other times too. If you are not invited to a conference, but have concerns, please reach out to your teacher by email. I encourage all parents to revisit [these videos](#) we created in the fall for guidance on how to support your student academically from home. Please watch other grade levels to get a sense of where your student should have been or where they are headed. If these videos do not speak to your needs, please reach out to your teacher for ideas or suggestions.

Thank you,
Eric Wakild, PYP Director

Hi Sage Parents and Families,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying this beautiful Boise winter. Thank you all for taking time to fill out the survey I sent out. I have a few things to follow up on. First, to submit anonymous DEAR COUNSELOR questions, please fill out this [GOOGLE FORM](#) and I will write back to you. I hope that this space allows you to ask any question that is on your mind. Second, I will be holding my first office hours Wednesday, February 9th, from 12:30-1:30, please email me to make an appointment, and I will send you a link. Third, I have created an 'I saw the School Counselor Today' form that I am going to start sending home with kids. I will send this form home only if I believe the behavior or conversation requires parent follow-up or if I have seen your student many times for the same issue. Finally, I am working on planning some parent workshops, as my capacity allows, and I will get back to you soon about those dates and topics.



Many of you reached out in the survey saying that you would like to hear about ways to help your child regulate their emotions. Stress is high right now in our kiddos (and adults) and emotions are all over the place. One way to help regulate is by using grounding techniques. Anxiety lives in the past or future - worrying about what happened or what could happen. Anxiety is reduced and managed by living in the present moment. Mindful strategies like grounding are a great and fun way to get present. Mindfulness doesn't have to look like meditation on a cushion, in silence, with an 'ommm' sound. There are many other simple and fun strategies to use that might be more appealing to you and your kiddos. Here are a few to try! See what works best for you and your kiddos, practice, and model them in times when you are feeling anxious. You can find all the techniques and even print off cards [HERE!](#) Thank you all for everything.

Sincerely,

Ashley Rivers
K-6th School Counselor
ashley.rivers@sageintl.org



Middle School at Sage with Director Zach Parker:

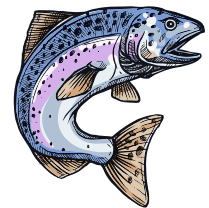
I want to take this opportunity to highlight a few wonderful projects that are occurring throughout middle school.

In Ms. Baker's Design class, 6th graders designed and created stickers to raise awareness and show support for causes they care about. Using the UN Global Goals for Sustainability as a starting point, students chose a social or environmental cause and then analyzed existing stickers to learn how designers communicate their message effectively. Our 6th grader designers then used the Google Drawing platform to create their own vector drawings and make their stickers come to life. A big thanks to Lacie Mikesell (para at Sage) who generously printed, cut, and waterproofed each sticker! Seeing the excitement of students as they learn about, create and share their causes is an empowering act.



Mrs. Trevino's 8th grade Visual Arts class completed their Alebrije Projects, which are brightly colored paper-mache sculptural forms based on Mexican folk art. All students studied the history of Alebrijes and analyzed the process before they kicked their creative modes in gear, combining multiple animals to develop their "pieces". Additionally, students wrote narratives explaining how their Alebrijes developed specific attributes (social, physical and emotional) as well as incorporating an attribute from the IB Learner Profile. Our 8th graders then had the opportunity to read their stories and share their art with elementary students. This is such a wonderful unit as it supports the exploration of different cultures and allows for multi-age interaction.

Mrs. Travis's 8th grade Language and Literature class is wrapping up a unit focusing on a contemporary and regional issue, the continual challenge to protect Salmon and Steelhead in the Pacific Northwest. Students conducted research, visited with professionals from related fields and finally drafted argumentative letters expressing, with evidence, their position on these incredible fish along with the proposal to remove four dams on the lower Snake River. Students are mailing their letters to Idaho Senators as well as submitting them to various newspapers across the state of Idaho. I appreciate how this project supports our Sage Mission statement by intentionally having students 'contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry!!

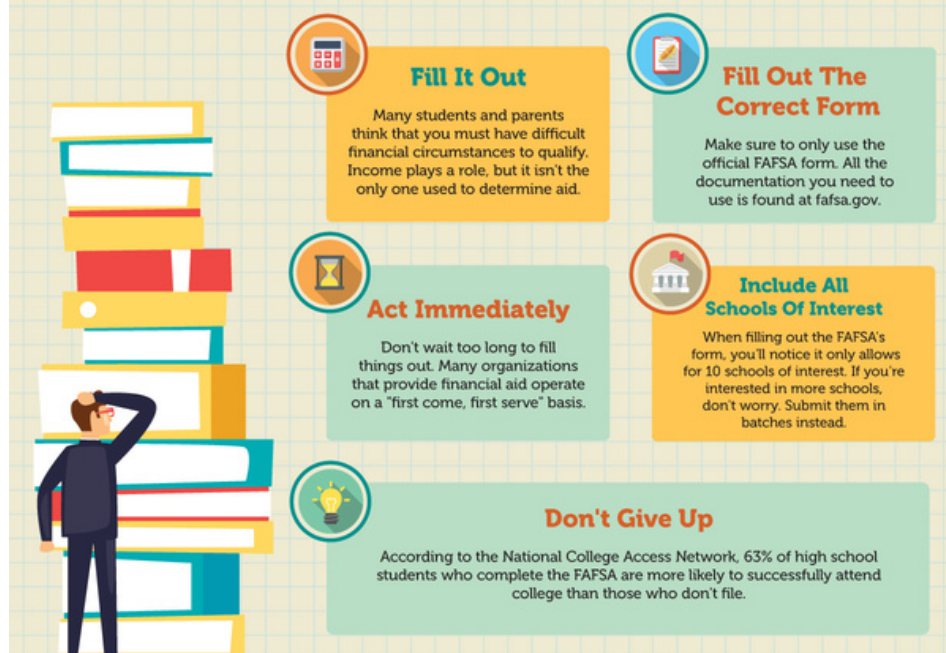


We have an exciting opportunity for 7th, 8th, and 9th-grade students! Through a partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Sage International, and PacificSource (our across-the-street neighbors), we are collaborating to offer a program called "Beyond School Walls".

This one-to-one mentoring program within the workplace offers students insight into potential career options while learning through curriculum based-activities on how to prepare for the workplace. Email chill@bbbsidaho.org for any questions and to sign up!



FAFSA Tips For Parents



Fill It Out
Many students and parents think that you must have difficult financial circumstances to qualify. Income plays a role, but it isn't the only one used to determine aid.

Fill Out The Correct Form
Make sure to only use the official FAFSA form. All the documentation you need to use is found at fafsa.gov.

Act Immediately
Don't wait too long to fill things out. Many organizations that provide financial aid operate on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Include All Schools Of Interest
When filling out the FAFSA's form, you'll notice it only allows for 10 schools of interest. If you're interested in more schools, don't worry. Submit them in batches instead.

Don't Give Up
According to the National College Access Network, 63% of high school students who complete the FAFSA are more likely to successfully attend college than those who don't file.

If you or your student are seeking financial aid for college, the first step is filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, better known as the 'FAFSA'.

Take a moment to review these quick FAFSA tips for parents and students alike, when filling it out for the first time.

You can find more [FAFSA tips here!](#)

Brittany Meduna,
School Counselor
Grades 7-12

HIGH SCHOOL AT SAGE:

GRADES: Semester 1 grades have been posted and can be viewed on Skyward. If you have any questions about grades, please reach out to Brandy Burkett (Director), Brittany Meduna (Counselor), or any individual teachers. We are all here to support your students!

HIGH SCHOOL EVENT! The first annual Snowcoming: A Sage High School Semi-Formal will be held on Thursday, February 3rd at "The Lounge at the End of the Universe." This venue is located in Boise and we are so excited to celebrate and dance the night away! The dance is open to all high school students in grades 9-12. The cost for tickets is \$15 per Sage student or \$25 for a Sage couple. Guests tickets are \$25, and students need to complete a guest form and return it to Ms. Burkett. Questions regarding the event can be sent to Dr. Hansen at faith.hansen@sageintl.org.



A HUGE congratulations to our 11th grade CP students!

Over the last 5 years, 11th-grade Career-related Programme students have had the opportunity to design and pitch a product or service that they develop in CP class. This event is hosted by Boise State's Venture College and we have had many students place in the competition over the years. Students from schools all over the state entered in the Shark-Tank type competition and this year we are so proud to announce that Sage was the only school out of 12 other high schools statewide (18 different teams) to walk away with 2 of the 8 possible cash awards available for this challenge!

There were 2 divisions; 1) Service and 2) Technology. Jamie Sessions took 2nd place in the Service division and Bradyn Hamel, Arks Lloyd & Nic Palaia took 3rd in the Technology division. Ethan Marple also participated and deserves an honorable mention. Shout out to Mr. Falconer for his mentorship and support throughout the process. All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams earn cash prizes.

To all Sage participants, we are beyond proud of you! Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Brandy Burkett,
High School Director



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\$63,644
Raised towards \$100,000 goal

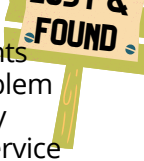
126 Supporters 149 Days Left

Donate

SHARE: f t in

THANK YOU to all the generous families who have given to Mind the Gap, we are making progress toward our goal!! Our campaign has 126 supporters total made up of generous families AND their matching employers. But we still need your help to reach our \$100k goal by June! With almost 1,000 students that amounts to about \$100 to support a student for an entire year. We appreciate you considering Sage for a donation in ANY amount, you can help by clicking [HERE](#).

If you are in need of a receipt for tax purposes please email Heidi at heidi.hagman@sageintl.org

In a recent unit, our Middle School Student Council students were challenged to find a problem needing to be solved, and they chose to take on the LARGE service project of managing our always-growing Lost and Found! We are SO grateful! They organized everything and invited classes to come look for their items, but also invite you to come take a look. Everything will be outside on tables on **Friday February 4th** from 9am - 2pm. The remaining items will be donated early next week. Also, **please** label items that your student brings to school with their name. This will give Student Council the opportunity to match up lost items with your student!



Girls on the Run is an after-school program like no other! Twice a week for 10 weeks, girls will have fun, make friends, increase their physical activity levels and learn important

life skills. Trained and caring coaches lead 3rd-5th grade girls through interactive lessons and running activities. The season ends with a noncompetitive and fun 5K event!

When: March 7th-May 21st, Monday and Wednesday from 3:30-4:45 on the Sage playground

[Click here](#) to learn more, registration opens February 7th!



The Sole KIDS program is an 8-week after-school running program here at Sage International School. SoleKIDS runners will train twice a week for approximately 1.5 hours a day to complete the Sole KIDS 5K. Each participant will receive a race swag bag, water bottle, tech race shirt, race entry, sponsor race entry and finisher's medal upon completion of the SoleKIDS 5K.

Contact: jamie@solekids.org

Meeting Information:

March 15th-May 12th, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00

Meeting Location:

Grass area on the playground

Who can attend: K-6th grade

[Click here to register](#), early pricing is now available so don't wait!



**Rising Stars:
Extended
Session!**

We are trying out a 14-week extended session! For beginners and experienced performers alike, Mrs. T. will lead each group in singing & rapping, hip-hop dancing, and acting. Sure to build discipline and confidence in all campers, the fun will commence with a performance on the last day!

When: Most Fridays, February 4 - May 20

What: 3 Different classes for Students in Grades 1-12

Where: The Sage playground, outdoors when possible!

You can find more information and register [HERE](#). We hope to see your star!

