



# EAGLE SCHOOL

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### Looking Ahead

#### Friday, December 1

- ◆ Quiznos Lunch
- ◆ TGIF: Club

#### Saturday, December 2

- ◆ EAGLE Book Fair, Barnes & Noble (West)

#### Monday, December 4

- ◆ Movie Character Monday

#### Tuesday, December 5

- ◆ Tic Tac Tuesday

#### Wednesday, December 6

- ◆ Pink Wednesday
- ◆ Winter Band/Strings Concert, Aud, 6:30 PM

#### Thursday, December 7

- ◆ Jersey Thursday
- ◆ Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 AM

#### Friday, December 8

- ◆ EAGLE Spirit Day
- ◆ Rocky's Pizza lunch
- ◆ TGIF: Madrigal Performance
- ◆ Madrigal (without) Dinner, Aud, 6:30 PM

#### Monday, December 11

- ◆ Cello Recital, Auditorium, 6:30 PM

#### Tuesday, December 12

- ◆ EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 AM
- ◆ Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 AM
- ◆ 6/7 & 7/8 Winter Concert, Aud, 7:00 PM

#### Wednesday, December 13

- ◆ Culver's lunch
- ◆ Math Olympiad (7<sup>th</sup> period)

#### Thursday, December 14

- ◆ STEM Presentation, Auditorium, 11:20 to 11:50 AM

#### Friday, December 15

- ◆ TGIF: Market Day

#### Tuesday, December 19

- ◆ January lunch orders due

#### Wednesday, December 20 – Tuesday, January 2

- ◆ Winter Break

#### Wednesday, January 3

- ◆ School Resumes

### EAGLE Happenings



#### Market Day is Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

Market Day at EAGLE has been an annual tradition in December for many years and is the favorite TGIF of many students. For those of you who are not familiar with Market Day, it is a time when Primaries – 7/8s sell homemade items at assigned booths, located all over the school. Everyone shops 'til they drop—teachers, students, and parents. **Advice to sellers:** The most original and reasonably priced items sell best. Think of an appealing way to display your items and include the prices on a sign. Have some change ready so you don't lose out on a sale. Ask a parent or friend to watch your booth part of the time so you can also be a shopper. Popular items in the past include ornaments, jewelry, toys, pet items, bookmarks, greeting cards, pillows, picture frames, cookies, candy, and treats. Parents are welcome to join us. The fun will begin at 2:00 PM.



### **EAGLE Library Book Fair at Barnes & Noble (West)**

Shop at Barnes & Noble (West) on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM, and 20% of your in-store purchases will benefit the school library. Also, Dec. 2-6, use voucher no. 11966249 to order online, and 12% of your purchases will be donated to our library. Come join in our celebration of children's books!

**1:30 to 4:00 PM** Art activities with Marcia Beckett

**2:00 to 2:30 PM** EAGLE Irish dancers; vocal performance by Nest – INT

**2:30 PM** Author presentation for younger students (*Margaret and the Moon*) by Madison author Dean Robbins, followed by autographing of his three books

**3:30 to 4:30 PM** EAGLE strings performers with Mark Bridges and Laura Mericle, including EAGLE alumnus Andrew Siehr on cello and piano; singing by EAGLE 3/4s, 4/5s, 5/6s with Darlene Harper; Improv lead by EAGLE alumnus Matthew Berthoud

### **Winter Performances**

**Band/Strings Concert** ⇒ EAGLE band students, under the direction of Christine Eckel, and our strings students, under the direction of Laura Mericle and Mark Bridges, will present a winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 PM, in the Auditorium.

**Madrigal Performance** ⇒ On Friday, Dec. 8, under the direction of Darlene and Janice, the 4/5s and 5/6s will present *Madrigal (without) Dinner*. Be seated in the Auditorium by 6:30 PM for an evening of music, skits, comedy, Shakespeare, and fanfare!

**Evening Concert** ⇒ The 6/7s and 7/8s, under the direction of Darlene, will present a winter concert on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7:00 PM, in the Auditorium.

### **Visit Day for EAGLE High School Alums**

On Friday, Dec. 8, all high school alums are invited to a pizza lunch and visit day at EAGLE. Pizza will be served from 11:20 to 12:20 in the Auditorium Lobby, and if you would like to connect with teachers, we will provide a schedule of teacher availability (mainly fourth or fifth periods, right before/after lunch). If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [alumni@eagleschool.org](mailto:alumni@eagleschool.org) by Friday, Dec. 1. (We will need an accurate count for ordering pizza. Please include any dietary restrictions.) If you are interested in visiting on another day, remember to alert Carole ahead of time: [carole@eagleschool.org](mailto:carole@eagleschool.org). Hope you can join us!

### **STEM Talk in Two Weeks**

Our next STEM presentation, showcasing the use of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in the workplace, will be held in the Auditorium during first recess (11:20 to 11:50 AM) on Thursday, Dec. 14. All students in units 4/5 and up are welcome to attend. Engineer Yiyang Xiong, mom of Jasmine and Skyler Bina, will be sharing information about hydropower and dam engineering. We hope you will join us!

## **Please Note**

### **Second Semester Tuition Payment Due**

If you are paying tuition under the Semester Payment Plan, your second installment is due by Jan. 1, 2018. (Tuition notices will be mailed next week.) You may mail a check or stop in the office on or before Dec. 19 to pay in person.

### **Tax Deduction for Private School Tuition**

Did you know that Wisconsin offers a tax break for parents with children in private schools? The tax deduction, which began in the 2014 tax year, allows families to deduct up to \$4,000 for tuition paid for dependent children in grades K-8, and up to \$10,000 for high school students. For more information, please visit <http://www.wcris.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/WI-tax-deduction-official-document.pdf> (EAGLE tax ID is 39-1413598). Parents, please note that tuition receipts for the 2017 calendar year will be sent home with semester reports in January.

### **Spirit Order System Down**

The EAGLE Spirit Order System will be unavailable tomorrow through Sunday (Dec 1-3).

### **Sick Children Should Stay Home**

A child who is not feeling well should not be sent to school, especially if symptoms include stomach ache, fever, sore throat, or persistent cough. Please remember that using pain reliever to reduce a fever or alleviate symptoms does not prevent the spread of germs, and that students should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. Help us keep our teachers and students healthy by keeping sick children at home.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **We Need Your Help!**

From January 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup>, we have **31 volunteer slots to be filled** for lunchroom (Monday and Thursday) and playground (Wednesday) supervision. A few parents who've worked with us first semester will not be available second semester. Please consider helping us with these very important duties. You do not have to commit to a monthly rotation—just pick the dates that work best for you. Please go to [SignUpGenius](#) today to volunteer. Questions? Contact Volunteer Coordinator Jimlene Pleva ([jimlene@eagleschool.org](mailto:jimlene@eagleschool.org)).

### **Seeking CLUB Leaders**

Being an EAGLE club leader is a fun and rewarding way to share your special interest or hobby with a small group of students. Our second semester clubs will meet during TGIF (2:00 to 3:10 pm) on the following Fridays: Feb. 9, March 2, April 6, May 11. If interested in leading a club, please email Carole ([carole@eagleschool.org](mailto:carole@eagleschool.org)).

## Thank You!

### **Another Successful Food Drive**

Sincere thanks to the families who participated in our annual food drive. Tomorrow morning, hundreds of food items will be picked up by members of the Fitchburg Police Department and delivered to area food pantries, where your generosity will make a noticeable difference for many in our community. Also, a special thank you to Martha Goodge and our dedicated Student Council members, who collected and boxed donations and added feathers to our bulletin board turkey.



### **Shopping Reaps Rewards**

Thank you, parents, for mentioning EAGLE School when purchasing supplies at **Office Depot/Office Max**. Thanks to you, we have recently received a credit for \$205.94 to purchase school supplies. As you shop through the holidays, please remember to designate our school as the recipient of their **5% Back to Schools Program** credit. Our Office Depot ID number is 70109367. To learn about other ongoing rewards programs that assist EAGLE, [click here](#).

### **Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF**

A big **Thank You** to all who participated. Because of your generosity, we were able to send \$895.76 to UNICEF to help in their hurricane relief efforts. We surpassed last year's collection total by more than \$350. Great job, everyone!

## Student Council News

During the week of Dec. 4-8, show your school spirit by participating in the special days listed below.

- **Movie Character Monday** – On **Dec. 4**, dress up as a memorable movie character. For the sake of your teachers and classmates, please leave any distracting accessories at home.
- **Tic Tac Tuesday** – On **Dec. 5**, Student Council will be selling Mentos, Tic Tacs, Jolly Ranchers, and other treats during lunch. Small candies will be 2 for 25¢; larger items will be \$1 each.
- **Pink Wednesday** – Wear pink on **Dec. 6** to raise awareness and show your support for those dealing with Breast Cancer.
- **Jersey Thursday** – **Dec. 7** is a day to show off your sports alliances! Wear a jersey for a team you play on or for a team you love.
- **EAGLE Spirit Day** – On Friday, **Dec. 8**, wear any EAGLE gear you have to show your school spirit. If you don't have something specifically from EAGLE, you can always wear our colors—blue and yellow.

## 2018 Enrollment

### Sibling Applications

If you have a child who you would like to enroll at EAGLE for the first time next fall, please note that the priority application deadline for siblings is February 1, 2018. In order to submit a complete application packet by the deadline, we encourage you to schedule an appointment to have your child tested (IQ) in December or January by an evaluator of your choice. If you need suggestions, please contact the school office for a list of examiners in the Madison area who have agreed to test EAGLE applicants.

### Early Visit Days Scheduled

On Thursday, Dec. 7, and Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, we are hosting “early” visit days for prospective families who have children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2018. During these visits, parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet with our director and guidance counselors, and observe in classrooms. If you know someone who might want to learn more about our school, and whose child will be in kindergarten in the fall, please share this information with them.

To register for a visit day, interested parents should email [marykay@eagleschool.org](mailto:marykay@eagleschool.org). Beginning Jan. 9, eight more visit days will be offered for prospective families with children entering grades 1-8 next fall. The dates of these visits can be found on the [EAGLE website](#).

## Fitchburg Community News

### Winter Fun at Agora in Fitchburg

Join your friends and neighbors in kicking off the holiday season at *Get Festive with [Agora](#)*, Thursday, Dec. 7, 4:00 to 8:00 PM, 5500 East Cheryl Parkway. Visitors will enjoy free carriage rides, holiday music, retailers' discounts and prizes, complimentary appetizers and dessert, along with a luminary lighting benefit for Agrace Hospice.



### Indoor Winter Farm Market

With the cooler weather here, the Fitchburg Farmers' Market has moved indoors. It is now located at Promega BTC (5445 E Cheryl Pkwy) and runs on Thursdays, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, through December 23. Please continue to support our local market and vendors during these chilly months. Fresh produce, cheese, meats, and baked goods are still available!