



EAGLE SCHOOL

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Looking Ahead

Friday, December 7

- ◆ Panera lunch
- ◆ TGIF: 4/5 & 5/6 Peace Performance
- ◆ 4/5 & 5/6 Peace Performance, Auditorium, 6:30 PM

Monday, December 10

- ◆ Math Olympiad (Period 3)

Tuesday, December 11

- ◆ EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 AM
- ◆ Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 AM

Thursday, December 13

- ◆ STEM Presentation, Auditorium, 11:20 to 11:50 AM
- ◆ 6/7 & 7/8 Winter Choral Concert, Auditorium, 7:00 PM

Friday, December 14

- ◆ Rocky's Pizza lunch
- ◆ Primary *Frog & Toad* Plays, Auditorium, 12:30 PM
- ◆ TGIF: Market Day
- ◆ Middle School Winter Dance, Commons, 6:00 to 8:30 PM

Tuesday, December 18

- ◆ Band/Strings Winter Concert, Auditorium, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 19

- ◆ Culver's lunch

Friday, December 21

- ◆ TGIF: Staff Talent Show & More

Monday, December 24 – Friday, January 4

- ◆ NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

Monday, January 7

- ◆ School resumes

Tuesday, January 8

- ◆ EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 AM

Wednesday, January 9

- ◆ Prospect Visit, 8:30 to 11:00 AM

Friday, January 11

- ◆ Noodles & Co. lunch
- ◆ TGIF: Clubs

Monday, January 14

- ◆ Math Olympiad (Period 3)

EAGLE Happenings

Are You Ready for Market Day?

EAGLE's annual Market Day is next Friday, Dec. 14, beginning at 2:00 PM. Students who are planning to sell their creative products or provide entertainment should be preparing for the festivities. Come one, come all—parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors—to EAGLE School's Market Day!

STEM Talk Next Week

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 on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 11:20 to 11:50 AM. All students in units 4/5 and up are welcome to attend. Former NASA flight controller Steve Cantley, dad of Timon (4/5 B), will be sharing information about astronomy and his experiences at NASA. We hope you will join us!

General Information



Staff Wish List Updated

In keeping with the merriment of the season, parents often ask what they might give a special teacher for a holiday gift. To make shopping a little easier, we are forwarding an **updated** 2018 Staff Wish List. As you peruse the revised list, you will notice that some items have already been purchased and a few new "wishes" have been added. Anything on the list can be ordered online or through our catalogs. If you would like to purchase (or contribute toward) one of these items for a staff member, please notify Wade in the Main Office and drop off your check or cash contribution. If you decide to purchase something from the wish list on your own, please let us know what you've chosen so as to avoid duplication. **Please know that donating in this way is strictly voluntary and certainly not expected!**

Also, if you are planning year-end donations to charitable organizations, please keep our scholarship fund and/or general fund in mind. Because we are a non-profit organization under the federal 501(c)(3) codes, donations to the school are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Winter Storm Policy

If school is closing or starting late due to inclement weather, you will be notified by our **One Call Now** messaging system via phone or email. (If you haven't taken the necessary steps to modify or add to your contact information in the **One Call Now** system, please do so immediately. A link can be found on the EAGLE website.) A delayed start or school closing will also be posted on Channels 3, 15, and 27. Once school is open, we never close early. If you feel that weather conditions are dangerous, you may certainly come and take your child home. No need to call first, as it is important for us to have phone lines open for emergencies on bad weather days.



It's Cold Outside!

We remind students to be prepared for recess and other outdoor activities by dressing appropriately for cold weather (jackets, hats, gloves). If snow is on the ground or in the forecast, please bring boots and snow pants. Students are required to stay on paved surfaces during recess unless they are wearing snow pants and boots. To protect our carpet from being constantly wet, students who wear boots to school in the morning should change to shoes once they are in the building—shoes for inside, boots for outside.

EAGLE Bus News

Planning is currently underway for the spring semester. If you are interested in riding the bus, please contact the EAGLE Bus Coordinators at eagleschoolbus@gmail.com.

Second Semester Tuition Payment Due

If you are paying tuition under the Semester Payment Plan, your second installment is due by **Jan. 7, 2019**, our first day back after winter break. (Tuition notices will be mailed tomorrow.) You may mail a check or stop in the office on or before Dec. 21 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. [Click here](#) for more information (EAGLE tax ID is 39-1413598). Parents, please note that tuition receipts for the 2018 calendar year will be sent home with semester reports in January.

Remember to Order Lunch

To place a Rocky's Pizza lunch order for Friday, Dec. 14, log in to EAGLE School's [PraxiSchool Parent Portal](#) before Sunday, Dec. 9, at midnight. If you need assistance accessing the parent portal, email Wade (wade@eagleschool.org) and he'll get you started.

2018 Enrollment

Visit Day for 2019 Kindergarten Parents

On Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, we are hosting another special visit day for prospective families who have children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2019. During this visit, 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 attend a visiting day, interested parents should email marykay@eagleschool.org to register. Beginning Jan. 9, seven more visiting 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](#).

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, 2019. In order to submit a complete application packet by the deadline, now is the time to schedule an appointment to have your child tested (IQ) 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.

Congratulations

Science Olympians Earn Medals

On Saturday, Dec. 1, our Science Olympiad teams competed in the Boyceville Invitational. The results were impressive, given that these students were placed in the top division, competing with state champs from around the Midwest. Our EAGLE teams placed 6th and 14th overall, and in 13 out of 26 events, they placed in the top 6. The following students earned medals:

First Place – Akasha F., Zan S., Lukas W.

Second Place – Kaitlyn D., Reena K., Hannah M.

Third Place – Liv A., Annabelle C., Anya D., Zan S., Kathryn S., Lukas W.

Fourth Place – Ava B., Henry H., Reena K., Max T.

Fifth Place – Lois B. (2), Akasha F., Reena K., Annabel N., Gabby S., Amy Y.

Sixth Place – Anya D., Reena K., Zan S., Gabby S., Lukas W. (2)

We congratulate all of our hard-working Science Olympians, and we sincerely thank Mrs. McCulley and all the parents who helped to make this success possible. The Science Olympiad regional competition will be held on Jan. 26 at UW-Milwaukee, and the state competition will take place at UW-Stout on March 16.

Student Council

Market Day Donations

As we near the end of the year, Student Council would like to give everyone one last chance to donate to a good cause. During Market Day, Student Council volunteers will come to each room and ask the vendors if they would like to donate any of their proceeds to **350.org**. or the **American Red Cross**. 350.org is an organization dedicated to reducing the impact of climate change. Giving in this way is completely voluntary; any amount is welcome.

Annual Food Drive a Success

Sincere thanks to the families who participated in our annual food drive and to the Student Council members who collected the donations each morning. Hundreds of food items were picked up by the Fitchburg Police Department and distributed to local food pantries last week. Your generosity will make a noticeable difference for many in our community.

Winter Dance

The Middle School dance (5/6-7/8) will be held on **Friday, Dec. 14**, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, in the Commons. Next week, tickets will be sold during lunch for \$5 and will also be available at the door for \$7. The theme is "Winter Wonderland" and the dress code is semi-formal. Student Council needs three parent chaperones, so please let Sarah Wright (sarah@eagleschool.org) know if you can supervise.

Department Notes

A Musical Request

Do you have a forgotten ukulele taking up space in your home? Would you like to bring music to a music teacher's ears? To better accommodate our left-handed players, and to keep our teacher from completely re-tuning two ukes every class period, we are hoping to add at least two more of these instruments to the music room collection. Any ukulele in serviceable condition would be gratefully welcomed.

A Reminder from Spanish Teacher Jessica Devine

Parents, if your **6/7** or **7/8** Spanish student is planning to take the optional National Spanish Exam, please note the following important dates:

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018: Email Jessica Devine your child's intent to take the exams (jessica@eagleschool.org)

Friday, Dec. 21, 2018: Payment due (amount to be determined)

Monday, Mar. 18, 2019: NSE 1 (Vocabulary/Grammar), 11:20 (40 minutes), Room #16

Tuesday, Mar. 19, 2019: NSE 2 (Reading/Listening), 11:20 (40 minutes), Room #16

EPO News

Scholastic Book Orders Due Tomorrow!

Remember to place your **online** Scholastic book order **by tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 7**. Books will be distributed right before winter break, just in time to enjoy a good read during the time off! If you are planning to give your books as gifts and would like your order held in the office for pick-up, please let Dia (djcaulkins@gmail.com) know via email. Questions? Contact Scholastic Coordinator Dia Caulkins.

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Support EAGLE through AmazonSmile

Using AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support EAGLE School every time you shop, at no cost to you. Shopping at smile.amazon.com is comparable to shopping at Amazon.com—same prices, same selection, with the added bonus that if you designate EAGLE as the recipient of their donation, Amazon will contribute 0.5% of the purchase price of your items to our school.



Enjoy a Holiday Food Fight!

Looking for a great gift for that person who has everything? A Food Fight gift card might be just the ticket. Food Fight, a group of Madison restaurants, offers a 10% rebate to non-profit organizations that sell their gift cards. Buying a gift card for that special someone is an easy way to add funds to the school with no extra expense to you. Food Fight gift cards are available for purchase in our Main Office. (**Advance notice** for large orders is appreciated; email your request to jimlene@eagleschool.org. [Click here](#) for a complete listing of participating Food Fight restaurants.