



THE EAGLE UPDATE

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - September 6, 2024

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE...as a volunteer!

The Legacy Gala will showcase this year's ACA school verse which tells us to let our light shine so others will see our good works and give glory to God! We have some opportunities for you to let your light shine.

On Saturday morning, October 5 from 9 am to noon, at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny, we need people to help us set up the dining room, organize and set up the ticket drop prizes, and assemble the appetizers. If you can help with any of these projects for part of the time or the whole time, we would love to have you. Students can earn volunteer cord hours for helping. [Sign up here.](#)

Middle School Retreat

The Middle School Retreat will be held this Thursday, September 12, at Ankeny Free Church. Please drop off your child at Ankeny Free Church (118 NW Linden St, Ankeny). The retreat will end at 3:00, and the students and staff will walk back to the school. Please plan to pick up your student at normal dismissal time. Lunch will be provided. If your child has a dietary restriction, please [email Mrs. Bogaards](#) as soon as possible.

ACA's production of "The Christmas Carol"

The 2nd-8th graders are invited to audition for this year's production of "A Christmas Carol." We're excited to announce that ACA's advancement director, Hans Hoeksema, will be Scrooge! The script has gone through a re-write this summer, and we're excited to see this year's production!



There will be an informational meeting for parents on Tuesday, September 10, at 6:30 in the auditorium. If your child is interested in auditioning, you can [sign-up here.](#) Please contact [Mrs. Burrows](#) if you have any questions.

Estate and Planned Giving Seminar at ACA

The Education Foundation of Ankeny Christian Academy is hosting an educational seminar on Estate and Planned Giving with guest speaker, Johnne Syverson of the Charitable Giving Resource Center ([Charitable Giving Resource Center](#)). Johnne is an expert in his field with more than 40 years of experience helping people make their vision for their legacy a reality.

The seminar will be held on Monday, September 23, 2024 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to learn more about how you can create a legacy that matches your core values. This is a free, NON-FUNDRAISING event and no request for a donation will be made in any way. We want to give people the tools they need to plan for their own legacy.

Chapel Apparel Reminder

Wednesdays are Chapel day at ACA, and we expect that students will follow the chapel dress code on those days. Please be sure to review the chapel dress code below. Teachers will begin giving out demerits this week to students

who are in violation of chapel dress code.

Boys:

- *Shirt: collared shirt, quarter-zip pullover, or chapel shirt*
- *Pants: Dress pants/slacks. No blue jeans or colored denim (including black denim).*
- *BG-5th may wear golf or dress shorts due to outdoor recess and PE.*

Girls:

- *Shirt: Sweater, dressy top or chapel shirt. May also wear a dress.*
- *Bottoms: Dress pants or skirt. No blue jeans or colored denim (including black denim).*
- *BG-5th may wear dress shorts or skorts due to outdoor recess and PE.*

All attire must follow the basic dress code standards for length of shorts and skirts.

Board Communication - Agenda for Thursday's Meetings

You're invited to attend the Fireside Chat on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 in the auditorium. The board will be sharing more about their plans and priorities for the year. There will also be time for questions and answers.

[Please see the Fireside Agenda here.](#)

[The September 12 Board Agenda can be found here.](#)

Ordering Lunches 101

As a reminder, parents are now responsible for ordering lunches through the HotLunch software on your desktop computer or through the app. [Here are step-by-step instructions on ordering through the app via iPhone.](#)

Lunch orders need to be paid for at the time when the orders are added to the shopping cart. All shopping carts with unpaid lunches will be deleted from HotLunch on a daily basis. Unpaid orders will not be placed with the caterer.

PTF Meeting

The Parent Teacher Fellowship Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00. This is a great way to get involved in ACA and support our teachers!

FALL MUM FUNDRAISER

Support the Senior Class with a beautiful mum!

Orders are due by September 16. Students will pick up at ACA on September 25 from 3:45-4:45 and will deliver to their customers.

You will receive a 12" pot for \$22.
Choose between purple, red, yellow, white, and bronze.

To order, include your desired mum plant color, quantity, contact information, and preferred payment method on the order form. Payment methods are cash or check (checks made payable to Ankeny Christian Academy).



Upcoming Events

September

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5:30 PM - JV Volleyball at Des Moines Christian (three levels)

September

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4:30 PM - Junior High Volleyball versus Grand View Christian (two levels)

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5:30 PM - JV and Varsity Volleyball at Diagonal

September

12

Middle School Retreat

5:30 PM - JV and Varsity Volleyball versus Mormon Trail (three levels)

6:30 PM - Fireside Chat (Auditorium)

8:00 PM - Board of Directors Meeting

September

13

4:00 PM - Junior High Volleyball versus Des Moines Christian (four levels)

September

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9:00 AM - Varsity Volleyball at Aplington-Parkersburg Tournament



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