



FROM THE MIDDLE

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DATES TO REMEMBER

November 22-26	Thanksgiving Break - No School
November 25	Thanksgiving Day
November 26	Native American Heritage Day
November 28-December 6	Hanukkah
December 1	8th Grade Parent Upper School Overview + Tour
December 2	Rescheduled Picture Retake Day - 7:45-11:00 AM
December 9	5th Grade Field Trip to Lexington Children's Theatre
December 14	Lower School + Middle School Winter Concert

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

KYA Results

Sayre's delegation was extremely successful at this virtual conference. Twelve schools participated, and out of all of those, Sayre was chosen by other advisors and Y Staff to receive the "Outstanding Delegation" award, which is the highest award at KYA, described as "the delegation with the highest quality of participation, preparedness, and behavior exemplifying the Y's core values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility." We also received the "Premier Delegation" award, which recognizes our participation in many aspects of the conference as well as good behavior and meeting deadlines. Individual students Day Chambers (8th Grade) and Gabi Stivers (6th Grade) were recognized as "Outstanding Delegate," and "Outstanding Speaker," respectively. Only a handful of those awards were given, so for them to be recognized as outstanding by peers and adults from all over the state is truly an honor.

8th Grade Parent Upper School Overview + Tour

On **December 1st**, from **8:15-10:00 AM**, the parents of 8th grade students are invited to come to Sayre for an Upper School Overview + Tour. The overview will begin in the Middle School Commons with an overview session led by administrators from the Upper School. At 9:00 AM there will be a parent tour through the Upper School. Please email Jeff Oldham to RSVP so he can make plans for seating and refreshments. If you are not available for a tour on this date, please contact Jeff Oldham for an individual tour. There are 60-64 spots available in the 9th grade class for next year and re-enrollment begins in mid-January, so please let us know if you have any questions.



Our KYA delegates hard at work during their two-day virtual conference.



HOMework CLINIC ANNOUNCEMENT



Due to a decrease in participation this year, Homework Clinic will only be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning December 1, 2021. Middle School students may come to Extended Day on a drop-in basis for \$12/hour. Extended Day is located in the Lower School and runs until 5:45PM Monday-Friday. For further questions, please contact Ms. Massie at emassie@sayreschool.org.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Picture Retake Day Rescheduled

Picture Retake Day is now scheduled for Thursday, December 2nd, from 7:45-11:00 AM in the upper mezzanine of the gym. Students may take their pictures before school begins or during their elective time from 8:05-8:55 AM. No sign-up is necessary for the photos - students should communicate with their advisor that they are going to have their picture taken.

FCD Student Attitudes and Behavior Survey - For Grades 8-12

The health and safety of our students and school community is of primary importance to all of us. One of our priorities is to ensure that the young people under our care continue to make healthy choices. To maintain and strengthen the health of our school community, Sayre is working with FCD Prevention Works, a part of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. FCD is a nonprofit organization that, for over 40 years, has been the leading provider of alcohol and other drug education and prevention services for schools across the United States and in 70 countries around the world. (You can learn more about this organization at www.fcd.org.)

After the Thanksgiving Break the Upper School will be administering the FCD Student Attitudes and Behavior Survey to students in grades 8-12. This survey is designed to measure students' actual attitudes and behavior with regard to alcohol and other drugs, as well as their perceptions of the behavior and attitudes of their schoolmates. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete. It is completely anonymous; no individual student can be identified from his or her responses, and all data will be presented only by group, i.e., grade level, gender, entire school.

The survey is a powerful tool for identifying strengths within the school community and its ongoing prevention efforts, as well as highlighting areas that would benefit from greater focus. The data generated will allow us to better understand student attitudes and behaviors regarding alcohol and other drug use. We can then use that knowledge to create an effective, targeted prevention plan that nurtures the wellbeing of the individual students and the school as a whole. We know that you join us in our commitment to keeping our students informed, aware and healthy.



5th grade students giving a presentation about Veteran's Day (November 11).





SECOND VACCINE CLINIC INFORMATION

Our first vaccine clinic at Sayre on November 9th was a success! Wildhealth will be offering a second vaccination clinic on **Tuesday, November 30th**, from **2:00-6:00 PM** in the **Buttery**. We hope this provides a comfortable and familiar atmosphere for your child. Family, friends, and employees are also welcome to receive their COVID vaccine at this clinic. If your child received their first round of the pediatric COVID vaccine at Sayre on November 9th, the second round of the vaccine will be offered on this date, as the two-round vaccine shots must be taken at least 21 days apart.

To sign up for the vaccine clinic, please visit kyvax.wildhealth.com, select Sayre as your testing site, and choose your time preference. There is currently a limit on appointments that will be increased when we reach capacity -- if you have issues making an appointment, please continue to check the website for updates on time slots. If this is your second shot, please remember to bring your vaccine card to be completed.

If this date does not work for your family, UK Healthcare is offering a pediatric vaccine clinic at 245 Fountain Court off North Eagle Creek Drive . The clinic runs from 1:00-7:00PM Monday-Friday and 9:00-5:00PM Saturday. You may register up to five children for one appointment. To register for the pediatric vaccine clinic, please follow this link: <https://c19peds.ukhc.org/>.

UK Healthcare also offers vaccinations for those ages 12 and up and are given at various UK Healthcare Pharmacy Services locations around Lexington. All COVID vaccines are given free of charge, no insurance necessary. **If your child receives the COVID vaccine, please send a record of their vaccination card to Elizabeth Massie at emassie@sayreschool.org.**



REMINDERS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Winter Dress Code

Beginning November 1st, shorts are no longer allowed in the Middle School. Students should also come outfitted appropriately for outdoor recess with a coat and any other winter accessories to keep them warm.

Pre-Arranged Absence Forms

If your family is traveling for the holidays and your child will be absent in the days surrounding break, please have them come to the office and get a pre-arranged absence form. Forms may be returned to the office or sent via email to emassie@sayreschool.org.

KHSAA Forms

If your child will be participating in a winter or spring sport, you will need to complete and turn in a KHSAA sports physical before they are eligible to play. This is a different form than the required 6th grade physical. Please turn this form into the Front Office or to the Middle School Athletic Director, Cindy Eason.

If your student is leaving for the day, they must be signed out at the front office. They cannot leave without a parent contacting or visiting the front office. If you would prefer not to come into the building, please call Ms. Massie at (859) 254-7177 when you arrive to pick up your child.

Please direct any questions or requests regarding dismissal, absences, or other scheduling needs to Elizabeth Massie at (859) 254- 7177 or emassie@sayreschool.org