



# FORGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

July 19, 2022 Newsletter

## A NOTE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANDY JOHNSON:

We recently asked our parents what brought them to Forge, what keeps them at Forge and what they suggested we highlight to other families. Thank you to those of you that provided us with this valuable insight. Many of our families came to Forge for the welcoming environment, small classes where their children were seen and known by their teachers and for a better education. For a great number of our families, the International Baccalaureate framework represents that promise of a better education. Our families responded that they stay at Forge because they deeply value learning a second language, strong teacher-student relationships, developing strong academic skills in conducting research, problem-solving and working with others to achieve a goal. An overwhelming number of our families also told us that the International Baccalaureate and high-quality academics were incredibly important to them.



We are grateful for our families' thoughts. We agree. We think these are Forge's strengths as well. Our parents came to Forge for a safe community, for excellent academics and for teachers who would see and know their children. I am writing this note on World Refugee Day - a day on which we are reminded and asked to think and, perhaps, take action on behalf of refugees around the world. Our hopes and dreams for our children are very similar to what refugees are seeking around the world. Any action we take on behalf of refugees helps. We can volunteer, donate or read about people's experiences. Empathy is an action.

There are 100,000,000 million refugees in our world - right now. This is the highest number ever recorded. You've read in this newsletter and probably in many other places about the plight of people who have been forcibly displaced by war such as in Ukraine, Syria, and Congo or forced to abandon homes by a changing climate, economic conditions or other factors beyond their control. The theme for this year's Refugee Day and Week is "Community, Friendship and Welcome." When I read that, I thought - that is the spirit I have come to know at Forge and at Sage. Please take some time to learn about refugees in our community, the refugee crisis globally and to take some small action to make a difference. Actions you take to learn, empathize and assist others are right in line with the values of the IB Learner Profile (EN) and Perfil de la comunidad de aprendizaje del IB.

We would love your support in spreading the word to friends and acquaintances about Forge. You can help us continue to build a welcoming community that values a thoughtful, caring and challenging learning environment.

All the best,  
Andy

## **OUR MISSION:**

**Forge International School engages students within an inclusive international learning community, challenging all members to take risks and contribute locally and globally through open-minded inquiry**





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 28th** - Ice Cream Social
- August 4** - Meet the Teacher & Supply Drop-off
- August 8** - First Day of School!
- August 25** - Family Back to School Night
- Sept 5** - Labor Day, No School
- September 26-30** - Fall Break, No School!

Join us August 4th to kick off the 2022-23 School year! All students



are welcome to meet their teachers, tour the school and their classrooms, and ask any questions they have. Students in 6-10th grades will receive their schedules and locker assignments, and grades K-5 are welcome to bring their supplies to leave in their classroom. If your family is unable to attend, no problem. We will take care of it all on the first day of school!



## School Supply Lists

Supplies lists for the 2022-23 school year are ready, you can [find them here](#) for all grade levels!

## Middleton Music



We are thrilled to be offering classes to students at Forge through Middleton Music Academy! Classes and private lessons will be offered throughout the summer, please email [info@middletonmusicacademy.com](mailto:info@middletonmusicacademy.com) if you are interested!

## STAY CONNECTED!



Other than school-wide emails and newsletters, [our website](#) is the best resource for general info about Forge.



You can also find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

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## REVIEWS PLEASE?



When parents are searching for the best school for their students, there are two websites they most frequently reference: Niche and Great Schools. As Forge parents, we would love your input to help families find the school that is the best fit for them! You can leave reviews for Forge at both sites here: [Niche](#) and [Great Schools](#). You can also leave Google Reviews! We love Forge, and we want to be sure we find families that will love it too. Thank you!



Has your child been reading this summer? We hope so, and it's not too late to start! All area libraries have fun summer reading programs with great rewards to encourage them. The Middleton Library has a great program you can [read about here](#), or find your [area library here](#) to see what they have to offer!





Mark your calendars! We invite all Forge families to join us for an ice cream social, provided by the school. Say hello to your friends, meet our new families, and catch up on your summer before we head back for another great school year. We hope to see you there on July 28th between 7:00-8:30 pm in the courtyard at Forge International!

## FORGE LINGO

We admit, Forge is wonderfully unique and uses some terminology that new (and even existing) families may not

be familiar with. We're here to help! Here are some terms to get you started, we will share more next month!

**IB** - International Baccalaureate, the framework upon which Forge models its curriculum. We are accredited for the PYP (K-5) and working toward our accreditation for MYP.

**PYP** - Primary Years Programme, our programme for Kindergarten - 5th grades

**MYP** - Middle Years Programme, our programme for 6-10th

**"Programme" vs. "Program"** - it's an International thing...

**Sage "Network"** - We have two awesome schools - Forge and Sage - in our network. Consider it like our "district". Network staff supports BOTH schools!

**Sage** - this is our partner school in Boise, which is part of the Sage International Network of Schools. They are starting their 11th school year and offer K-12th grades.

**Inquiry Cycle** - Students determine their prior knowledge of a central idea, and are encouraged to ask questions, research, and apply their learning to the real world.

**The Dragon** - this is our mascot, ties in Our school colors of purple, green, and black make up our Sage Globe representing that we are an IB School.

# WE ARE HIRING!

- **Speech Language Pathologist - Full time**  
182 day calendar
- **Kitchen Assistant - Mon-Thurs school days**
- **ParaProfessional - Mon-Thurs school days**
- **Substitute Kitchen Staff - Hourly as needed**

Forge will close its doors for the summer between **June 10th and July 25th**. During that time our front desk will not be staffed and our phones will go to voicemail. If you need assistance or have questions over the summer, please email [info@forgeintl.org](mailto:info@forgeintl.org) and we will reply as soon as we are able. Thank you and have a wonderful summer break, we will see you soon!

