



February 2012

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DATES TO REMEMBER

February	2	Seniors measured for cap & gown/place orders for graduation announcements Juniors order class ring Junior/Senior parents are encouraged to attend (Buttery) (A packet was mailed home to parents with all of the info needed to order a class ring as well as info for graduation announcements and other items. Students will be bringing home on Wednesday a more detailed packet of info.)
	7	Re-enrollment contracts due
	9	Middle & Upper School Show Choir Concert at 7PM
	10	Registration deadline for the March 10 SAT Registration deadline for the People of Color & Diversity Conference
	11	ACT at Sayre
	13-17	Winter Break – No School
	15	Deadline to file for financial aid with FAFSA (for senior parents)
	22	American Math Contest

SAYRE SCHOOL INVESTMENT CLUB

On Thursday, January 19, 2012, members of the Sayre School Investment Club presented their fall earnings, approximately \$8,000, from the Michael and Laura Dawahare Charitable Trust to the BMAC KY Wounded Warriors Program at a brief ceremony in the Sayre Upper School Atrium. Tom Baker, Chairman of the Bluegrass Military Affairs Coalition, and Kentucky Wounded Warrior and University of Kentucky student Nathan Noble, U.S. Marine (OEF/OIF), accepted the donation.

Launched in September, this charitable investment group, which includes seniors **Carson Baughman, Maddie Brotherton, Keith Cavanaugh, Sanders Courtney, Sarah Davis, Helena Emig, Sheena Nie, John Shockley, and Kimmy Zhang** is sponsored by Sayre parent Michael Dawahare. Mr. Dawahare and the students met weekly to discuss investment ideas and strategies. Topics also include broader issues involving global economies, consumer trends, and energy consumption and production. "I have greatly enjoyed working with these young people to educate them not only in financial markets and business execution, but also to help them become solution-based adults. At the same time it is important to instill philanthropic habits in our young people at an early age."

UPPER & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS OF COLOR AND DIVERSITY CONFERENCE

This conference is open to any student that has a special interest in diversity. The conference will be held on Saturday, February 25 from 9AM to 4PM on the Sayre School campus.

- ❖ The morning (and, for middle school students, afternoon) includes formal meetings of race/ethnicity affinity groups that provide a place for sharing experience, developing common ground, and building a path for internal collaboration and external representation and leadership. Conference attendees are asked to self-designate their affinity group from this list: African, Latino/Hispanic, East Asian, Middle Eastern/Central, South Asian, Native American/Indigenous/First Nations, European American, Bi-Multiracial, or International. If an attendee does not find a group listed, please write "other," followed by what identity he or she does affiliate with.
- ❖ A session for adult Diversity practitioners, faculty members, and parents will take place in the morning
- ❖ Registration is \$30 per student
- ❖ Workshop information available at www.sayreschool.org

For further information, please contact Kristin Seymour, Chair of the Diversity and Multiculturalism Team, at 254-7177 or kseymour@sayreschool.org.

32ND ANNUAL SAYRE SPECTACULAR

The Sayre Spectacular is just a month away so please make sure to mark your calendars for Friday, March 2. The grand event will take place in the C.V. Whitney Gymnasium on the Sayre campus beginning with a Silent Auction/Cocktails at 6:00 PM. Dinner and the introduction of the Class of 2012 will follow at 7:30. The live auction will begin shortly after the senior introductions - ([List of 2012 Live Auction Items](#)).

If you would like to donate goods or services, volunteer to help plan the event, or would like more information, please contact [Michelle Crouch Goodman '91](#), 2012 Spectacular Chair; [Laurel Martin](#), Director of Advancement, 254-1361, ext. 203 or [Sarah Rushing](#), Administrative Assistant for Development, 254-1361, ext. 214

[Volunteer Form](#)

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE COUNSELING OFFICE

Juniors are encouraged to register for the March 2012 SAT test. The students should register online at www.act.org and at www.collegeboard.com.

Seniors: Families who plan to apply for need-based financial aid should complete the FAFSA by February 15. Students should check to determine if separate merit-based scholarship applications and/or housing applications are required beyond the application for admission to the various colleges for which they have applied.

Students may register at www.actstudent.org.

THE COMMONWEALTH ACADEMIC TEAM AWARDS BANQUET

On January 9, the Sayre Upper School Academic Team attended the awards ceremony for the Commonwealth Academic League's regular season. The League tracks individual and team performances over the twelve match season in all five subject area categories (math, science, language arts, social studies, and humanities) in both quick recall and on written tests. **Mason Hill** placed second in both humanities and social studies and **Marston Smith** was third in language arts. In addition, the social studies and humanities teams were second and the math team finished first in the league. Overall, Sayre finished second in the League, with a record of 9-3. The other teams in the group include Scott, Franklin, Anderson and Shelby County, plus Western Hills and Martha Layne Collins High Schools.

Adeel Ahmed
Keith Cavanaugh
Taylor Cohron
Joey Cole
Colleen Craven
Sarah Davis
Alice Edwards
Yulun (Allen) He

Chauncey Hill
Mason Hill
Nausher Hussain
Hina Iqbal
MJ Jones
Yue Li
John Newton

Will Pagan
Eric Shockley
Marston Smith
Nicholas Waltman
Alex Wilcox
Tadhg Young
Alek Zieba

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Information on re-enrollment for the 2012-13 school year has been emailed. Completed contracts are due **by February 7**. If you have any questions, please contact the Admission Office at 254-1361.

NEWS FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

If you love fantasy fiction, mythology, or enjoy writing poetry you might consider entering the following contest <http://www.tapestryofbronze.com/OdeForm.html>.

There are two different age categories: under 18 and over 18. The deadline to enter is April 30, 2012. You may view the writings of past winners as well. Mr. Youngblood has sent this e-mail to all US students.

Sophomores/Juniors: Please see the information below regarding the summer 2012 Reynolds Young Writers Workshop on the campus of Denison University (OH).

The Reynolds Young Writers Workshop, now in its eighteenth year, is an eight-day residential summer program that offers a marvelous opportunity for high school students to work intensively with professional poets, fiction and nonfiction writers on Denison's beautiful college campus in Granville, Ohio. Application deadline is **March 8, 2012**. Current sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible to apply. This year's program dates are **June 17 to 24, 2012**.

The small workshops in poetry, fiction, and nonfiction give beginning poets and writers the chance to develop their talents and refine their skills. Daily cross-writing classes give exposure to all the genres, while group sessions with visiting writers and readings enrich the experience. There's also time to write individually and to meet with faculty one on one.

Please visit their website at www.reynolds.denison.edu, where you will find full details about the program, photo galleries, a blog, and downloadable application forms. Financial aid is available for those who need it. A letter of recommendation is required, along with a writing sample, personal statement, and an application fee. Applications must be postmarked no later than **March 8, 2012**.

If you have any questions, you can reach us at reynoldswriting@denison.edu, or at 740-587-6207.

NEWS FROM THE MATH DEPARTMENT

Upper School mathematics students had their best showing of the year on the American Scholastic Mathematics Association test in the month of January. **Allen He** had a perfect score of seven correct answers. Students having five correct answers were **George Chalhaub, Joey Cole, and Alek Zieba**. Kudos to the Upper School students who are working hard to improve each month on these contest problems.

The Math Club is offering free tutoring in the atrium during the day. There is a list of talented students in each of the math classrooms who are volunteering their time for tutoring. Math Club meets every Friday during lunch in Mrs. Dunn's room. Members are currently learning how to write programs on the TI graphing calculators. Students who are interested in mathematics are welcome to join.

NEWS FROM THE MODERN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

French Program: In the fall of 2011, two Upper School French classes participated in the transatlantic competition "Rock the Statue Green" to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France to the people of the United States of America. The classes studied the genesis of the statue as well as its meaning to Americans and immigrants alike and then decided on the medium with which to compete in the competition. While studying vocabulary and expressions to talk and write about the competition as well as the creative process, the French II class created a paper mâché replica, whereas the French IIA class created a mosaic of the statue. Amongst the hundreds of submissions from individuals and classes on both sides of the Atlantic, the mosaic was selected as one of the semi-finalists in the competition. It will be offered to the Upper School on Thursday, February 2nd to be hung in the halls of Sayre School. Come and check it out!!

The French program has launched its own Facebook page in order to promote activities of interest to the Sayre community. You may access their page in many ways--from the Sayre Website, from Madame Froehlich's homepage, or by directly going to [French@Sayre](https://www.facebook.com/French@Sayre) on facebook.

NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Congratulations to the following students who are advancing to the Fayette County Science Fair.

Cavitt Bradley	Yue Li	Ellen Ray
Abby Clayton	Merrick Melear	Francesca Spirito
Hollis Clinkinbeard	Elizabeth Parkes	Hailey Trawick
Colleen Craven		

The fair will take place at Bryan Station HS on Saturday, February 11th. Judging will be from 9-12 with an Awards Ceremony at 3PM. Good luck to these students!

The minutes from the most recent Green Team meeting are available on their Campus Sustainability page at <http://www.sayreschool.org/page.cfm?p=2832>. Thanks for your support.

SENIOR INTERNSHIPS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Seniors, you will soon be entering the planning phase for senior internships. Please begin thinking about possible internship opportunities. Your parents and your faculty advisor will be helpful resources for you as you consider your placement and sponsor. Ms. Laumas has a list of former sponsors so that you can see what students have done in recent years.

The goals for your internship include an introduction to the work world, the pursuit of a career-related or service-related interest, and the establishment of a transition period from high school to college that will include greater freedom and responsibility.

Thursday, March 1 is your first major deadline. On this day, you will submit a typed proposal, the Sponsor Approval form, and the Parent Approval form. The first day of your internship will be on Monday, April 23. The process of securing your internships with more detail will be discussed later, but it's important for you to begin thinking of ideas. Please see Ms. Laumas if you have questions or concerns that you would like to discuss.

STUDENT NEWS

Junior **Mason Hill** has earned quite an outstanding honor. By virtue of a test he completed under Mr. Mills' supervision this fall, he has been chosen as one of only two Kentucky students (junior/senior eligibility) for participation in the United States Senate Youth Program. The description of the program follows:

"The United States Senate Youth Program brings the highest level officials from each branch of government together with an outstanding group of high school students---two high school juniors or seniors from each of the fifty states, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity---during an intensive week-long educational program held in Washington, DC. The program is merit based and highly competitive. In addition, each student receives a one-time \$5,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to pursue course work in history and political science."

Mason will participate in the Washington week, March 3-10. All of his expenses are covered by the Hearst Foundation. What a great way to represent Sayre!

HOMECOMING COURT 2012

Members of the junior and senior class nominated students from their respective grade level to be on the Homecoming Court. From these nominations the students then voted for Homecoming Queen and Homecoming King.

Junior Class	Katelyn Sexton	Wyatt Ockerman
	Hollis Clinkinbeard	Duncan Courtney
	Lucy Belle Hall	Dan Caudill
	Sammy Farish	Tadhg Young

Senior Class	Chenault VanMeter	Carson Baughman
	Maddie Brotherton	Josh Bishop
	Isi Hunt	John Shockley
	Emily Culbertson	Reid Freeman
	Hannah Turnbull	Philip O'Rourke
	Jamie Rosenstein	Ben Turnbull

Congratulations to Homecoming Queen, **Maddie Brotherton** and Homecoming King, **Carson Baughman!**

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes in your 2011-12 directory:

Martin Durmov – Grade 10

Home phone # - Delete	859/294-0034
Add	859/368-9552

CURRENT FRESHMEN PARENTS - VERY IMPORTANT SOPHOMORE CLASS TRIP INFORMATION

It is over 6 months away but freshmen need to start thinking about the Sophomore Class Trip. Sophomores will be making the trek to Toronto shortly after school begins in the 2012-13 school year and they will **all need passports**. Getting a passport is sometimes a long process, so please plan accordingly and be ready to travel to Toronto! Ms. Haden has passport applications available in the office.

You may also download information and application forms from the Transylvania University study abroad website <http://www.transy.edu/studyabroad/passport.htm>. The website will tell you where to get passport photos, how to get certified copies of Kentucky birth certificates, how to renew a passport, and has a link to the State Department's website where you can download the application. Completed application and supporting materials must then be taken in person by both parent and student to the Passport Office at the Nandino Road post office. Passports issued to children under 16 are only valid for five years, so even if your student has a passport, parents should check the expiration date. These cannot be renewed; new passports are required.

UPDATE ON SAYRE SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER

As you probably have learned by now, our friend **Monica Blanton (K-12 Tech Support)** has recently had lumpectomy surgery, and has now begun daily radiation treatments. According to the current plan, she should be done with treatment sometime in early March.

We all know that Monica is a toughy, and that she will assuredly show this cancer who is boss by tackling it ferociously, just as she does every other challenge. But she will need some help over the coming months. Many of you have indicated that you would like to help her family out by supplying a meal, and I know that Monica and her brood will be very grateful for that.

To this end, there is a calendar for Monica's family on carecalendar.org. It is currently set up for three dinners a week, plus a few other categories like errands, housework, rides etc which we can activate as needed. It allows all who log in to see what needs Monica, Jack, Jay and Jayden might have and be able to avoid gaps or redundancies.

To access Monica Blanton's personal CareCalendar site, visit <http://www.carecalendar.org/logon/95807> and enter the following information in the appropriate spaces: **CALENDAR ID: 95807 SECURITY CODE: 5674** From here you'll be able to see Monica's calendar and see preferences, needs, what dates are covered and which are open. It's color coded. Once you've signed up, it will send you an e-mail reminder two days before the day you've signed up for. Monica will also get an e-mail that you will be bringing something.

A few logistical details:

- ❖ You may drop your contributions off in the Upper School Office, where there is a cooler.
- ❖ Containers: To cut down on the stress of reconnecting containers to owners, please do NOT send dishes in your own containers, but in disposable ones. Aluminum trays, plastic containers, etc.
- ❖ Freezable items are best. Since the life of treatment is so unpredictable, your meal may not be eaten on the day that you bring it, but may be stored for another time. Monica has a freezer in her garage.
- ❖ Of course, many of you may well want to help out in other ways, but this one is open to all who'd care to join in. Please pass this on to anyone you know to be interested. Please let Bettina Morrish (bmorrish@sayreschool.org) know if you have any questions.

Best to all of you, and many thanks for your help in Monica's road to recovery, Bettina Morrish

CLUB NEWS

Sayre Chess Team Undefeated (4-0) in Tournament Play

The Sayre Chess Team is off to a terrific start with four first place team trophies and an undefeated season of 4-0. The tournament and the individual results are as follows:

1/21/12 Winter Scholastic Chess Tournament at UK

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| 1st Place | Joey Cole |
| 2nd Place | Chris Cole |

3rd Place Eric Shockley
Players: Chris Cole, Joey Cole and Eric Shockley

1/16/12 ML King Day Scholastic Chess Tournament

2nd Place Joey Cole
Players: Chris Cole, Joey Cole and Eric Shockley

11/19/11 Kentucky Scholastic Chess Center

1st Place Joey Cole
2nd Place Chris Cole
Players: Chris Cole, Joey Cole and John Schwarcz

11/12/11 Kentucky Chess Association Grade Level Championship

1st Place team Junior and Sophomore
Players: Chris Cole, Joey Cole, John Schwarcz and Eric Shockley
Every player tied for second place in their grade level

The chess team invites all upper and middle school students to join their club. Whether you would like to learn how to play, play competitively, or just play chess with friends after school on Thursdays for an hour with chess coach, Sayre alum and retired math and science teacher Tom Isaacs. The second hour of chess is taught by International Grand Master Gregory Kaidanov www.kaidanov.org previously the 9th ranked player in the United States. Prior chess tournament games are studied and analyzed with the Grand Master. Strategies are discussed and new techniques are learned.

Once again, the Sayre Chess Team would like you to join them for fun and/or more serious tournament play.

SCHOOL REACH MESSAGE SERVICE

Sayre School has a telephone broadcast system that will enable school personnel to notify all households by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation, or a late start. Sayre will continue to report school closings, due to weather, on local television and radio stations.

NEWS TO KNOW

Please e-mail Ms. Haden in the early a.m. if you will be picking your child up early for an appointment. This will allow for their name and time they will be leaving to be placed in the daily bulletin so that the teachers will be aware of their absence from class that day. This will also give Ms. Haden a chance to call the student out of class ahead of time so that they are ready when you arrive. Students are required to check with all of their teachers prior to leaving school for an appointment.

- **#Parents:** If you use Huston Alley and then the senior parking lot to cut over to Academy Alley in the morning or afternoon to drop off/pick up your child(ren) we ask that you continue to the end of the alley and turn onto MLK Blvd. and enter Academy Alley this way. The seniors are pulling into their parking spots in the morning and on several occasions there have been some close calls when parents are cutting through. Pulling into some of the spaces in the lot requires a wide turn and with another car coming towards you it can be rather difficult. Thanks for your help in keeping this area safer for driving.
- **Parents:** Please make sure to call Ms. Haden by 9AM at 389-7390 or e-mail rhaden@sayreschool.org if your child is going to be late or absent. A reminder that if your child is absent and we have not heard from a parent to please expect a phone call from Dr. Quintero to confirm that your child is at home.
- If your child is going to miss a day or more of school please remind them that they must complete a **pre-arranged absence form**. The student takes the form to each of his/her teachers and they record the assignment the student will miss. The student is then to bring the completed form to Ms. Haden so that a copy can be made for their file.
- The Upper School building will not be open until 7:30AM and there is no supervision before 7:30am. Supervision will be available in the Upper School Monday – Thursday until 5PM. On Friday's students will need to make arrangements to leave the building by 4PM as there will be no supervision after this time. Call us if there are questions or concerns.

- A **reminder about turning 16 and going to take your driving permit test.** All counties require you to bring a School Compliance Verification form completed by a school administrator (the school seal must be on it as well) to your appointment to obtain your driving permit. It is not required if you are going for your actual license. Heads up – no form they will turn you away!
- **Selective Service Registration** - Almost all male U.S. citizens, and male aliens living in the U.S., who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. It's important to know that even though he is registered, a man will not automatically be inducted into the military. I mention this is for two reasons: 1) it's the law and, 2) several colleges will not process the application until the (male) student provides the school with their Selective Service registration number. It takes two minutes or less to register – www.sss.gov.
- **Recycling of cell phones** – Have you upgraded your phone recently and are holding on to the old phone because you aren't sure what to do with it? The Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center distributes used cell phones to survivors to access emergency services at a moment's notice or they are recycled to raise money for the BRCC. If you do donate your old phone(s) please bring the charger and instruction book as well. If you do not have these items the phone(s) will still be accepted. A collection box is in Ms. Haden's office.

SPARTAN SHOP NEWS

To get the latest info on new merchandise and events at the Spartan Shop, "like us" on Facebook!

February Customer Appreciation Discount: To thank our customers for their continued support, we are offering a 20% discount on any one regularly priced item during the month of February. No coupon required!! Not a Spartan Shop customer? No problem - now is a great time to check us out! **OPEN Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11am-4pm, Battered Lower Level**

Sheila McCoy and Lori Tenney, Spartan Shop Co-Chairs

Spartan.Shop@yahoo.com

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE ON CAMPUS

February	3	Middle School Conference Day
	22	Toddler Adult Session II begins 9 – 10:30AM
	24	4 th Grade Spirituals at 8:30AM – First Presbyterian Church

USED XBOX OR WII GAMES NEEDED FOR 4TH GRADE ELECTRONICS AUCTION

Clean up your playroom and support Sayre! The 4th grade is collecting used/discarded Xbox AND Wii games to create a fun electronics themed auction item for Sayre SPECTACULAR! Please send previously loved games that you don't want any more via backpack express or drop in the box near the office by **Wednesday, February 8th**. Duplicate games, ratings, etc. does not matter. Your donations will allow us to trade & purchase new items to build a valuable electronics gift basket for the Spectacular silent auction. The more donations of your discarded games, the bigger we can make the package. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Helmers at 339-8269 or Amy Allen at 494-5334.

Current Parent Class Participation Challenge! Every Gift Counts!

All members of the Sayre community are challenged to participate by giving. Every gift counts! Here are the participation rates for giving* for the 2011-2012 academic year listed by grade.

The Sayre Fund

Update on Current Parent Participation as of December 31, 2011

Child Class Year	Donors	Out Of	Percentage	Families Remaining
2012	18	48	38%	39
2013	18	62	29%	44
2014	20	48	42%	28
2015	10	57	18%	47
2016	18	45	40%	27
2017	9	35	26%	26
2018	8	40	20%	32
2019	12	31	39%	19
2020	13	20	65%	7
2021	20	36	56%	16
2022	19	31	61%	12
2023	15	24	63%	9
2024	8	15	53%	7
2025	8	25	32%	17
2026	10	24	35%	14

Our goal is to have 80% + participation for current parent giving in each class by June 30, 2012. The classes with the highest participation percentage by April 1 will win a DRESS DOWN DAY and a SPECIAL GIFT! Help us reach our goal and make your gift to The Sayre Fund today on-line: <https://www.sayreschool.org/page.cfm?p=3382&LockSSL=true> or call the Development Office at 859.254.1361 ext. 203 to speak to Laurel Raimondo Martin, Director of Advancement.