



# THE EAGLE UPDATE

WISHING YOU ALL A SAFE  
AND HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

## Eagle Update

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school! The Eagle Update is sent on Fridays throughout the year (or Thursdays when Friday is a holiday!). This will be your main source of information on general school events. Teachers will share classroom specific information with you. This is being sent to the emails you entered when you registered your child(ren). If you have additional email addresses that you would like to have receive this email, please [email Mrs. Bogaards](#).

During the school year, there will be three separate emails - one for elementary, middle and high school. During the summer, when we're sharing less email, there will be just one email sent to the entire school.

## Follow us on Facebook!

Be sure to [follow us on Facebook](#) for fun photos and updates throughout the year.

## 2025-2026 School Calendar

[The 2025-2026 school calendar is available!](#) This calendar is also available [on our website](#). Please look over it carefully as you plan for 2025-2026.

## Welcome, Mr. Willis!

We are excited to announce our new discipleship director, Mr. Patrick Willis! Mr. Willis is originally from Winston-Salem, NC, and met his wife, Emily, while they were both students at Kentucky Christian University (KCU). Together they have four children and have called Ankeny home since April 2020, when they moved to help co-plant Direction Church in the Des Moines metro. Before that, Mr. Willis served nearly a decade in campus ministry—four years at Lock Haven University and five years at the University of Tennessee. Mr. Willis enjoys reading, learning, and playing music, and he's passionate about helping people grow in their relationship with King Jesus.

Mr. Willis will begin at ACA on July 7.

## Parent Prayer

The Parent Prayer group will meet next Thursday, July 10, at the Wyllie home ( 4611 N East Michael Drive, Ankeny, 50021). All parents are invited to attend to pray for our school and the specific prayer requests from our teachers and staff.

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## Blue Cord Hours

Students who want to graduate with blue cords will need 80 hours of community service completed before April of their senior year - 40 of those hours can be completed at ACA. There will be some organizing projects and a couple of Instagram reels/videos that we will need help with before school starts. If you are able to help with either of those projects, [please email Mrs. Bogaards](#).

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## Baseball & Softball Post-Season

Baseball and softball begin will post-season play soon! Tickets will need to be pre-purchased through the links below; activity passes will not be valid at these games. You're encouraged to wear school colors/attire to the games!

### Baseball:

ACA will take on Melcher-Dallas on Saturday at 5:00 at the SE Warren Baseball Fields in the first round of substate. [Purchase tickets here](#). If the Eagles win, they'll take on the winner of Madrid and SE Warren on Tuesday, July 8 at SE Warren.

### Softball:

Softball will host the second round of districts on Wednesday, July 9. They will take on the winner of Colo-Nesco/AGWSR at 7:00 PM at the North Polk Middle School Softball Field (315 NE 141st Ave Alleman). [Purchase tickets here](#). If the Eagles are victorious on Wednesday, they will play again on Friday at 7:00 at North Polk Middle School.

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## Junior & Senior Car Registration

This year, juniors and seniors will have assigned parking spots in the west parking lot. [Please complete this form](#) by August 1 so your parking spot can be assigned to you. You will be able to pick up your parking pass on Back to School Night on August 21.

Freshmen and sophomores will park on the street. They can park on any street they like with the exception of parking on Sharmin between 1st and 2nd St.

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