



THE EAGLE UPDATE

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - October 17, 2025

Fall Break

Reminder - no school Friday, October 17 or Monday, October 20 for Fall Break!

Teacher Update

We are excited to share Mrs. Cassie Frericks will be the new 2nd grade teacher; her first day in the classroom will be October 27. We are grateful for Mrs. Phillips and the many lives she has impacted as a teacher at ACA; her last day will be October 24.

Gala Pictures

We had such a great time at our Legacy Gala this year! More than \$640,000 has been raised thus far for our expansion project. [Photos can be viewed and downloaded here.](#)

School Pictures

You should have received an email from Monahan Photography this week with a link to view and purchase your child's school pictures. If you did not, please contact the office.

Secondary Pick-Up Reminders

We are seeing an increasing number of parents parking on Sharmin to pick up their children. This is creating a lot of congestion on this road, both for ACA parents and students but also neighbors. Please remember that all parents should be coming through the carline. If you are not picking up in carline, you need to park on 2nd Avenue or on Sharmin behind 2nd. We have had several near accidents lately with parents pulling around parked cars or cars not being able to get through safely on Sharmin.

Also, if you are parking south of the gym, please be mindful of the staff directing traffic. Our main goal is to get the parents in carline out first, as they back up on the road and it's not safe. Please follow the instructions of the staff and be patient as we prioritize getting our carline off the street.

Please share this reminder also with grandparents or others picking up your children.

Elementary Drop-Off Reminder

Your child's safety is so important to us. If at all possible, please drop-off your child outside of the rear passenger door. If that is not possible, please use extra caution when they exit outside the driver side doors. Also, please use extreme caution when driving through the parking lot. Please do not come down the middle aisle or drop off your child in a handicapped spot. Please go through the carline for the safety of all of our students.

PTF - October 30

Due to the Debt Service meeting and vote on Thursday, October 23, PTF will be pushed back one week and meet on Thursday, October 30 at 6:30.

Musical Date Change

The open auditions for the high school spring musical, *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, have been moved to Wednesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 20. The change in date will give students more time to practice their audition music.

This year's musical has 6-8 male roles and 4-6 female roles. All parts will sing, dance, and act. There is potential for a chorus, as well, depending on the number of performers selected for the musical. Performance dates are set for March 26, 27, 28, which is the weekend after Spring Break.

Students interested in trying out should contact the director, Mrs. Herring, for audition music and to select a time for their try-out. You can reach Mrs. Herring via email at marylou.herring@aca eagles.net.

Crochet Club

There is a new Crochet Club for 9-12th graders. They meet on Wednesdays at lunch in Mrs. Schroeder's room. All 9th-12th graders are welcome to attend as they learn how to crochet and make scarves and hats to donate to the homeless. If you have yarn you would like to donate to the club, please [contact Mrs. Schroeder](#).

Intruder Drill - Note for Kindergarten & Beginnergarten Parents

ACA will be practicing for a run, hide, fight drill next week. We want to provide our kindergarten and beginnergarten parents with a few thoughts as this may be the first time they practice something like this. Here is the verbiage our kindergarten and beginnergarten teachers will share:

If something "unsafe" is in our school, we might need to leave until emergency workers like police, firefighters, or animal catchers can make it safe again. For example, if a skunk got into our school, we wouldn't want to welcome him in our room. A wild animal doesn't belong in our school! He would make a big stink! The teacher will decide if it's safest to go outside until he's caught or lock our door and hide inside. The same thing would happen if a dangerous person came into our school. This will be referenced but the emphasis will be on the animal example so that the children focus on a less scary scenario.

Girls Middle School Basketball Coach

We are looking for a middle school girls basketball coach! If you or someone you know is interested, they can [apply on our website](#).

Cross Country District Meet

Cheer on the cross country teams as they compete at the district meet at South Hamilton on October 23!

ACA Volleyball Postseason - Rounds 1, 2 & 3

ACA is proud to host Rounds 1-3 of the volleyball postseason. **Please review the following important details and expectations for each event night:**

Event Schedule

- Monday October 20th 7PM
- Wednesday October 22nd 7PM
- Monday October 27th 7PM
- Location: ACA Gymnasium

Tickets

- All spectators (including students K-12) must purchase a ticket for each event night through BOUND.
- No re-entry allowed: Once spectators have scanned their ticket and entered the building, they may not leave

and return.

Concessions

- Full concessions will be available supporting Fine Arts .
- If you are available to help, please contact Heather Cathey.

Spectator Expectations

The Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union (IGHSAU) has outlined expectations for all spectators. These rules will be strictly enforced by ACA staff.

Unacceptable Behavior (Subject to Ejection)

- Profanity, obscene gestures, disrespectful or inappropriate comments.
- Throwing objects onto the court.
- Entering the court area for any reason.
- Physical altercations or confrontations.
- Spectator interference or disruptions.
- Use of laser pointers.

Dress Code.

- Full masks (hidden identity) are not allowed.
- Face paint is allowed.

Cheers & Chants

- Chants or cheers directed at the opponent are prohibited.
 - First Offense: Warning
 - Second Offense: Ejection

Signs & Noisemakers

- The following items are NOT allowed:
 - Banners, signs, flags, balloons, placards, Fatheads
 - Confetti, pom-poms on sticks, fake swords
 - Artificial noisemakers: airhorns, cowbells, keys, megaphones, thunder sticks
- Allowed items:
 - Rally towels (14"x14")
 - Foam fingers
 - Face/body paint
- Regular season signage may remain in place, but no new signs may be added.

Post-Game Protocol

- No spectators (including parents) are allowed on the playing floor after the match until players have cleared the playing floor.
- The host school is responsible for ensuring the safety of players, officials, and staff.
- Each school is responsible for the behavior of its own fans and students.

Live Streaming

- Live streaming is not permitted unless approved by the IGHSAU.

Thank you for supporting our student-athletes and helping create a positive environment for postseason competition. Let's represent ACA with class, enthusiasm, and respect! Go Eagles!

Debt Service Vote

We are excited to share an important opportunity for the future of our school. ACA is in the process of finalizing the purchase of the apartment buildings located directly east of our campus. To move forward, we will be holding a **debt service vote** to approve financing for this purchase.

Per our by-laws, this vote will authorize ACA to secure a loan to complete the transaction. We invite all eligible parents to join us for a time of Q&A followed by the vote.

Meeting Details

Date: Thursday, October 23

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: ACA Auditorium

[Agenda can be found here.](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the vote take place?

The vote will be held on Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 PM in the ACA Auditorium. We will begin with a Q&A session, followed by the vote.

Will absentee voting be available?

No. Voting will take place **in person only** following the Q&A session.

Who is eligible to vote?

Voting is open to **association members**, defined in our by-laws as parents or guardians of a currently enrolled ACA student.

What is the purchase price of the apartment buildings?

ACA is purchasing the properties at **110, 114, and 118 NW State Street**, as well as **1606 NW 2nd Street**, for a total of **\$2,560,000**.

What are the loan amount and terms?

ACA plans to finance up to **\$2,000,000** of the purchase price. Loan terms are still being finalized. The debt service will represent approximately 3% of our annual operating budget, which will be covered by existing funds. We also anticipate using rental income from the units to help offset loan payments while they remain leased.

How will the apartments be managed?

The properties will be owned by a separate ACA-owned LLC and managed by a third-party property management company.

We encourage all eligible parents to attend and participate in this important decision for our school's future. If you have questions prior to the meeting, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Upcoming Events

These are taken from the [school calendar](#). Please note that schedules (especially with sports) could be different from what's listed on the calendar.

October

20

No School

7:00 - Post-Season Volleyball Round 1 at ACA

October

22

PSAT Test - Juniors Only

7:00 - Post Season Volleyball Round 2 at ACA

October

23

6:30 - Debt Service Association Meeting & Vote

4:00 - Varsity State Qualifying Cross Country Meet at Jewell



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