



EAGLES ACADEMY

SOLON SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Summer Newsletter

Happy Summer

We hope you have had some exciting adventures this summer and have a few more in store before school starts in September. We look forward to hearing about them!

In addition to spending time with our families and enjoying summer, we have been busy at school, planning projects for the upcoming school year.

Enclosed in this newsletter, we hope you will find some of the answers to questions you may have. However, feel free to reach out if you have more! We are available to meet in person, virtually, or over the phone.

Always an adventure at Eagles Academy,
Mrs. Hager & Mrs. Groski



Important Dates on the Horizon

September 1st

First Day of School

September 8th

Orientation Meetings,
Student Learn from
Home Day

November 15th

EA Family Meal & Open
House

Where in the World is Eagles Academy?

Eagles Academy is located in the middle and high school hallway of the Solon Springs School. This will allow our students to easily attend lunch at the same time as Legacy students and take elective and exploratory classes.

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Starting the Year off Right

With this being a brand new, educational adventure for all students and families, we know there will be lots of questions perhaps even some nervousness related to starting something new! To help with this, we recommend that you...

1) Get comfortable *before* school starts!

- Read all about our awesome new advisors (teachers) who will be teaching and learning with students.
- Attend the District-Wide Back to School Night and Open House. Mrs. G and I will be in our classrooms to meet and greet students and families.
- Set up a one-on-one meeting. If you have questions or concerns, you are welcome to set up a meeting or phone call with Mrs. Hager and Mrs. G before the school year even starts! (bhager@solonk12.net)

2) Schedule your orientation meeting!

Fill out this [form](#) to sign up:

<https://bit.ly/eaorientation22>

or

email Mrs. Hager to schedule your meeting
bhager@solonk12.net

School Supplies

When creating our school supply list, it was our goal to only include the basics that is be essential for your learning at Eagles Academy. The supplies could be easily categorized as follows:

- Items important for maximum productivity when learning through projects
- Gear so you are comfortable learning outside

If you would like gear recommendations OR help getting any of the items on the list, please do not hesitate to reach out. We have lots of nice gear and supplies at school that students can have.

Orientation Meetings

Thursday, September 8th

1/2 hour meetings between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm

We would like to get to know ALL students and their families in order to:

- get to know your student
- set learning goals
- show how to track student progress throughout the school year
- explain how learning and projects happen at Eagles Academy

All students and their families are asked to set up a half an hour orientation meeting with Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Groski on Thursday, September 8th, between 8:00 and 6:00 pm. Virtual meetings are an option as well.

When students are NOT attending their orientation meeting, they will have a "Learn from Home Day" and work on their projects from home or a different location from school. We will go over this in more detail (what this will look like and expectations) with students when school starts.



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- **Post-it Notes**
- **Optional: Pens**
- **Pencils** (How many is up to you, but please have an ample supply, especially for math.)
- **Highlighters** (These are important for your research.)
- **More pencils**
- **Old coffee mug** (Plastic travel mugs work best as ceramic tends to break.)
- **Positive attitude** (If you don't have one, we can try to scrounge one up for you at school.)

Meet Mrs. Hager

Brittany Hager | Lead Advisor, Middle School Advisor, Charter Grant Coordinator

My name is Brittany Hager and I am excited to join the Solon Springs School District as the Lead Advisor, Middle School Advisor, and Grant Coordinator at Eagles Academy. Teaching and learning through adventure is my passion!



A little about me: I grew up in Southern Wisconsin on a hobby farm in the bluffs between Portage and Baraboo. I spent much of my childhood exploring outside and helping my family rotationally graze cattle. Experiences that sparked my curiosity for learning and teaching “outside of the box” include attending a project-based environmental middle school, teaching environmental education at Muraviovka Park for Sustainable Land Use in the Amur Region of Russia when I was in high school, doing wetland restoration as field intern for the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association in high school and college, and helping my mom in her classroom as I was growing up. After high school, I earned my Bachelor of Science Degree from Northland College. I hold a teaching license for Regular Education (grades 1-8) and have a minor in Environmental Studies. In 2012, I founded Northern Waters Environmental School, a project-based charter school in Hayward where I served as the middle school academic advisor for six years and then as the Director for the past four years.

Becoming a part of the innovative Solon Springs School District as an advisor at Eagles Academy is the natural next step in my educational (both teaching and learning) journey as it brings me closer to my family and the community in which I live. My daughter Nora is four and is excited to start school this year. My husband Mark is a Forester with Douglas County and our and black lab Juan Carlos is happiest when he is out in the woods or hunting ducks.

I am truly excited to serve as the Lead Advisor and Middle School Advisor at Eagles Academy and foster learning beyond the four walls of the classroom. I strongly believe that when students are engaged in projects that they are interested in, learning becomes more applicable and exciting. This process inspires students to take ownership of their learning and become active members of the greater community.

Get ready for an adventure at Eagles Academy!

Meet Mrs. Groski

Jenniffer Groski | High School Advisor



My name is Jenniffer Groski and I am so excited to join the Solon Springs School District as the Eagles Academy High School Advisor. Being a part of such a dynamic and progressive district is very exciting and the opportunities our students have are endless.

A little bit about me; I grew up in Superior but spent the summers out here camping, canoeing, tubing and experiencing all of the fantastic things we have to do in the NW Wisconsin area. I attended UW-Stout and graduated with a degree in Marketing Education. Some of the first experiences in education include working at UW-Stout on campus with ESL learners and traveling around the state of Wisconsin educating students on opportunities post-graduation, both college and apprenticeships. After moving to Rochester, MN I became a mom to two boys, Connor (25) and Garin (23). I worked in the private sector for Mayo Clinic in the Computer Education Department and also for Carpenters Local 1382 during which time I was blessed to welcome my third son Tristan (13). We moved back to the area in 2014 and I got back into the classroom as a Substitute Teacher and an Alternative Educator at Northwood. I took a full time position at the Carpenters Training Institute in Hermantown, MN where I was able to work hand in hand with the Apprenticeship program.

These experiences have given me a broad base of knowledge and this will allow me to work with all types of High School learners. College bound, no problem! Looking to get into the Trades? We got you! Arts, business, it's all good and we welcome you!! The unique, independent, project based learning environment at Eagles Wings will give students the opportunity to explore and create a pathway to the future beyond Solon Springs High School. Come curious and you can open any door you choose—it's up to you! Looking forward to this school year and years to come, growing our relationships and working alongside our learners to build lifelong skills in inquiry and exploration.

See you soon!





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- **Pencils** (How many is up to you, but please have an ample supply, especially for math.)
- **Scissors and glue sticks**
- **Crayons, markers, or colored pencils** (Choose your preferred creative medium.)
- **Public library card** (in order to get a card, you need to go to the public library with a parent or guardian) **please let us know if there is anything that would prevent you from doing this*
- **Highlighters** (These are important for your research.)
- **More pencils**
- **Old coffee mug** (Plastic travel mugs work best as ceramic tends to break.)
- **Positive attitude** (If you don't have one, we can try to scrounge one up for you at school.)
- **Headphones or earbuds** (these will be important for working on projects and research)
- **Water bottle**
- **More pencils**
- **Box of tissues**

Field Supplies & Gear

(These are essential for field experiences and times that we are outside. Start looking for good sales and gears at thrift shops or websites)

- **An old pair of comfortable tennis shoes or hiking boots** (We are going to be outside hiking often- We don't want you to buy a new pair of shoes for the first day of school and then have them look like they are a year old after the first week!)
- **Water bottle** (please bring a water bottle with a cover on it for use in the classroom and the field.)
- **Pencils** (enough to have plenty of extras if yours breaks in the field)
- **Jacket** (warm enough to cut the wind and chill on fall and spring field days)
- **Backpack** (To carry all of your field supplies! This is a requirement. Make sure you have a bag that goes on both shoulders- not an over the shoulder bag.)

- **Raincoat** (rain pants or water repellent pants are great too!)
- **Winter Coat** (insulated and waterproof)
- **Stocking Hat** (one that covers your ears)
- **Snow pants**
- **Neck Gaiter or Scarf**
- **Sleeping bag**
- **Winter Boots** (insulated and waterproof)
- **Gloves** (insulated and waterproof for chilly, wet days)
- **Wool Socks** (that go past your ankles)
- **Baselayer for the top and bottom** ("long johns" or "long underwear")

✓ If you have any questions or would like suggestions and ideas of where to get affordable gear, please contact Mrs. Hager. (bhager@solonk12.net)

Notes

✓ Be prepared to be outside often, almost daily. Everyone should have a gear to be outside, comfortably each day.

✓ If you have any questions or concerns about these supplies or are unable to get them, please call me at 608.617.3016 or email me at bhager@solonk12.net. We would be happy to help!

ARCHIVES

[EA News Articles and Past Newsletters \(https://bit.ly/easolonnews\)](https://bit.ly/easolonnews)



Questions, comments, or concerns? Do you want to be involved with planning? Would you like more information? *Contact Us!*

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