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## The eNewsletter of The Sage School

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# The Trident

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Dear Friends of The Sage School,

I hope that everyone's New Year is off to a good start. 2011 is fully underway at 1451 Aviation Drive, with the usual midwinter combination of wall painting, illnesses, and general merriment.



This is the "convergent" time of year, when each of our programs is up and running well, and our focus on the present is combined with a look toward the future. While we strive to keep our students interested and involved with their current work, we are simultaneously plotting and planning what we will be doing next year. From building curriculum, to preparing for our upcoming Open House, to shepherding students through the intricacies of Conservation Biology, we continue to explore the adventure that is adolescence with the appropriate amount of seriousness and play. The following will give you a glimpse of how we have started the New Year.

As always, I hope this finds you well.

Harry

## OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday  
FEBRUARY 10  
5:30 p.m.**

We will have an Open House on Thursday, February 10. The night is designed to offer information about the school's programs, to show people our new facility, and to answer questions from prospective families.

Parents and students are encouraged to come.

Current families are welcome, too.

## The World...is Green ...and Greenland is huge!

The conversation went from "Let's paint a map" to an actual map in less than 24 hours. And while there have been discussions about which projection was used, and why all 10,000 islands of the Philippine Archipelago were not included, the addition of the world map to the Middle School space adds new dynamism to the wall, and is evidence of what a handful of committed students can accomplish quickly.



## Fish on the Way On Tilapia and Tomatoes

In December, after successfully receiving two grants in the fall, we placed an order for two things: A solar array and an Aquaponics system. In the next two months, these systems will arrive and the High School will be busy installing and preparing the greenhouse to become a fecund jungle of hydroponic tomatoes, tilapia, and other "growies." This, I hope, marks the beginning of The Sage School Farm.



## Tuesday Tank Tops and Tutus

Most traditions probably have a humble beginning. For reasons unknown, perhaps other than simple alliteration, Tuesdays have developed a flavor of their own. In the High School, they are "Tank Top Tuesdays," and in the Middle School, they are "Tutu Tuesdays." While not everyone has caught the spirit,



I was able to capture those who are steadfastly leading this sartorial ritual.

## Palabras sobre Español

### Words about Spanish

I often get questions about Spanish and why we focus on this one language. Amanda sent me [this article](#) from the New York Times, which I thought I would pass along (yes, I know, it's a bit self serving, but I like his points).



And to the right are two High School students working on their cortometraje (short film) "Liam con Bigote." While probably not on the Oscar list for short films, our first round of Spanish videos was a real hoot.

It seems hard to believe, but we have passed the midpoint of the year. There is still a lot of ground to cover, and I look forward to letting you know what's happening from our little haven of peace and tranquility...or our little haven of drama and teenage confusion.

Harry

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