



# SAGE DAY SCHOOLS INSIDE VIEW

*A Monthly View of Our Campuses:*  
Mahwah~Rochelle Park~Boonton



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## Sage In-District Services

Every year child study teams and districts identify students whose needs are beyond what the structure of the traditional school and child study team can meet. Child study team professionals understand what these discouraged students need but also recognize that they lack the time and resources necessary for the most effective intervention. Sage In-District Services is designed to fill the gap in service between traditional in-school support and an out-of-district placement. Our skilled clinical team will work with the child study team, academic staff and administration to provide a seamless counseling experience for the student. With the right therapeutic relationship and counseling, students will gain the support, strategy and insight they need in order to make progress in school. Sage In-District Services brings both the educational and counseling expertise that are the essential components of successful school-based intervention. For more information on our services click [here](#).

## Sage Day Rochelle Park: High School

On February 7th, Sage Day in Rochelle Park participated in "Wear Red to Fight Heart Disease." We are happy to announce that we collected \$180.00 that we donated to the American Heart Association.

The High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) administered to all juniors took place on March 4th, 5th, & 6th.



On March 10th, our freshmen class went to our Mahwah campus for our annual Sage Day Team Building Day. This is a really nice way to welcome our 8th graders coming up to the high school in September.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on Wednesday, March 12th from 1:30 - 4:00 and on Thursday, March 13th, from 5:00 - 7:00.

Today, Wednesday, March 19th, a group of our students and teachers are going into Manhattan to see the matinee performance of Les Misérables. Students will be returning to Sage Day at 6:00 p.m. Parents will be responsible for transportation home for their son or daughter going on this trip.

Rochelle Park's March Madness Week began on Monday, March 17th. This is a full week of various contests and activities, including free throw, 3-point contest, 1-on-1 games and 2-on-2 tournaments. The week of madness culminates with the students vs. staff basketball game on Friday.

We are happy to be participating in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society campaign to fund breakthrough therapies to save the lives of blood cancer patients. Students will be asked if they would like to donate change in their Advisory Groups through March 28th.

### **Upcoming Events**

**\*Sage Day is hosting a free webinar tomorrow from 1:00-2:00 p.m., on "How To Assess And Manage School Refusal Behavior." To register, click [here](#).**

**\* The speaker from Lincoln Tech will be coming March 24th, 10:30 A.M.**

**\* Mr. Montesano is continuing to finalize transcripts and applications for our seniors.**

**\* Our Track Team will be practicing every Tuesday and Thursday after school, weather permitting.**

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## Sage Day Mahwah: Lower and Middle School

In February, Sage Day Lower and Middle School students sent each other a blizzard of Valentine wishes in the form of Candy Grams sold by the Student Council during a highly

successful fundraiser.

Meanwhile, students continued working throughout the month on PBL projects merging skills taught in all academic areas. Seventh and 8th graders were busy designing their own schools, while 4th, 5th, and 6th graders were developing their own companies and business proposals for their own version of the show Shark Tank.



After school hours, therapist Vangie Vargas held her monthly Parent Support Group meeting where parents of Sage Day Lower and Middle School students get the opportunity to get to know each other and share in the struggles and joys of parenting children with special needs. So far nearly 75 percent of all parents have attended these popular meetings to discuss such topics as positive discipline, self-care, co-parenting, and social media.

March will prove to be a busy month as students begin to prepare for the school's annual Arts Festival on March 26th.

Ninth grade students from Sage Day Rochelle Park visited the Lower and Middle School to give 8th graders an opportunity to learn more about making the transition to high school.

Lastly, all students and staff members will be given a chance to show off their school pride during Spirit Week held the last week of March.

## Upcoming Events

**\*March 20 - Sage Day is hosting a free webinar from 1:00-2:00 p.m., on "How To Assess And Manage School Refusal Behavior." To register, click [here](#).**

**\* March 26 - Annual Arts Festival**

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## Sage Day Boonton: High School

Sage Day at Boonton has instituted a Sustained Silent Reading initiative. Twice a week, all students and staff are engaged in SSR. We have all selected a book, graphic novel, magazine or newspaper to enjoy for 20 minutes. Our goal is for our students to enjoy reading a self-selected text and increase their reading achievement.



Our Student Council spearheaded a project to both help protect endangered species and choose a Sage Day Boonton mascot at the same time. The organization, [Defenders of Wildlife](#), work to protect species and natural habitats. A list of five endangered animals were presented to the student body and the Arctic Fox was chosen. For a one time contribution Sage Day Boonton has adopted a family of arctic foxes and the Arctic Fox will serve as our campus mascot. Our mascot was presented to the student body at our last town meeting.



Due to weather issues our Valentine's candygram fundraiser was postponed and rescheduled for St Patrick's Day.

The High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) administered to all juniors took place on March 4th, 5th, & 6th.

Progress reports were emailed to parents on March 14th.

Mr. Montesano continues to be available for students and parents with questions about the process of transitioning from school into the world of careers and colleges. Feel free to contact him at [dmontesano@sageday.com](mailto:dmontesano@sageday.com) with any questions you may have about finding colleges, the application process, or decisions about reaching future career goals.

## Upcoming Events

**\*March 20th- Sage Day is hosting a free webinar from 1:00-2:00 p.m., on "How To Assess And Manage School Refusal Behavior." To register, click [here](#).**

**\*March 27th - Annual Arts Festival**

**\*March 28th - 12:30 Dismissal Day**

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## About Sage Day School

Sage Day is a private, accredited, therapeutic school in Northern, New Jersey for students grades 4 through 12 who need a different learning environment. We are proud to offer three campuses: Sage Day Mahwah Lower & Middle School, Sage Day Boonton High School and Sage Day Rochelle Park High School. Typically, our students have been diagnosed as suffering from depression, school phobia, school avoidance, anxiety disorder and other issues. They are often described as being emotionally "fragile." By joining our supportive community, students find renewed confidence and success.

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