

Wildcat Weekly May 23, 2019

## Toggery Uniform Pop-Up Shop

The Toggery will be holding a uniform pop-up shop on campus on **Wednesday, July 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the MS/US Dining Hall**. Please see the flyer below for details about the special associated with the pop-up shop and the June sale that the Toggery will run.

In conjunction with the pop-up shop, we will open the Wildcat Warehouse, where you can buy uniform approved outerwear as well as non-uniform spirit items. Used uniforms will also be for sale at that time inside the main gym area in the Wrestling Room.

Reminders will be sent out closer to the day. We hope to see you there!

## EpiscoPALS

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to be welcoming new students and families to our Episcopal Collegiate School community next year. In an effort to show a warm Wildcat welcome, we will have our EpiscoPAL ambassador program again this year.

This group of parents and students will serve as a buddy or “PAL” to a new student and their family for the school year. We will have different levels of involvement, so please let us know if you are willing to be involved in any way.

By having many of you as ambassadors, we know that each new family will immediately feel welcomed to our school community and additionally have a special contact when they have questions.

We sincerely hope you and your children will be an EpiscoPAL for a new Episcopal Collegiate family! **Please respond to Kendall Ratcliff at [kratcliff@episcopalcollegiate.org](mailto:kratcliff@episcopalcollegiate.org) for more information or to sign up.**

Thank you in advance for your consideration! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions at [kratcliff@episcopalcollegiate.org](mailto:kratcliff@episcopalcollegiate.org) or [mjbriggs@episcopalcollegiate.org](mailto:mjbriggs@episcopalcollegiate.org).

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Briggs and Kendall Ratcliff

## A Note from Nurse Hopkins

Dear Parents,

1. If you brought any medication to school this year for your student, please pick it up by tomorrow. Any medication left in the health room will be destroyed after 12:00 pm on Friday, May 24th. This includes EpiPens, Auvi-Q, and inhalers.

2. According to Arkansas State Law, no private school student of this state shall be admitted to school who is not age-appropriately immunized or submitted current appropriate exemption paperwork. Additional immunization requirements for school admittance besides the normal mandated early childhood immunizations are listed below. Please take care of these requirements before school starts this fall.

- Entering PK students must have 2 Hepatitis A vaccines.
- Students who are turning or have turned 11 years of age as of September 1st of each year are required to get a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine on or after the 11th birthday. You need to be 11 years old to get this vaccine.
- All students entering the 7th grade are required to receive a meningococcal vaccine. Most students get this vaccine when they get their Tdap at age 11.
- Upper School students who have turned or will turn 16 years of age as of September 1st of each year are required to get a 2nd meningococcal vaccine. You must be 16 to get this vaccine.

If you get any vaccines over the summer, please ask the doctor's office to update the Web-IZ. If the doctor's office does not enter data into the Web-IZ, please bring a copy to the nurse's office or any division office in an envelope addressed to Nurse Hopkins.

**Additional Summertime Request:**

3. Update your student's **Individual Healthcare Plan, Allergy Action Plans, and/or Asthma Action Plans.** Plans are good for one year.

4. **During on-line registration in Veracross** be sure and list any: Allergies, medications, and medical/health condition. PLEASE check the medication allowed drop down box and make sure ibuprofen and/or Tylenol is checked if you are giving permission for your child to take these medications while at school. **Everyone should check to see if you have answered this important question in Veracross.**

Thank you and have a GREAT Summer,

Nurse Hopkins

[lhopkins@episcopalcollegiate.org](mailto:lhopkins@episcopalcollegiate.org)

## **Summer Enrichment**

Get a head start on your summer enrichment! [Find links to assignments and textbook lists here.](#)

Leave your mark by making your gift to the Episcopal Collegiate Annual Fund today! Currently, parent participation is at 50 percent, and we hope you will help us grow our community of giving by pushing this number higher.

Whether it is \$1 or \$1,000, every gift will positively impact our School, our students, and increase our parent participation. If you have made your gift, we thank you for igniting the roar!

## **Congratulations, Will Bateman - Selected to the East All-Star Soccer Team**

Will Bateman was recently selected to the 3A East All-Star Soccer Team. The game will be played June 20-21 in Conway. Congratulations, Will!

Lower School

## **A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher**

It's hard to believe that this is the final Wildcat Weekly of the year. What a year it has been! I'm so proud of each of your kiddos for all that they have accomplished this year academically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. I'm proud of our teachers for all the time, energy, and love they have poured into your children and shared with their colleagues. And, I'm proud of us as a school for the progress we have made in many areas such as character education, curriculum, and school spirit, with student growth being at the heart of every decision we made.

Catherine Radtke and I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for the support you have offered us and our school community this year. As we head into summer, we hope you all have a safe and restful time with family and friends. Remember that summer camp is in session beginning June 3. We hope to see you and your family around campus for a camp or two.

You have already received your summer assignment pages, but you can also [access them here](#). Also, you will receive an email in July with Orientation details and additional information regarding class list distribution. If you need to reach us during the summer, please do not hesitate to email or call. Our summer office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 until 12 p.m. on Fridays. Again, I hope you all have an amazing summer!

Catherine Schuhmacher

Head of Lower School

## **Fifth Grade Recognition**

Yesterday we celebrated our fifth-grade students in our tenth recognition ceremony. Many received awards and all received certificates and a gift to commemorate their accomplishments in the Lower School. A huge thank you to the fourth-grade parents for hosting the reception following the ceremony. Fun was had by all! [Check out the pictures here!](#)

## **Ms. Clark Stars in Mary Poppins**

Our own Mrs. Karen Q. Clark will play Mary Poppins in Mary Poppins (the Broadway Musical) this summer at Murry's Dinner Playhouse. The show runs July 10 - August 24. Tickets will probably go fast for this family-friendly musical, so order tickets early! For tickets: <https://murrysdp.com/shows/2019-show-schedule/mary-poppins/>

## Summer Reading Bingo - Rising 1st - 5th Grade

[Click here for a link to the summer reading bingo sheet!](#)

Have your parents initial each time you complete a square. Fill up your bingo card and get as many bingo's as you can! Record the books read on the back!

See how many books you can read this summer!

**Turn this into Mrs. Linder no later than Friday, August 23** to participate in the summer reading celebration!

## Kids Heart Challenge

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Kids Heart Challenge fundraiser. This year we raised \$5,870 for the American Heart Association. For our efforts, we also earned a \$500 gift certificate from US Games to be used towards PE equipment. Congratulations to Fallon Bruich for being this year's top fundraiser. Great job Wildcats!

## Exciting Summer @ the E! Opportunity: Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse

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Brochure with your friends and family who attend other schools, as all children are welcome to attend. Questions: Contact [Morgan Dlouhy](#) or [Leigh Jacobs](#).

Middle School

## **A Note from Dr. McCormick**

Dear Parents,

I wanted to share some exciting news about our Eighth Grade Capstone Project with you! I had earlier noted that drawing on the Lead2Feed leadership curriculum as a guide, we took the next step in both our advisory program for older students and the eighth grade capstone experience, evolving the latter from a classroom-based event to partnering with Heifer International to conduct a fundraiser for their Milk Money program. Through a series of student-run bake sales and an on-campus carnival open to the entire Episcopal community, the eighth grade raised \$3,491, which to date is the most a single school in the U.S. has raised to provide our fellow school-aged children in Malawi and/or Ecuador a daily serving of milk! The eighth grade should be so proud of their accomplishments and leadership in making this effort such a success. Their leadership and teaming skills will serve them in good stead in Upper School, though we will certainly miss them!

As always, thank you for sharing your students with us, and I hope that you have a safe and fun summer!

Warmly,

Chuck McCormick

Head of Middle School

## **Heart of the Wildcat Recipients**

These students and faculty are to be commended for their random acts of kindness over the final few weeks of the school year. We want kind service to

be a hallmark of our middle school community, and these individuals are great exemplars of this.

Madelyn Shurley - She always helps me and talks to me when I need it most.

Dylan Wilson - Being a good friend, helping me be more upbeat.

Jakeb Tritt - Regularly offers to help me put the cover on my instrument in percussion.

Jackson Rowell - Picked up after other people.

Mrs. Sutton - She is the first to give colleagues and students standing ovations and truly bleeds the Episcopal Wildcat green. Thanks for all you do for keeping our spirits high!

Whitney Stewart - After a student spilled potato chips in the chapel entrance and many others had walked by it, Whitney stopped and began cleaning it up. I appreciate her first class citizenship.

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Mrs. Pierce - She is always nice. She opens doors for people and is always helpful. I don't know what we are going to do without her next year!

Mrs. Stoltz and Mrs. Parker - Picking up dropped muffins in the hallway.

Caroline Davis - She picked up my trash at lunch.

Austin Wild - Austin has been the first person to volunteer to help me on several different occasions.

Mizani McDaniel - Mizani stopped in the crowded hallway to pick up food someone else had dropped.

## **Sixth Grade Top Cats**

Math 6 - Mrs. Linna - One of our goals as 6th-grade teachers is to create students who will advocate for themselves. This top cat does this and more! She never fails to email me every time she is absent, asking what we did in class and what she missed. Not only is she proactive, when she returns to class, she has looked at the notes on Haiku and already done the assignment. On top of all of this, she is an extremely hard worker and a model student. This month's top cat is Maggie Ransdell.

Life Science - Mrs. Pierce - Sixth grade is a year of growth and maturity. Students are expected to take full responsibility for their own learning and encouraged to self-advocate as they pursue their academic goals. This month's Life Science Top Cat has embraced both of these growth opportunities and put forth the extra effort needed to finish the year strong. It is truly a pleasure for me to recognize Mr. Will Brown.

Spanish 6 - Mrs. Balcom - It has been said that integrity is doing that right thing, even when no one is watching. John Jennings is a student with integrity. While it is sometimes easier to check boxes or rush through our work, John makes sure that he takes his time and does things right. He strives to understand rather than to just memorize for a test. Bien hecho, Juan!

English 6 - Mrs. Sutton-Chaudoir - I just happened to read one of the most uplifting messages this student left for me during Teacher Appreciation week. I want you to know you lifted my heart and my spirits, and I want you to know that I, too, have been watching you – even before your sweet note made its way to my door. I see you. I see you taking extra time to complete assignments; I see you brushing off all distractions to focus on an assignment; I see you ask me questions and try your hardest to do an assignment well. You are receiving this award because I SEE YOU. Your HUGE effort has not gone unnoticed. I am so very proud to award this month's English Top Cat award to Wes Brown.

History 6 - Mr. Tamo - It is such a blessing for teachers to see a student demonstrate care and commitment for their work. When we have the opportunity to see students eager to meet expectations and improve their academic performance, we know the potential for success will breach the ceiling. Indeed, this student has brought joy, enthusiasm, and quality to our 6th grade history classroom. I want to thank Lauren Humiston for continuing to work with me as she grows into what I'm sure will be one of the most profound student athletes Episcopal Collegiate will see in the coming years.



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## Sign Up for Volleyball!

Attention Rising 7th and 8th Grade Girls: Are you interested in playing volleyball this upcoming season?

If so, for **7th grade**, please call Coach Smith at 372.1194, Ext. 2433; for **8th grade**, email Coach Pettibone at [dpettibone@episcopacollegiate.org](mailto:dpettibone@episcopacollegiate.org). Please do so by Tuesday, May 28th.

Go, Wildcats!

## Summer Community Service

It is not too late to begin accruing community service hours for next year. Summer service counts towards one's academic year service hour commitment. Students simply need to document this and have the supervising adult sign their form.

Remember that all Middle School students must complete five hours of community service.

## **Semester Grades**

Semester grades will be posted on Veracross on Thursday, May 30. Should you have a question about a particular grade, please reach out to that teacher directly.

## **Next Year's Books/Schedules**

Mrs. Fitz, our registrar, sent an email several days ago with the textbook lists by grade level for the 2019-2020 school year. Student schedules should be available in student portals in Veracross the last week of June. Students can view their course requests from portals using the link "2019 Course Requests" on the right side of the page. Our book partner, Follett, will "go live" with the textbook website on July 9, 2019, providing free shipping for all books for one week.

Textbook lists are also available on the Episcopal website: <https://www.episcopalcollegiate.org/academics/summer-enrichment>

Please contact [Mrs. Fitz](#) with questions.

## **Middle School Golf**

It was a great year for our Middle School Golf team, and five of our 12 golfers brought home some hardware at the end of year tournament last week! Thank you to everyone who participated!

Find the [MS Calendar](#) here.

Upper School

## **A Note from Mr. Urquhart**

As this school year comes to a close, I want to thank you again for your support this year. Our school is a special place, and I'm honored to part of a place where such tremendous care is taken to make sure that each of our students can pursue his or her passions in academics, in the arts, and in athletics. I'm grateful, too, for the chance to be part of a school community where relationships are valued, where every member works to support every other member as we help young people prepare for their work as servant leaders who will make a difference in the lives of others.

Please make sure that you visit the [summer enrichment page](#) on our website, where you'll find information about assignments for students to complete in preparation for the fall, textbook lists for next year's classes, and other opportunities that students might enjoy pursuing during their time away from school.

I hope the summer offers each of you rest, peace, joy, and the opportunity to enjoy time with friends and family

Troy Urquhart

Head of Upper School

**Find the [US Calendar](#) here.**

Athletics

**Find the [Wildcat Athletic Calendar](#) here.**

Tomorrow, our ninth grade students will take off for Colorado, where they'll spend the next few days climbing, rafting, hiking, and building relationships and leadership skills. Cell phone service at the Episcopal retreat center where they'll be staying is limited, but I hope we'll be able to share a few photos with you of their experiences through the School's social media in the coming days!

Upper School students who are new to Episcopal should join us on Monday, August 12, from 9:00am until noon for an orientation program. New students will spend part of this time making sure they know where each of their classes meets, but we'll begin our meeting in the Upper School Simpson Library.

As you're making plans for the first day of school, it might be helpful for you to review [this map of traffic patterns on campus](#). Traffic on campus is one-way from 7:00 to 8:30 each morning and from 3:00-4:00 each afternoon, and Upper School drop off and pick up follows the blue line. Please be aware, though, that these traffic patterns might differ on some days because of work being done on campus by Central Arkansas Water--please be on the lookout for cones and signs that indicate changes to our typical traffic patterns based on their current work locations.

On the first day of school, our seniors and their parents will gather in the Upper School Commons for breakfast from 7:30 to 8:30, and our other Upper School students will meet with their advisory groups beginning at 8:05. Class periods on Wednesday will be forty minutes each so that students can meet with all of their teachers on the first day of school. We will have a special all-school chapel beginning at 9:45 to celebrate the opening of school with the traditional Ringing of the Bell. The special schedule for our first day is available [at this link](#), and on Thursday, we will begin our regular rotation of classes, with Thursday being a "W" day.

I look forward to meeting with our senior parents during the Senior Parent Meeting at 5:30pm on Thursday the 15th, and I hope to see each of you during the Upper School's Back to School Night on Thursday, August 22, beginning at 7:00pm. I'm grateful to you for your partnership with the school, and I hope that you'll reach out if there is anything I can do to help as we begin the school year.