

**All School**

## **Concession Volunteers Needed**

Dear Episcopal Collegiate School Families,

It's that time again to support our students by serving as concession and gate volunteers for fall sports. [You can sign up here via Sign-Up Genius.](#)

We ask each family to sign up for a shift or two, because the revenue from concessions and tickets benefits the general budget. This means that it impacts all students, not just those who choose to play sports.

The Sign-Up Genius platform will send you a confirmation email with a calendar link, and it will also remind you two days before your shift for convenience. If your schedule changes, no sweat! We only ask that you trade with another family or find someone to take your original shift and make the change in Sign-Up Genius.

Students in grades 6-12 may sign-up for shifts to earn Community Service Hours; however, you must be 16 years of age to work without an adult. In addition, due to the small confines of the concession stand, we ask that no more than two students of any age be in the work area at any given time.

And finally, when possible, please sign up for the earliest calendar dates first.

Go, Wildcats!

## **Support the School by Shopping!**

Kroger Community Rewards make giving to our school easy! All you have to do is enroll and then swipe your Plus Card when you shop at Kroger.

[To get started, use this link to enroll.](#) You can then search for **Episcopal Collegiate School** or add us using the organization number **YU007**.

## **Parenting Roundtables**

Lower School Parenting Roundtable: Tuesday, September 3, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the LS Joyner Conference Room.

Middle and Upper School Parenting Roundtable: Thursday, September 5,  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in US room 215

## **Parents' Auxiliary Meeting - Friday, September 6**

The first Parents' Auxiliary meeting of the year will be held on **Friday, Sept. 6 at 8 a.m.** in the **Upper School Simpson Library**. You'll hear exciting updates from Dr. David Perkinson and various committees. Coffee will be served starting at 7:45 a.m.

### **Lower School**

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

We hope you all enjoy the long weekend and get some rest after our first few weeks of school. Please remember that students need to wear Dress Uniform, Option A on Wednesday, September 4 for Convocation and school pictures. Parents are invited to attend Convocation and encouraged to sit with your child's class if you choose to attend.

Super Sessions begin next week. For those of you new to Episcopal, Super Sessions are fun, enrichment opportunities offered as part of our Auxiliary Programs after school. There are a variety of class offerings such as Taekwondo, chess, dance, and even cooking. Please [click here](#) to see the Fall Super Sessions offerings.

Sincerely,

Catherine Schuhmacher

Head of Lower School

## **Library Volunteers Needed**

Calling all Episcopal bookworms!! We hope that many of you had a chance to attend one of the library orientation sessions offered this past week. Mrs. Linder is excited to have your help this year in our library. Please remember this is a time to help Mrs. Linder shelve books or perform

other library related tasks. It is not a time for you to spend with your child. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up using the [SignUp Genius link](#). We do ask that initially, each family sign up for one slot per month per child to allow everyone the opportunity to volunteer. Also keep in mind that each volunteer is responsible for finding a substitute if unable to make a library shift. Feel free to ask any of the parents in your child's classroom to fill in and contact Mrs. Linder to let her know who your replacement will be. We have included instructions on the front page of the SignUp Genius link, but feel free to reach out to one of us with additional questions.

Also attached is a copy of [Mrs. Linder's library schedule](#) to remind you when your child's class visits the library each week.

Thanks,

Megan Janes and Melissa Riley

Lower School Library Volunteer Coordinators

## **Co-Curricular News - Library**

Library Life with Mrs. Linder

“Books can be a mirror to see ourselves...or a window to see others.”

This quote has been heavy on my mind for many months and this year, I decided to implement this with our students! Books can be a reflection of our life and culture and help us understand there are others like us in the world. But, more importantly, books can give us insight to cultures and people from around the world that are vastly different from our own.

During the course of this year, my goal is that students will be exposed to a variety of authors, characters, and story lines that are “windows” to other places around the world. I challenge you, as parents, to encourage your students to seek out books with multicultural characters and books written from a different perspective than we see each day. If you need suggestions for books to help with this, please reach out and I will be happy to assist you!

Students in Pre-K through Kinder have been learning and reviewing library procedures, in addition to proper book care during library time- and of course, getting a new library book each week! First through fifth graders have also been reviewing library expectations and thinking about how reading makes us feel, setting reading goals, and exploring some of the new books added to our library over the summer. As we transition into September, we will focus on library

organization and reviewing how to use the online catalog to look up books in our library with our first through fifth grade classes. Pre-K through Kinder will hear stories and do activities to go along with their classroom learning objectives. It is sure to be a fun-filled first quarter!

Be sure to check out [Mrs. Linder's Library Webpage](#) for all kinds of awesome resources. You can look up books, as well as, find author websites, fun links, classroom links, and database resources for students of all ages. Mrs. Linder subscribes to several databases that are accessible at school and at home.

One database that is super easy to use and full of information is Capstone's [PebbleGo!](#) Once here, the username is **episcopal1** and the password is **librarypebble**. PebbleGo is designed for PK-3rd Grade students. Here you will find five different topics: Animals, Science, Biographies, Social Studies, and Dinosaurs. Click each of the images to see many subtopics. One Mrs. Linder's favorite parts is that each article can be read aloud to students, so this is a great resource for our early readers, too!

For older students, check out Capstone's [PebbleGoNext!](#) This database is perfect for 3rd-6th Grade students and utilizes the same login as PebbleGo: username is **episcopal1** and the password is **librarypebble**. This resource includes States, Science, American Indian History, Social Studies, and Biographies. Once you select a topic, you will see subtopics. Articles in PebbleGoNext are more in depth, but can still be read aloud to the students by clicking on the speaker. Each article can also be easily cited for bibliographies!

Finally, be sure to check out [Mrs. Linder's Library Instagram](#) account: @episcopalcollegiatelslibrary and follow along with all the fun!

## Chapel News

Wednesday, September 4, is our all school Convocation Service beginning at 9:10 a.m. in the Championship Gym. This is a special celebration of the beginning of the school year, and also includes the presentation of the Jackson T. Stephens Lower School Teacher Award. The Rev. Elizabeth Henry-McKeever, an Episcopal Collegiate alumnus, will be our guest speaker.

Please join us if you can for this wonderful Episcopal community service and Holy Eucharist. We do ask that students remain with their classes because of the number of people attending this event, but parents are welcome to sit with their children on the gym floor or in the chairs adjacent to the student section. Convocation will take the place of our regular community chapel times on Wednesday.

In Godly Play, we will be exploring the story of Noah. We will be talking about how God used Noah to care for the animals. We will also talk about how the dove and rainbow in the story are signs of hope, prayers, and promises.

Blessings,

Mother Curtis+

## School Picture Day

Individual student pictures will be taken on Wednesday, September 4. All students will be required to wear Dress Uniform, Option A. Click [here](#) to see what is needed for Dress Uniform.

If you would like to go ahead and order your child's picture packet, please click [here](#) and then enter our school ID **EVTDR8CPW**. You will then be asked to enter your child's name and grade. Paper picture packets have been sent home in backpacks.

## Wildcat Warehouse

The Wildcat Warehouse will now offer youth size, uniform approved outerwear and spirit wear t-shirts for purchase in the Lower School Commons storefront area until 3:15 p.m. each day. Volunteers will be available to assist you with purchases during afternoon pickup. Please see Mrs. Thomas in the Lower School office for assistance at other times or email [orders@episcopalcollegiate.or](mailto:orders@episcopalcollegiate.or).

## Community Opportunities - Cub Scouts Scouting Night & Adventure Princess

### **Cub Scouts - Join us for Scouting Night**

Thursday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.

The Quapaw Area Council invites all boys and girls in K-5 to learn more about the Scouting program on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Lower School Library. Scout leaders will be on hand to educate students about the benefits of Scouting and to provide details of the time commitment. Please contact Stephen Hester with any questions.

### **Adventure Princess**

Calling all Kindergarten through fourth grade girls! The Arkansquaws would like to invite you to join our group for the 2019-2020 school year. The Arkansquaws is the YWCA Adventure Princess group associated with Episcopal. We will participate in two campouts and a dance, as well as other events during the school year. Those interested should [e-mail Jacy Daugherty](#) for information on joining and to receive group updates. For those planning to return, please send your current contact information along with Adventure Princess name and grade. We will be sending fall kick-off information and campout dates soon.

## Counseling News from Mrs. Abbott

I am excited to have our first Parent Roundtable on September 3 at 12:00 p.m. in the Lower School conference room! I look forward to having engaging, supportive, and informative discussions with you all throughout the year. I would love to have an open discussion this first meeting about what topics you may be interested in discussing and any ideas you have that can help you get the most from our roundtables. We will also be discussing adjusting to a new school year and what helps to make these big transitions easier. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments! [You can email me here](#). I look forward to a great year and being an extra support and resource to all students and families!!

Betsy Abbott

Lower School Counselor

## Super Sessions

Registration is now open for all fall Super Sessions. Click [here](#) to register.

Our Super Session highlight of the week is Painting with Pate: Football Edition!! There are two opportunities to create a football project before the season begins, Tuesday, September 3 and Thursday, September 5. While you check out the Football Edition of Painting with Pate, take a look at the other sessions Mrs. Pate has available throughout the year!

Dates: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 or Thursday, September 5, 2019

Grade/Time: Kindergarten-5th, 3:45 PM-5:30 PM

Location: Lower School Room 130

Cost: \$48.00

Instructor: Kimberly Pate

Description:

Hey Wildcats! It's that time again... Time to show our Wildcat school spirit and cheer on our awesome football team!! Come get fired up with a football themed painting class. Never painted before? No problem! Mrs. Pate will guide you step-by-step and show you how to make a stuffed burlap football to hang on your front door. Seats are limited, so sign up today to enjoy snacks, painting, music, and friends.

Please contact [Morgan Dlouhy](#) or [Emma Daily](#) if you have any questions regarding Wildcat Club or Super Sessions. The Wildcat Club emergency contact number is 501.804.6649.

## Pride Patrol

Pride Patrol students assigned for next week, Tuesday, September 3 - Friday, September 6 are:

**Pre-K Carpool:** Andy Dillard, Tucker Gordon, Mary-Kathryn Irby, Anna Kay Johnston, Rami Khasawneh

**K-5 Carpool:** Messu Ra, Ellie Jennings, Jordyn Jones, Mac Lasiter, Weston Leacock

## Mark Your Calendar

### Monday, September 2

- Labor Day - No School

### Tuesday, September 3

- Parenting Roundtable, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the LS Joyner Conference Room
- Tiny Tumblers, Pre-K3-K, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- PSL Football Practice, 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.
- Painting with Pate: Football Edition, 3:45 - 5:30 p.m.
- Cheer Time! Grades 1-5, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 4 - DRESS UNIFORM, OPTION A

- Convocation - Championship Gym, 9:10 a.m.
- Tiny Dancers, Pre-K3-K 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- Wee Little Arts, Pre-K3-4, 3:20 - 4:00 p.m.
- Wee Little Arts, K-2, 4:10 - 4:50 p.m.
- Zoomba Kids! Pre-K3-1st Grade, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

### **Thursday, September 5**

- Chess Club, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
- Tiny Dancers, Pre-K3-4, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- Tiny Dancers, K-1, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- PSL 5th Grade Volleyball practice, LS Gym, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- PSL Football practice, 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.
- Painting with Pate: Football Edition, 3:45 - 5:30 p.m.
- Girls on the Run, 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.

### **Friday, September 6**

- PSL Football practice, 3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

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

### **Middle School**

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

Dear Parents,

We marked another "first" in our academic year milestones this week when students signed up and participated in first-semester clubs. Perhaps what impressed me most about this year's process, is the initiative that even our youngest, newest students took to seek out faculty sponsors in order to start new and different clubs. Several that most readily come to mind are the Zen, Destination Imagination, and Volleyball Clubs, all started by sixth grade girls!

Here is our full list of Tuesday and Wednesday first-semester clubs:

**Tuesdays:** Girls' Lacrosse, Boys' Lacrosse, Soccer, Tabletop Games, Destination Imagination, Robotics, Ancient Games, "Just Dance," Zen

**Wednesdays:** Frisbee, Environmental Awareness, Dodgeball, Four Square, Book Club, Volleyball, Quiz Bowl, Upcyclers, Dance, Chess

Makes you wish you were back in a middle school, doesn't it?

Chuck McCormick  
Head of Middle School

## **Do You Know Who Your Students are On-Line With?**

It's a good time to have a conversation with your children about who they are chatting with online. We do not recommend that students participate in chatrooms where they do not know the other people.

## **Middle School Book Talk - Tuesday, September 10**

Rather than discuss a specific book this fall, Dr. McCormick will bring a reading or article for discussion, so you need not read anything to prepare. Parents, too, should feel comfortable bringing a reading or article for the group to share, and parents of all grades are welcome!

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day – No School

Wednesday, September 4 - All School Convocation, 9:10 a.m. Championship Gym - Dress Uniform Required

Wednesday, September 4 - Fall Musical Auditions, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. US/MS Dining Hall

Thursday, September 5 - Fall Musical Auditions, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. US/MS Dining Hall

Thursday, October 10 - Family/Teacher conferences (No classes or activities, but students should participate in Middle School conferences with parents/guardians.)

Find the [MS Calendar](#) here.

**Upper School**

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

While I was visiting classes this week, I came around the corner and saw giant yellow flames coming from the center of Mr. McNeil's chemistry classroom. As I rushed into the room, I realized that students were gathered around the flame, and that one student was making adjustments to the Bunsen burner--a little nervously, as you might expect when confronting flames of more than three feet. But Mr. McNeil talked her through the steps needed to adjust the burner, and it wasn't long before you saw the flame become that perfect blue cone inside another bit of blue--and the class applauded. Although I was initially concerned by the scene from the hallway, I was thrilled when I saw what this class was doing: engaging hands-on in a student-centered activity that I'm sure they'll all remember much more than if it had been Mr. McNeil doing the demonstrating.

As we look forward to Monday's school holiday for Labor Day, we're also looking forward to our All School Convocation next Wednesday morning. I hope that you have the chance to enjoy the extra time with family this weekend, and I look forward to seeing you next week at Convocation!

Troy Urquhart

Head of Upper School

## **Upcoming Events**

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day – No School

Wednesday, September 4 - All School Convocation, 9:10 a.m. Championship Gym - Dress Uniform Required

Wednesday, September 4 - Fall Musical Auditions, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. US/MS Dining Hall

Thursday, September 5 - Fall Musical Auditions, 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. US/MS Dining Hall

Thursday, October 10 - Family/Teacher Conference

Find the [US Calendar](#) here.

## **Athletics**

## **Upcoming Games**

### **Tuesday, September 3**

- Boys and Girls Varsity Golf - Mayflower, 3:00 p.m. at CCA
- Boys and Girls Varsity Tennis - Pulaski Academy, 4:00 p.m. - HOME
- Boys and Girls Middle School Tennis - Pulaski Academy, 4:00 p.m.
- Girls 7th Grade Volleyball vs. Bauxite, 4:30 p.m. - HOME
- Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. Bauxite, 5:30 p.m. - HOME
- Girls 9th Grade Volleyball vs. Bauxite, 5:30 p.m. - HOME
- Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Bauxite, 6:30 p.m. - HOME

### **Thursday, September 5**

- Boys and Girls Varsity Golf - ESTEM, 3:00 p.m. - 1st Tee
- Boys and Girls Varsity Tennis - Atkins, 4:00 p.m. - HOME
- Girls 9th Grade Volleyball vs. Harmony Grove, 4:30 p.m. - HOME
- Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. Harmony Grove, 5:30 p.m. - HOME
- Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Harmony Grove, 6:30 p.m. - HOME

### **Friday, September 6**

- Boys Middle School Football vs. Western Yell, 5:00 p.m. - AWAY

- Varsity Football vs. Western Yell, 7:00 p.m. - AWAY

### **Saturday, September 7**

- Boys and Girls Varsity Cross Country - Little Rock XC Classic at former War Memorial Golf Course
- Boys and Girls Middle School Cross Country - Little Rock XC Classic at former War Memorial Golf Course
- Girls Varsity Volleyball - Spikefest
- 5th and 6th Grade Football vs. IC, 9:00 a.m. - HOME

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