

Outerwear

As the temperatures get colder, we would like to remind the community of uniform approved outerwear. [Please view this photo gallery](#) of approved outerwear items. These items are also clearly marked in the Wildcat Warehouse and in the Lower School spirit store.

Items not marked as uniform approved may be worn on spirit days.

Calling All Future Wildcats!

As we enter the admissions season for the 2020-21 school year, we continue to see strong interest in Episcopal Collegiate from prospective families. This fall, we hosted numerous admission opportunities for future Wildcats, and we have additional upcoming opportunities this winter including Kindergarten observations beginning December 5 and Pre-K observations beginning in January. If you haven't completed an [application](#) for your child(ren), you may do so [here](#). We encourage you to visit our website to learn more about upcoming [admissions events](#).

Additionally, we are frequently asked, "How can I help with the admissions process?" The answer is simple: Keep spreading the positive word about your child's experiences at Episcopal, and feel free to share our [admissions events](#) with your friends and neighbors.

If you have any questions regarding Lower School Admissions, contact Mary Jane Briggs at 501-978-4404 or mjbriggs@episcopalcollegiate.org.

If you have any questions regarding Middle & Upper School Admissions, contact Matt Radtke at 501-978-4420 or mradtke@episcopalcollegiate.org.

ECTV

[Watch the latest episode of ECTV here!](#)

Pocket Directories

Pocket Directories are here! They include class lists, family directory and faculty, staff and administration lists all in one book that will easily fit in your purse or glove compartment. If you would like to order one they will be delivered through student backpacks the last week in November. Please follow the link [here](#) to place your order.

You can buy a directory for \$10 by charging your FACTS account or writing a check. Please send checks to the attention of the business office, made payable to Episcopal Collegiate School Parents' Auxiliary, 1701 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR 72201.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Hannah Bryan at hbryan@episcopalcollegiate.org

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Giving Tuesday

On **Tuesday, Dec. 3**, Episcopal Collegiate will once again participate in **Giving Tuesday**, the national one-day giving campaign following Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Every gift, big or small, makes a huge impact on the lives of our students and our community. This year, we will use Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to share the specific ways your support funds daily life at Episcopal.

Parents' Auxiliary Auction Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets - Raffle tickets are available for purchase from grade representatives. He or she will be contacting you! \$100 cash or check only. A chance to win a year of tuition for your youngest child!

Parents' Auxiliary Auction Circle of Excellence

Become a member of the Circle of Excellence for the 2020 Parents' Auxiliary Stay Wild Auction. Make a \$1,000 donation and receive two patron tickets to the auction, invitation to the Patron Party in February, have your names listed in the Circle of Excellence in the auction program, annual report, and on event signage. To become a member or for additional information, [please contact Katie Huff](#) or [sign up here](#). Current Circle of Excellence Members are [listed here](#).

Episcopal Upcyclers

Calling all Upcyclers! Thursday, November 21 will be the next Evening Upcyclers session in the Middle and Upper School Dining Hall from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please come help us work on our auction donation and Christmas surprises. Tools provided, skills optional. Community service hours for Middle and Upper Schoolers. Middle Schoolers bring an adult, please.

Lower School

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

Students did a phenomenal job collecting canned food and goods for our Food Bank project this year. They collected more than 1,200 cans and we will celebrate with a Spirit Day next Friday, November 22. As we prepare for Thanksgiving break with our families, I hope you will join us for Lower School Eucharist as we celebrate God's blessings on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. We will also have individual picture retakes this day. Students should wear Dress Uniform, Option B.

Sincerely,

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

Lifetouch Picture Update & Free Prints/Shipping

Given the difficulty that we had with our picture packets this year, Lifetouch, in conjunction with Shutterfly, is offering 15 free cards and free shipping. Please check your child's backpack for this coupon and code.

Kindergarten and Senior Buddies Activity

Kindergarten students and their senior buddies had the best time writing letters to veterans to celebrate Veteran's Day. Seniors even helped them with their journals when they finished the letters. Mrs. Fortenberry and Mrs. Coleman delivered these letters to the VA Hospital on Monday. [Click here](#) for a sneak peek of Seniors working diligently on their Kindergarten buddy's Christmas present!

Co-Curricular News - Discovery Lab

[View Discovery Lab news and photos here!](#)

Study Skills for the Week in 4th & 5th Grades - Skimming

Skimming is when you read over a text to obtain an overall message. You might skim when you first look at a source for a research project to decide if this is a text you want to look at more carefully or not. When you skim, look for titles, subtitles, headings, and illustrations. Read the first and last sentence of each paragraph. Don't read every word or every sentence...let your eyes skim over the text, taking in key words to come up with an overall meaning of the text. You can practice skimming with newspapers or magazines at home...can you figure out what the article is mostly about without reading the whole thing? Junk mail is another great way to practice skimming. When you get an advertisement in the mail, have your student skim it...look for words in bold, or first and last sentences. See if they can figure out what message the seller is trying to convey, without actually reading the whole thing.

ArCANSas Food Drive

We had a successful canned food drive the past two weeks. Our total number of cans was more than 1,200! These cans will be taken to the Arkansas Food Bank and sorted to families across 33 counties. Together, we made a difference in the lives of many families this holiday season.

Chapel News

This week, our community chapel will be a celebration of Holy Eucharist. Eucharist means thanksgiving, so in anticipation of our national holiday of sharing a meal in thanksgiving we are sharing a special meal together in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. We hope you will join us for this special community service at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Please have your student wear their dress uniform.

In Godly Play, we will be spending our class time playing with all the stories we have learned so far this semester. Godly Play classes will be in the Simpson Commons area as the students act as the storytellers with each other and work in story centers.

Chapel Readers: Ellie Roberts, Aubrey Morehead, and Emily Marsh

Cantors: Anna Russell Brantley, Sullivan Bell and Zoe-Olivia Spurlock

Blessings,

Mother Curtis+

Super Session Highlight

Turkey Time!

Date(s): 11/19/2019

Day(s): Tuesday

Grade/Time: K-2nd, 3:45-5:15 PM

Location: Room 124

Cost: 48.00

Instructors: Mrs. Falcon and Mrs. Tursky

Description:

Gobble, gobble, gobble! Calling all turkeys! Trot on over for some Thanksgiving fun! Come join Mrs. Falcon and Mrs. Tursky for an afternoon of turkey, Thanksgiving crafts, snacks, and Thanksgiving games!

Pride Patrol

Pride Patrol students assigned for next week, **Monday, November 18 - Friday, November 22** are:

Pre-K Carpool: Emma McGraw, Bella Pumphrey, Sarah Cooper Riley, Isabella Runyon

K-5 Carpool: Audrey Jones, Jordyn Jones, Rami Khasawneh, Claire Lammers, William Marks

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 18

- Girls on the Run, 3:15-4:45pm
- Little Rockers, 3:15-3:55pm
- Taekwondo (K-1), 3:30-4pm; (PreK) 4-4:30pm; (2-5) 4:30-5pm

Tuesday, November 19

- Tiny Tumblers, PreK3-K, 3:30-4pm
- Cheer Time! Grades 1-5, 4-4:30pm
- Turkey Time! K-2 3:45-5:15

Wednesday, November 20

- Community Chapels
 - PreK 3, 8:45am-9am
 - PreK 4, 8:25am-8:40am
 - Kindergarten, 9:10am-9:25am
 - 1st-5th, 10:45am-11:15am
- Teeny Dancers, PreK3-K, 3:30-4pm
- Wee Little Arts, PreK3-4, 3:20-4pm

- Wee Little Arts, K-2, 4:10-4:50pm

Thursday, November 21

- Chess Club, 3:15-4:30pm
- Teeny Dancers, 3:30-4pm
- Girls on the Run, 3:15-4:45pm

Friday, November 22

Find the [LS Calendar](#) here.

Middle School

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Parents,

I was filled with pride when watching students with whom I had conducted socratic seminars as sixth graders engaging in similar types of discussions in Mrs. Jones' seventh grade history course. These groups of approximately eight students were regularly referring to the selected text to support their thinking, building on one another's insights, and asking questions of their fellow discussants that extended the conversation in meaningful ways. Additionally, students who as sixth graders were more reticent about introducing an idea in these forums were full participants as seventh graders. Woo Woo! It was wonderful to see the growth in virtually all of these students in this critical thinking/problem-solving/communication exercise.

Last week, I traveled with Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Parker, Ms. Butler, and Mr. Thurman to the Association for Middle Level Education national conference in Nashville, TN. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with middle grades professionals from around the world, and I will share several experiences from that workshop in ensuing *Roars*. One of our keynote speakers, author and educator Jessica Lahey who wrote the 2015 book, *The Gift of Failure*, talked about the debilitating effects of extrinsic motivators such as money or rewards for grades. In her book, she explains, "First, rewards don't work, because humans perceive them as attempts to control behavior, which undermines intrinsic motivation. Second, human beings are more likely to stick with tasks

that arise out of their own free will and personal choice" (Lahey, p. 26). Of course, we want to know how to foster students' intrinsic motivation, and Lahey, who has read the motivation research, addresses some of these strategies in her book.

Best,

Chuck McCormick
Head of Middle School

Middle School Health Screenings

Hello Middle School Parents,

In compliance with Arkansas State Law governing scoliosis screenings, and hearing and vision requirements for school accreditation, we will be conducting **Health Screenings on the morning of Tuesday, November 19**, in the Axillary Gym. Screenings will include: Vision, Hearing, BP, Height, Weight, and Scoliosis for **6th and 8th graders, and all new students to the school.**

Please remind your student(s) to bring or wear their glasses or contacts for vision screening. Scoliosis screenings will be performed using privacy screens set up in two separate areas. Girls need to wear a sports bra or tank top for the scoliosis screening as shirts are removed to observe the back. To perform the test, the back is visible to the observers. The student will stand straight with hands to the side, then they will bend forward and down. The student's back will be observed from all sides.

- If your child is under the care of a physician for scoliosis please let the school nurse know before November 18, 2019.
- If your child is under the care of a physician and it has been greater than 1 year since their last appointment, please follow-up with the physician and send the school nurse the upcoming appointment date and time.
- If you do not want your child screened for scoliosis at school, and they are not currently under the care of a physician for scoliosis you will need to get a current scoliosis evaluation from their physician.

If you need to make an appointment, you will need to send the school nurse the appointment date and time on doctor's letterhead by Monday, November 18, 2019, so they will not be screened on Tuesday.

*Parents will receive a referral letter for further testing if there is an issue detected as a result of the screening. [Please contact Nurse Hopkins](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Lenna Hopkins, RN, NCSN

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Please [read this trip form](#) regarding this upcoming June's Middle School adventure. Trip is open to rising seventh and eighth graders (current sixth and seventh grade students). Questions? Please contact [Mrs. Parker](#).

Sixth Grade Top Cats

Last Thursday, our sixth grade core teachers recognized the following "Top Cats" for their effort and attitude in the core disciplines and Spanish. Some of the adjectives teachers employed in their recognitions included: curious, helps classmates, inquisitive, and so funny that this person brightens the classroom. Congratulations to all!

English - Mrs. Sutton-Chaudoir - Lexi Haughian

Math - Mrs. Linna - Diana Jimenez

Science - Ms. Butler - Heidi Sanders

Social Studies - Mr. Tamo - Matthew Collins

Spanish - Ms. Balcom - Leo Davis

Semester Exam Schedule

For your planning purposes, we have included the semester exam schedule here. We will include more information in the coming weeks around how we coach students to prepare for these. Monday, December 16, is our last, regular class day for the first semester. For those of you new to Episcopal or the Middle School, during exam days students are only present at school for their exam and possibly a review session for the next exam, if a given teacher

schedules this. We do not hold classes, serve lunch, or provide after care during these days. Consequently, carpool pickup time is typically 10:00 a.m. most exam days.

Find the [MS Calendar](#) here.

Upper School

A Note from Mr. Urquhart

Yesterday, we enjoyed hosting Dr. Katy Arnett, who shared current research and best practices in supporting students with learning differences as they learn a second language. Dr. Arnett spent the day working with teachers from our World Languages Department and then led a parent forum in the evening focusing on the benefits of world language education along with a review of recent research and strategies for parents. A video of her talk with parents will be available soon; if you were unable to attend but would like to watch that session, please contact Ms. Pettibone (dpettibone@episcopalcollegiate.org) for the link and password for the session.

As the end of the semester draws closer, I wanted to remind you that our semester examinations will begin on Tuesday, December 17, and conclude on Friday, December 20. You'll find the schedule for exams by subject area [at this link](#). If you're making travel plans for the Christmas holiday, please make sure that your travel plans don't conflict with the semester exam schedule, as we require students to take their exams at the scheduled times.

Troy Urquhart
Head of Upper School

Arkansas Communications and Theatre Arts Association Student Congress

Six members of the debate team—Brennen Beck, Logan Carney, Olivia Curtis, Stephen Munson, Sophie Reynolds, and Chris Smith—competed in

Student Congress on November 10, 11, and 12, 2019. Additionally, Muzala Kawatu participated as a page where she was recognized as an outstanding page.

In committee, Logan and Olivia received Excellent designations, while Brennen, Sophie, and Chris received Superior. In Caucus, Stephen and Sophie received an Excellent, with Brennen and Chris receiving Superior. Finally, in Floor Debate, the most important of the three forms, Brennen, Stephen, Logan, Olivia, Sophie, and Chris all received Superior, the highest rating. Out of all of the schools present, Episcopal was the only school to have all six debaters receive Superior rankings in Floor Debate. In Parliamentary Procedure, Olivia and Stephen received an Excellent and Brennen, Sophie, and Chris received Superior. Chris Smith was the Best Floor Delegate in House II for the second year in a row. Further, Episcopal won 3rd place Best Delegation in House I and House II. [Click here for photos!](#)

Congratulations, Sarah Ware '20

The Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy, which is sponsored by the Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas Foreign Language Teachers Association, and Arkansas Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, recognizes a select group of high school students who have attained distinguished achievement and proficiency in two or more languages. It is a certification that encourages students who have pursued biliteracy, honors the skills they have attained, and can be evidence of skills that are attractive to future employers and college admissions offices.

In order to be considered, Sarah had to prove her proficiency in both English and French by providing AP test scores in both. She also had to write an essay about how her biliteracy experiences have prepared her for the future.

Sarah was the only student in the city of Little Rock to be awarded the Arkansas Seal of Biliteracy.

Félicitations / Congratulations, Sarah, for your outstanding accomplishment and for once again representing our school well. (Photo credit: Senior Heather Harpole)

College Talks for Parents

We are continuing our series of College Talks for Upper School parents! Please mark your calendars for any of the meetings that interest you and that you have not attended previously. These College Talks are held yearly and will take place at 5:30 p.m. in Upper School Room 215

November 18

College Talk: Standardized Testing – The In’s and Out’s of PSAT, Pre-ACT, ACT, SAT, Subject Tests, and AP. Who should be taking what when, and how to prepare.

January 13

College Talk: Researching and Visiting Colleges. This is one of the most important steps your child can take to find the right fit and to create an appropriate college list. Learn how you can help your child in this crucial process.

February 12

Deans’ Panel Four college admission deans from very different colleges around the country will answer all your questions about college admission and financial aid in a lively, frank discussion. This is a must attend event for you and your child!

2020 Washington D.C. Trip

Join us for a trip to Washington, D.C. to explore historic sites and the workings of the federal government. Highlights include the National Mall, Arlington National Cemetery, the White House, the Capitol Building, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, Mt. Vernon, and several museums--Holocaust Memorial Museum, International Spy Museum, Smithsonian Museum of American History, and the National Museum of African American History. The trip is all inclusive except daily lunches and personal souvenirs.

Dates: June 22-27, 2020

Leaders: Martene Campbell and Richie Marsh

Cost: \$1,945 (15+ participants), \$2,045 (10 participants)

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/episcopaldctrip>

Eligible to travel: Rising 9th- graduated Seniors

For more information, please contact [Martene Campbell](#)

Find the [US Calendar](#) here.

Athletics

Upcoming Games

Friday, November 15

- Girls Varsity Basketball - Brinkley Tournament vs. Conway Christian, 4:00 p.m. - AWAY
- Boys Varsity Basketball - Brinkley Tournament vs. Brinkley, 5:15 p.m. - AWAY

Saturday, November 16

- Boys 8th Grade Basketball - Jamboree at Mills - 10:00 a.m. vs. Watson Chapel - 12:00 p.m. vs. Watson Chapel
- Boys 7th Grade Basketball - Jamboree at Mills - 11:00 a.m. vs. Fuller - 1:00 p.m. vs. Watson Chapel
- Boys Varsity Basketball - Brinkley Tournament vs. Helena, 1:30 p.m. - AWAY
- Girls Varsity Basketball - Clinton Tournament vs. Pottsville, 7:40 p.m. - AWAY

Monday, November 18

- Boys Varsity Basketball - Clinton Tournament vs. Springdale Har-Ber, 4:45 p.m. - AWAY

- Girls 7th Grade Basketball vs. LRCA, 5:30 p.m. - HOME
- Boys 7th Grade Basketball vs. LRCA, 6:30 p.m. - HOME

Tuesday, November 19

- Boys 8th Grade Basketball vs. Pulaski Academy, 4:00 p.m. - AWAY

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