

Dear Middle School Families,

We are excited that you will be joining us for the upcoming 2022-2023 academic year! Below please find some helpful information regarding the next few days, including the Middle School's Back to School Night, which is Thursday, August 18, our second day of school.

New Family Orientations - These events are for those new to Episcopal's Middle School.

We members of the Episcopal Collegiate community are excited to welcome new parents and students to the middle school family at our upcoming orientations! As a reminder, the dates and times for these **new parent and new student** information sessions are:

Monday, August 15 - New 7th and 8th grade students and parents (Park in the lot behind the Middle School and enter through the Middle School carpool line entrance and someone will be there to greet you.)

Start time for parents and students: 11:00am in the Middle School's Erwin Library

End time for parents: 12:45pm

End time for students: 1:00pm

Tuesday, August 16 - 6th grade students and parents:

Parents only:

11:15am-12:00pm: In-person parent orientation program (Championship Gym)

12:00-12:45pm: Optional tutorial on the Canvas learning management system in US 215.

Students only:

8:30am-12:45pm: Students should be dropped off at the middle school carpool entrance between 8 and 8:30am, where they will be met by student-leaders and faculty members and escorted to the proper location.

****Dress for students: t-shirts (appropriate logos/messages only) and shorts with sneakers. Students may also wish to bring a water bottle and snack.**

Pre-School On-Campus Student Socials - For both returning and new students

These optional events are for all students in a given grade - not just for students new to Episcopal. They are times to enjoy a treat from the Parents' Auxiliary and meet or re-connect with classmates.

8th Grade: Monday, 8/15 - 12:30-1:00pm, Middle School Quad

7th Grade: Monday, 8/15 - 12:30-1:00pm, Middle School Quad

6th Grade: Tuesday, 8/16 - 12:00-12:45pm, Middle School Quad

Locker Set Up

Beginning August 1, students should feel free to come into the building during school hours, 8:30am-3:00pm, to set up lockers. **Students' locker numbers and combinations may be found in the top, left-hand corner of their schedules.**

Canvas Training Sessions For Parents:

Last year, Episcopal Collegiate moved to a new learning management system (LMS). Consequently, we want to make sure that parents know how to navigate this system to be able to see their child's progress and grades. Here are three, in-person training options that we are offering:

Monday, 8/15, 12:00-12:45pm Middle School's Erwin Library

Tuesday, 8/16, 12:00-12:45pm Upper School Room 215

Thursday, 8/18, 5:45-6:30pm Middle School's Erwin Library

PE Uniforms - Required this year

Middle School students are required to wear PE uniforms for the school year 2022-2023. We recommend having two sets of PE uniforms and putting students' names clearly on both shorts and shirts. **Students/parents are encouraged to visit the used PE uniform sale from August 1-16 in the entryway of the Middle School - students can set up their lockers at the same time.** To order a new PE uniform from the Wildcat Wearhouse, please email orders@Episcopalcollegiate.org, and provide your size and quantity for shorts and t-shirts. Your order will be filled and left for pick-up on the table next to your child's locker area.

Back to School Night – Thursday, August 18, 6:45-8:45pm

Middle School Back to School Night falls on the evening of the second day of school, Thursday, August 18. Parents wishing to meet their child's advisor should plan to join that advisor in their advisory location (Advisors should inform you of this via email in advance.), beginning at 6:45pm sharp. Parents not wishing to join their child's advisor's session should simply report to the middle and upper school dining hall by 7pm, when we will begin the formal event. After a 10-minute, opening program, teachers of the different classes will introduce themselves and provide brief snapshots of their classes and what students can expect. Please note that this is not the venue to discuss your individual student's performance in a given class. Teachers are very happy to schedule a meeting or phone call with you at another, mutually convenient time. We do hope to see most of you at Back to School Night!

Virtual Book Talks

Dr. McCormick will lead a virtual book study this semester, and this fall's book is entitled *How to Raise An Adult* by Julie Lythcott-Haims. All parents are welcome to attend, including those who have not read the book! Our first conversation will take place on Wednesday, September 14. The second discussion will be on Wednesday, October 5, and the final conversation will occur on Wednesday, October 19. All of these sessions will occur from 8:15-9:00am at the following Google Meet link: meet.google.com/cfy-rkqf-dxo Dial in: (US)+1 252-665-6568 PIN: 738 192 219#.

Middle School Carpool Procedures

Arrival to School

Campus opens at 7:00am for students. So that we can provide appropriate supervision, students may not enter the building before this time. Students who arrive before 7:30am should be dropped off at the doors leading into the dining hall and Championship Gym (across the street from the wildcat statue). They will then report directly to the dining hall, where they will be supervised until 7:45am (Note: The School will serve breakfast in 2022-2023.). Those students wishing to be in the

library or design lab or go outside to the quad (weather permitting) may do so beginning at 7:30am. Students may not enter the second floor of the middle school building until 7:45, unless they are attending math lab or have an appointment with a teacher.

Students who arrive on campus after 8:00am (8:05am in the Upper School) must have their parents call the middle school office to announce their child's arrival and the reason for lateness. The student will report to the middle school office and receive a pass to either their advisory or first class. Those students without valid reasons for lateness will receive a tardy for the day.

Dismissal

Students who have siblings at the Lower School may meet their rides in the parking lot north of the football field so that parents do not have to make another loop in the carpool line. Students should take care when crossing the street by the Wildcat statue. Students may NOT be picked up at the Championship Gym between 3:30pm and 4:00pm or in the Upper School student parking lot. Students exiting from these locations may be subject to disciplinary action.

Middle school students who do not have siblings at the lower school must wait in the designated grade-level pick-up area.

6th Grade: Covered area outside the main, middle school carpool line doors

7th Grade: Overhang at the end of the carpool line

8th Grade: Overhang at the end of the carpool line

When the quad is open and supervised, students who are planning to attend Aftercare may be here until 4pm when they must report to the Middle School Aftercare room, Room 108.

Picking Up/Dropping Off Your Child For An Appointment

Though not ideal, students need to go to various appointments that can only be made during the academic day. When a parent needs to pick up their child during school hours, they need only call the middle school office **after** they arrive on campus, and then they should wait in their car by the middle school doors for their child to come out to meet them. A middle school office staff person will call the child out of class and send them to their car.

Events Calendar:

- 8/15- 8th Grade Social, 12:30-1:00pm, Middle School Quad
- 8/15- 7th Grade Social, 12:30-1:00pm, Middle School Quad
- 8/16- 6th Grade Social, 12:00-12:45pm, Middle School Quad
- 8/17- First day of school - **Dress is Standard Uniform**
- 8/18- Back to School Night, 6:45-8:45pm
- 8/26- Sixth Grade Social, 6:00-8:00pm
- 9/5- Labor Day - No School
- 9/7- Individual student pictures (**Dress Uniform**)

See you soon!

Chuck McCormick
Head of Middle School