

Greetings Episcopal Collegiate Parents and Students,

We are pleased to announce that rowing is being added as a school sport this fall semester! Our students now have a unique opportunity to participate in a sport that is not typically available in most schools, especially in this part of the country, yet offers the highest percentage of student-athletes the possibility of earning a college athletic scholarship.

Episcopal Collegiate has partnered with the local rowing club, [Rock City Rowing](#), which will provide all necessary equipment, and more importantly, access to a beautiful spot to row on the Little Maumelle River near Two Rivers Bridge. Head Coach Ted Riedeburg will lead the program and has a wealth of coaching experience. He is a US Rowing Level 3 Instructor and also served for over ten years as Head Crew Coach at The Bolles School, an independent school in Jacksonville, Florida.

To develop the program, students in the 6th through 8th grades are eligible to participate in a Junior Development Program which works on skill development, fitness, rowing terminology, and most of all, fun! The program will last 8 weeks and meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 4:15 until 5:45 pm, starting September 13th. This will build the foundation to later join the high school competitive racing team that travels to Oklahoma, Texas, and Tennessee to compete in regattas. Episcopal Collegiate currently has 7 student-athletes competing with the racing team who will now be representing the School at these competitions. We are pleased to be the first competing school from Arkansas!

Our partnership with Rock City Rowing enables us to provide this opportunity for our students without the enormous start-up costs typically required of a school to develop a rowing program. Boathouse fees, which cover the use of facilities and equipment, are reduced by 50% for Episcopal Collegiate rowers participating in the Junior Development and Youth Racing programs. The fee for the Junior Development Program is \$250. Participating students will need independent transportation to the Boathouse for practice which is located on [River Mountain View Road by Two Rivers Bridge](#).

Episcopal Rowing team merchandise will soon be available through Episcopal Collegiate School's store through BSN Team Sports.

If you have any questions, please contact Coach Ted Riedeburg for more information at rowcoachjax@gmail.com or 904-553-7557 (cell). Ted will be scheduled to speak to the students during Chapel soon, and will be in touch regarding a parent information day down at the river.