# Come to Episcopal Collegiate School

## Dear Families,



Welcome to Episcopal Collegiate School! Since joining the Wildcat community as Head of School, my family and I have been amazed by the talent and dedication of our faculty and staff, as well as the warmth and camaraderie that characterizes the school community. My hope is that your experience is as inspiring and meaningful as my own, and that you begin this academic year with a renewed sense of purpose and belonging.

Over the past twenty-five years, Episcopal Collegiate School has become a source of pride in Little Rock, and is well on its way to becoming one of the landmark institutions of this city. We have built a strong reputation for academic excellence and exploration in athletics, the arts, and technology, as well as devoted service. As a center of learning with an Episcopal identity, we welcome students from all faiths, and encourage each one to foster a spiritual compass through the lens of our unifying motto, Respect, Reverence, and Responsibility. These principles are at the forefront of everything we do, with the goal of guiding our students towards the kind of intellectual curiosity, creativity, and leadership that will enrich their lives and the lives of others.

We are so glad you are here. I look forward to welcoming you to campus in person this year, and above all, my door is always open.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jamie Griffin

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## General School Information

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#### Our Mission:

Episcopal Collegiate School prepares students to live principled and fulfilling lives of leadership and service through the pursuit of academic and personal excellence in a challenging and supportive environment.

#### School Hours:

Standard Class Schedule Hours: Lower School (Pre-K-5th): 8:00 am - 3:15 pm Half Day (PreK-3-PreK-4): 8:00 am - 11:45 am Middle School (6th-8th): 8:00 am - 3:35 pm Upper School (9th-12th): 8:05 am - 3:35 pm \*These hours do not reflect Episcopal Collegiate's before-and after-care times.

Regular Office Hours: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

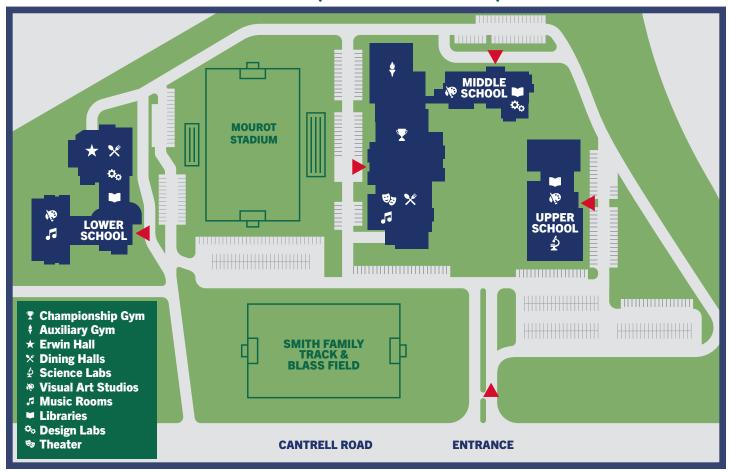
Summer Office Hours: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (Monday-Thursday) 8:30 am - 12:00 pm (Friday) Our Motto:

#### Respect, Reverence, Responsibility

Rooted in the Episcopal tradition and affirming people of all faiths, Episcopal Collegiate strives to develop in its students a respect for all persons, a reverence of God, and a sense of moral responsibility.



## Jackson T. Stephens \_ Campus Map



#### Automobile Stickers

All automobiles transporting students must be registered and display an Episcopal Collegiate automobile sticker. You may fill out this information in Veracross, under family information. You may also print the <u>Vehicle Registration Form</u> and return it to your division assistant. To receive your car sticker(s), please contact your division assistant.

The school reserves the right to limit student automobiles for reasons of parking space and safety. Licensed students are permitted to drive automobiles and motorcycles to school. To have the privilege of driving any motorized vehicle, the student must complete a registration form provided by the school and receive a parking permit. Please refer to the Community Handbook for more information regarding student vehicle parking and carpool information.

## School Resources

Our <u>School Resources</u> page hosts a wealth of knowledge for our families. This section should allow you to find the majority of the information that you and your student(s) will need on a day-to-day basis. You will also find an archived communication section on the <u>School Resources</u> web page, so important school-wide emails can be easily accessed in one place.

The Episcopal Collegiate School Community Handbooks will answer many questions families may have about school policies and procedures. Information about dress codes, behavioral expectations, and School policies are all contained in the handbook in addition to this family welcome brochure. Please note that the handbook is typically updated and distributed in July and the below link will reflect those adjustments during that time.

- Lower School Community Handbook
- Middle and Upper School Community Handbook

## Lower School Orientations

## Kindergarten - 5th Grade Pre-K3-Pre-K4 Student & Student & Parent Orientations Parent Orientations

Monday, August 12

#### Orientation Times:

- 9:00-10:00 am Students and parents with last names starting with A-J
  - Students and parents visit classrooms for an informal "Meet the Teacher"
  - 4th and 5th Grade students can decorate their locker during this time
- 10:00-10:30 am New parent orientation with Mrs. Schuhmacher in the Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Lower School Library
  - New students will play on the playground or in the gym
- 11:30 am-12:30 pm Students and parents with last names starting with K-Z
  - Students and parents visit classrooms for an informal "Meet the Teacher"
  - 4th and 5th Grade students can decorate their locker during this time
- 12:30-1:00 pm New parent orientation with Mrs. Schuhmacher in the Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Lower School Library
  - New students will play on the playground or in the gym

Tuesday, August 13

#### Orientation Times:

- 8:50-9:00 am All students are dropped off on on the Pre-K playground
- 9:00-9:30 am New and returning parent orientation in classrooms
  - All Pre-K parents will go to their child's classroom for orientation with the teacher
  - Students will play on the playground or in the gym
- 9:30-10:00 am
  - All Pre-K students will meet their teacher and play with classmates in the classroom
  - New Pre-K parents will meet with Mrs. Schuhmacher in the Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Lower School Library
  - Returning parents can shop the used uniform sale and the Wildcat Warehouse



## Middle & Upper Orientations

#### Middle School Orientation

New Student and Parent Orientations

\*Please note that the below orientation programs are only for families new to Episcopal Collegiate Middle School. Returning seventh and eighth grade students/families have no orientation responsibilities, though returning students are encouraged to join their classmates for grade-specific social events in August.

#### New 7th & 8th Grade Student/ Parent Orientation

#### Monday, August 12

- 11:00 am-12:45 pm (Middle School Erwin Library - Students/Parents)
- 12:30-1:30 pm (7th and 8th grade student social in the Quad)

#### 6th Grade Student/Parent Orientation

Students should be dropped off at the Middle School carpool entrance. Dress is casual-t-shirts, appropriate length shorts, and tennis shoes. Students should bring a water bottle and snack.

#### Tuesday, August 13

- 8:30 am-12:30 pm (6th grade student orientation)
- 11:00 am 12:00 pm 6th grade parent orientation in the Championship Gym.(Parents should enter the School through the doors across from the Wildcat statue)
- 12:00-1:00 pm (6th grade student social in the Quad)

#### Middle School Carryas Sessions

Monday, August 12: 12:00-12:45pm, Middle School Erwin Library

Tuesday, August 13: 12:15-1:00 pm, US Room 215

## Upper School Orientation New Student/Parent Orientation

On Monday, August 12 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, all new to Episcopal 10th-12th grade students and parents and should plan to attend an in-person program in the Upper School Simpson Library.

#### 9th Grade Student Orientation

On Tuesday, August 13 from 12:00-3:00 pm, all 9th grade students should plan to attend an in-person program in the Upper School Simpson Library.



## Before & After School Care

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#### Wildcat Club Program



Episcopal Collegiate offers before and after-care programming for PreK-3 through 5th grades and after-care programming for 6th through 8th grades.

#### Lower School Before & After-Care

Students can be dropped off as early as 7:00 am (regular carpool begins at 7:30 am) and will be sent to their classroom at 7:45 am.

After-care is available for students at an additional cost for grades PreK-3 through 5 where they enjoy snacks, free time, and planned activities tailored to their grade level. Activities may include crafts, games, dramatic play, songs, and outside

After-care is available Monday-Friday beginning at school dismissal and ending at 6:00 pm. The program runs throughout the school year, beginning on the first day of school.

#### Middle School After-Care

After-care is available for Middle School students at an additional cost. Students are provided a supervised area Monday-Friday from 4:00-6:00 pm, where they may choose to work or socialize. The program runs throughout the school year, beginning on the first day of class.

#### Contact:

**Director of Auxiliary Programs** Libby Conder, lconder@episcopalcollegiate.org

Associate Director of Auxiliary Programs Izzy Jackson, ijackson@episcopalcollegiate.org

Middle School After-Care Supervisor: Emily Herron, eherren@episcopalcollegiate.org

#### 12-Month Programming



Episcopal Collegiate offers a 12-month enrollment option that provides a combination of the regular school day, the Wildcat Club after school program, and Discovery Day Camp during the summer months. Also, many school holidays will have supervised activities scheduled for those enrolled in the 12-month option. Uniquely created to address the needs of working parents, the 12-month option provides year-round supervised engagement and childcare options. Episcopal Collegiate School's 12-month program is available for families with children in rising PreK-3 through rising 5th grade. Learn more about the 12-month program here!

#### Lower School Super Sessions



Throughout the school year, Episcopal offers a number of extracurricular classes that students can sign up for on a first-come, first-serve basis. You do not have to participate in the after-school care program to participate in a Super Session. Super Session times and locations will vary by activity. Super Session offerings may vary from week to week and include fun activities such as cooking classes, science experiments, crafting, drama, and more! To learn more about Super Sessions, click here!





#### Contact:

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Associate Director of Auxiliary Programs Izzy Jackson, ijackson@episcopalcollegiate.org

## · Lower School Dress Code

#### Standard Uniform

Embroidered School logo pique knit polo shirt, short- or long-sleeved, in hunter green, navy and white.

Girls cut polo is an option.

#### Bottoms:

Elastic waist or fitted shorts or slacks in navy and khaki. Style, color, and material must be consistent with those found at the Toggery.

Girls may also choose a navy skort or Episcopal Black Watch plaid pants.

#### Socks:

White crew socks which cover ankle.

## The Toggery & Used Uniform Closet

Families may purchase School uniforms through the Toggery for new items, or shop the Used Uniform Closet in each division.

For Lower School Used Uniforms, please contact Tonya Thomas. For Middle and Upper School Used Uniforms, please contact Jan Britt. Purchased items can be charged to your FACTS account.

Please note, all uniform bottoms should be consistent with the Episcopal uniform color and style pattern, but do not have to be purchased through the Toggery.

Brown belt OR Episcopal branded belt from the Wildcat Warehouse for shorts, skorts, or slacks with belt loops.

#### Shoes:

Primarily white, athletic shoes with white shoe laces, or velcro.

Girls may also choose a navy and white Keds athletic saddle Oxford.

NOTE: Small navy blue, hunter green, gray, or black stripes or logos allowed with "primarily white" shoes.

#### Outerwear:

ONLY items marked "uniform approved" in the Wildcat Warehouse. Those items include:

- 1. Printed logo crewneck sweatshirt in gray or green. Gray sweatshirts have three lettering options (traditional, navy block, and athletic). 4th and 5th graders may also choose the hooded version of these sweatshirts.
- 2. Embroidered logo fleece in green or navy
- 3. Embroidered logo hooded all-weather jacket in hunter green or navy blue
- 4. Embroidered logo quarter-zip, athletic pullover in hunter green or navy blue
- 5. Embroidered logo puffer coat or vest in navy

#### Other Options:

White or navy tights

Headbands, bows, and other hair accessories in Black Watch plaid, solid navy blue, solid hunter green, or solid white.

NOTE: Decorated, patterned, or bedazzled bows may be worn only on Spirit Days.

## Pre-Kindergarten, Second through Fifth Grade Kindergarten, and First Grade Dress Uniform Dress Uniform

Option A or Option B will be designated for all field trips and special events.

#### Pre-K, K and First Grade Girls:

- Option A: #50 Episcopal Black Watch plaid jumper, piped Peter Pan short-sleeved blouse, white crew socks and navy T-strap or Mary Janes by **Jumping Jacks**
- Option B: #50 Episcopal Black Watch plaid jumper, piped Peter Pan short-sleeved blouse, white tights and approved navy T-strap or Mary Janes, and embroidered school logo crewneck button front cardigan in green
- Optional Items: Plain white, long-sleeved blouse. Headbands, bows, and other hair accessories in Black Watch plaid, navy, or hunter green

#### Pre-K, K and First Grade Boys:

- Option A:
  - Embroidered School logo hunter green vest with white knit, short-sleeved polo shirt, navy pants, navy socks and dirty bucks (Brown belt - if wearing pants that are fitted with belt loops)
- Option B: Embroidered School logo hunter green vest with white knit, long-sleeved polo shirt, navy pants, navy socks and dirty bucks (Brown belt - if wearing pants that are fitted with belt loops)

Option A or Option B will be designated for all field trips and special events.

#### Second through Fifth Grade Girls:

- Option A: #90 Episcopal Black Watch plaid jumper with plaid tie, white middie blouse, white crew socks and approved navy Mary Janes
- Option B: #90 Episcopal Black Watch plaid jumper with plaid tie, white middie blouse, white tights, navy Mary Janes by Jumping Jacks and embroidered School logo crewneck button front cardigan in green
- Optional Items: Headbands, bows, and other hair accessories in Black Watch plaid, navy, or hunter green

#### Second through Fifth Grade Boys:

• Option A:

Embroidered School logo hunter green vest, solid white, Oxford cloth long-sleeved button front shirt, navy pants, navy socks, brown belt, and dirty bucks (Brown belt - if wearing pants that are fitted with belt loops)



## Middle & Upper Dress Code

#### Standard Uniform

#### **Shirts**

Embroidered School logo pique knit polo shirt, short- or long-sleeved, in hunter, navy and white (Girls cut polo is an option)

OR

White, button-down collar, button front, long-sleeved shirt

#### Bottoms:

Khaki slacks, with or without pleats. Style, color and material must be consistent with those found at the Toggery

OR

Episcopal Black Watch plaid skirt with four box pleats. Skirt length should be no more than 3 in. above the knee

#### Socks:

Visible solid navy, brown, black, khaki, or white with long pants. White crew socks which cover ankle with skirts

#### Belt:

Solid brown, cordovan, or black leather belt for pants

OR

Episcopal branded belt from the Wildcat Warehouse

#### Shoes

Primarily white athletic shoes with white shoe laces, or velcro

OR

Solid dark brown leather Topsiders-style shoes

NOTE: Small navy, hunter green, gray, or black stripes or logos allowed with "primarily white" shoes

#### Outerwear:

ONLY items marked uniform approved in the Wildcat Warehouse. Those items include:

- 1. Printed logo crewneck or hooded sweatshirt in gray or green. Gray sweatshirts have three lettering options (traditional, navy block, and athletic)
- 2. Embroidered logo fleece in green or navy
- 3. Embroidered logo hooded all-weather jacket in green or navy
- 4. Embroidered logo quarter zip, athletic pullover in green or navy
- 5. Embroidered logo puffer coat or vest in navy
- 6. Embroidered logo white fleece with green striping pullover

#### Other Options:

Dark navy or black tights—no yoga pants



#### Dress Uniform

Shirts:

White, Oxford cloth, button-down collar, button front, long-sleeved

Girls may also choose a pointed collar, V-necked, sleeved blouse

#### Bottoms:

Khaki slacks, with or without pleats. Style, color and material must be consistent with those found at the Toggery

OR

Episcopal Black Watch plaid skirt with four box pleats. Skirt length should be no more than 3 in. above the knee when kneeling

#### Sweater:

US: Navy, crew neck, button front cardigan, with embroidered School logo

MS: Navy sweater vest with School logo

#### Tie:

Navy and hunter green striped School tie

#### Belt

Solid brown, cordovan, or black leather belt for pants

#### Socks:

Visible solid white socks with skirts are optional. Solid navy, brown, black, or khaki dress socks with pants required

#### Shoes:

Solid brown, navy or black leather dress shoes with flat or low heels (1½ in. or less)

Solid brown leather loafer OR black, dark brown, or cordovan leather tie dress shoes with pants

No Topsiders or athletic shoes

#### Blazer:

SENIORS ONLY: Navy blazer with School crest

#### PE Uniform

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are required to wear a PE uniform. Families may purchase PE uniforms through the Wildcat Warehouse or through the Used Uniform Closet.

#### The Toggery & Used Uniform Closet

Families may purchase School uniforms through the <u>Toggery</u> for new items, or shop the Used Uniform Closet in each division.

For Middle and Upper School Used Uniforms, please contact <u>Jan Britt</u>. Purchased items can be charged to your FACTS account.

Please note, all uniform bottoms should be consistent with the Episcopal uniform color and style pattern, but do not have to be purchased through the <u>Toggery</u>.



## Planning Calendar

#### **AUGUST**

8/5-6 New Faculty Orientation 8/7-9, 8/12-13 Faculty In-Service 8/12-13 Student / Parent Orientations

8/12 Student / Parent Orientations
8/14 Grades K-12 First Day of School
8/19 PreK3-4 First Day of School

8/30 Watermelon Supper

#### **SEPTEMBER**

9/2	Labor Day - No School
9/4	All School Convocation
9/11	Family Night
9/14-16	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip
9/27	Homecoming
9/28	Homecoming Dance

#### **OCTOBER**

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10/4	Grandparents & Special Friends
	Early Dismissal
10/7	Fall Concert
10/9	First Quarter Ends
10/9	Wildcat Roundup
10/10-11	Fall Break - No School
10/18	Family/Teacher Conferences-
	No Classes
10/23	PSAT Exam (alternate 10/9)

#### **NOVEMBER**

10/23

11/7 – 11/9	Fall Theatre Production
11/25-29	Thanksgiving Break – No School

Family Night

#### **DECEMBER**

12/11	Lessons and Carols
12/12	First Semester Ends
12/11-13	Exam Review Days
12/16-19	Fall Semester Exams
12/18	Lower School Christmas Program
12/19	LS Early Dismissal at 12:00 noon
12/20-12/31	Christmas Break - No School

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1/1 – 1/3	Christmas Break - No School
1/6	Faculty Workday - No Classes
1/7	Second Semester Begins
1/20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
1/29	Family Night
1/31-2/1	Middle School Theatre Production

#### **FEBRUARY**

2/8	US Winter Dance
2/14*-17*	Mid-Winter Break/Presidents Day- No School

#### **MARCH**

3/3	Third Quarter Ends
3/3	Fine Arts Showcase
3/7	Family Teacher Conferences-No Classes
3/?	Parents Auxiliary Auction
3/24-28	Spring Break - No School

#### **APRIL**

4/5	Prom
4/10-12	Spring Theatre Production
4/18 - 4/21	Easter Break- No School
4/24	Percussion Concert in the Quad
4/30	Family Night

#### **MAY**

5/5-5/16	AP Exams
5/8-5/9	Senior Exams
5/12-14	Exam Review Days
5/14	Fourth Quarter Ends
5/15	Baccalaureate
5/15-21	Final Exams (Grades 6-11)
5/16	MS/US Class Day Ceremony
	MS/US Early Dismissal
5/17	Commencement
5/21	Last Day of School
	LS Early Dismissal at 12:00 noon
5/22-23	Faculty Out-Service
5/26	Memorial Day- School Offices Closed

For families participating in the 12-month program, please <u>click here</u> to view additional care days.

<sup>\*</sup> May be used for make-up days if school is canceled due to inclement weather.

<sup>\*</sup>Planning calendar event dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please <u>check the website</u> for the most up-to-date information.



#### Medical Forms

Families have the opportunity to fill out various medical forms at the beginning of the year, including:

- Prescription Medication Consent Form for Daily Medication
- <u>Time Limited Prescription and Over the Counter Medication</u>
- Asthma Action Plan
- Food Allergy Plan
- Seizure Action Plan

Please refer to the Community Handbooks, found within our School Resources Page. You will find vaccination requirements, Episcopal's sick policy, and other important health information.

For additional questions and concerns, please contact our School nurses, Whitney Rawn and Lenna Hopkins at: <a href="mailto:nurses@episcopalcollegiate.org">nurses@episcopalcollegiate.org</a>



## Primary Contact Information

All contact information for school employees can be found via the website and our Veracross platform (explained in further detail in our platform breakdown section in this document). Below, are a few primary contacts that you may be needing more frequently.



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## Student Advisory

#### Middle School Advisory

The Middle School Advisory program (Grades 6-8) reinforces the School's core values of Respect, Reverence, and Responsibility. During their three-year experience in Middle School, students work closely with faculty advisors who provide support, academic guidance, and encouragement. Additionally, these advisors serve as an important line of communication, both as a guide for parents and as a mentor for students.

Each morning students check in with their advisors and fellow advisees. Additionally, on Thursdays, students meet in groups with their faculty advisors—during these sessions, a variety of activities occur: advisees discuss specific issues related to student and teen life, develop individual educational strategies, set specific goals, and meet individually with their advisor. This week-to-week variation provides students with multiple educational experiences outside the traditional classroom structure.

#### Upper School Advisory

The Upper School Advisory program (Grades 9-12) reinforces the School's core values of Respect, Reverence, and Responsibility. During their four-year experience in Upper School, students work closely with the same faculty advisor- this not only promotes meaningful relationships, but also provides support, academic guidance, and encouragement. Additionally, the advisor serves as an important line of communication, both as a guide for parents and as a mentor for students.

Each morning students check in with their advisors and advisees. On Wednesdays, students meet in groups with their faculty advisors. During these sessions, a variety of activities occur: advisees discuss specific issues related to student and teen life, develop individual educational strategies, set specific goals, and meet individually with their advisor. This week-to-week variation provides students with multiple educational experiences outside the traditional classroom structure.

## Summer at the E



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Summer at the E is open to Episcopal and non-Episcopal students ages 3 years old through 12th grade.

With options such as Discovery Day Camp, Enrichment Camps, and Athletic Camps, the perfect option for your family does exist!

## Get Involved

#### Athletics

Fielding thirteen varsity sports teams, eleven junior high and middle school sports teams, and four PSL youth sports teams, the School has an active and competitive student body. More than eighty percent of Upper School students participate in varsity or junior varsity athletics and more than eighty five percent of middle school students participate in middle school athletics. The athletic program is growing too, adding new club sports, including lacrosse.



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Please email your sport specific coach for questions and summer practice schedules, as dates and times are subject to change.

2023-24 State Championships

GIRLS TENNIS GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY x3 **BOYS GOLF** 

## Get Involved



#### Arts

A quality arts education helps students develop the ability to think clearly, critically and creatively. Students explore their potential and excel through a wide range of arts classes at all grade levels. The <u>visual and performing arts</u> are considered essential components in the education of students at Episcopal Collegiate and the successful fulfillment of its mission.



#### Chapel

In <u>Chapel</u>, we affirm that all members of our community are beloved of God, and, as our School Prayer suggests, we challenge students to realize this more fully in themselves and to acknowledge it in others. Chapel is a time for the school community to come together to practice being the community God calls us to be. It includes the singing of a hymn, a short reading from the Old or New Testament, a homily, speech, offering, or meditation from someone in our community, and prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for ourselves, those who are dear to us, for our community, and the world. Chapel in the Lower School occurs once a week. Chapel in the Middle and Upper Schools typically occurs daily.



#### Event Calendar

Our <u>event calendar</u> showcases every facet of our school's activities across all three divisions, Lower, Middle, and Upper School. Due to the nature of events being rescheduled, we have linked our event calendar, which will always reflect the most up to date information.



## Get Involved

#### Clubs

Students at Episcopal Collegiate School are encouraged to develop mind, body and spirit through involvement in a variety of activities outside of the classroom. Extracurricular activities allow young people to explore new interests, develop leadership skills, and discover new passions, many of which may continue into their adult lives. In addition to athletics and fine arts opportunities, a number of clubs and organizations are available to middle and upper school students. Students may run for elective office in student government, participate in or help organize planned social activities, or support student performances on the field of play or on the stage as enthusiastic and appreciative fans.

\*Please note that the below list of clubs could change, as they are created and sustained based on student interest and faculty availability.

#### Upper School

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Brainiacs	Forensics	Senior Peerleaders
Chess Club	French Club	Spanish Club
Table Top Club	Investment Club	Student Council
Comedy Club	Junior Classical League	Ultimate Frisbee
Culinary Club	Co-Ed Lacrosse	Video Games
Curb Couture	Men's Glee Club	WildBots Robotics
Debate	Newspaper Club	Writing Fellows
Diversity Council	Quiz Bowl	

#### Middle School

**FCA** 

Student Council	Soccer	Curbside Couture
Dodgeball	Coed Lacrosse	Tabletop Games
Diversity Club	Green Club	Language Club
Quiz Bowl	Mental Health Awareness Club	Coed Disc Sports
Strategy Board Games	Book Club	Volleyball

Rowing

#### Lower School

4th & 5th Wildcat Chorale	5th PSL Volleyball	E-Crafters
3rd-5th PSL Basketball	VEX Robotics	ECTV Jr.
4th & 5th PSL Football	Chess Club	2nd-5th Little Rockers
4th & 5th PSL Cheerleading	First Lego League (robotics)	Quiz Bowl

## Correct with your Community

## Parents' Auxiliary



Episcopal Collegiate School is fortunate to have a thriving parents' association that makes our community strong. All parents and guardians are automatically members of the <u>Parents' Auxiliary</u> and are encouraged to attend a quarterly meeting and get involved. Involvement in the Parents' Auxiliary is a great way to engage in the life and spirit of our Episcopal Collegiate Community and work on ways to enhance campus life for students, parents, and faculty.









#### Corrtact:

**Director of Annual Giving** 

Alicia Hughes, ahughes1@episcopalcollegiate.org

Parents' Auxiliary President

Nikki Parnell, auxiliary@episcopalcollegiate.org

# Academic & Communication Platforms

## Platform Overview

Your who, what, and where to the platforms our Episcopal Collegiate community uses on a daily basis.

#### All School

#### Canvas:

Parent Usage:

- Course overviews, class specific schedules, and overall academic plan
- View a teacher's overview of their child's class
- View student assignments, due dates, and test schedules
- Grade:

Issues? Contact: Katie Robinson, Director of Academic Technology at <a href="mailto:krobinson@episcopalcollegiate.org">krobinson@episcopalcollegiate.org</a>

#### Veracross:

Parent Usage:

- Child's schedule as a whole
- Report cards
- Personal contact information (i.e. updated email address, home address, phone number, etc. to receive school updates and communication)
- School phone ook (ie. to contact teachers and other family information)

Issues? Contact: Julie Fitz, Registrar at <a href="mailto:jfitz@episcopalcollegiate.org">jfitz@episcopalcollegiate.org</a> (All School)

#### **FACTS**

Usage:

- Tuition payment management
- Incidental cost management (Dining Hall, etc.)
- Online payments

Issues? Contact: Tom Charlton, Director of Finance and Operations at <a href="mailto:tcharlton@episcopalcollegiate.org">tcharlton@episcopalcollegiate.org</a> or Angela Deloney at <a href="mailto:adeloney@episcopalcollegiate.org">adeloney@episcopalcollegiate.org</a>

#### Wildcat Weekly:

Usage

• Weekly eNews, where you will find campus news and announcements.

#### Flickr

Usage:

• School photo album

Community Social Media Channels:

- Main Facebook
- Main Instagram
- Sports Facebook
- Sports Instagram
- Alumni Facebook
- Alumni Instagram

Issues? Contact: Anna Snow, Associate Communications Director & Social Media Manager at

<u>asnow1@episcopalcollegiate.org</u> or Lauren Curtis, Marketing Director at lcurtis@episcopalcollegiate.org

#### Library Catalog

Student database for research materials.

Issues? Contact: Meredith Linder, Lower School

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Lower School Specific

IXL (Math practice website for grades 1 - 5, Kathleen

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- Reflex Math (math fluency website for grades 1 5, Kathleen House, Curriculum Specialist is admin)
   Contact: khouse@episcopalcollegiate.org
- Scratch (coding website for grades 2 5, Christian Rogers, Technology Education Specialist is admin) Contact: crogers@episcopalcollegiate.org

Middle School Specific

• IXL (6th/7th Grade) Contact: Katie Robinson, Director

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Upper School Specific
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Areas where information will be distributed:

- Standard Email
- Wildcat Weekly (Wildcat Community)
- Social Media

## Academic, Social, and Emotional Support

## College Counseling Program

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With the wealth of college options available to students, it's vitally important that students be able to identify that set of colleges and universities that would best meet their educational needs, would best facilitate full expression of their interests outside the classroom, and would best provide a stimulating but comfortable social environment in which to live, thus ensuring that they fully flower into the well spoken, well reasoned, and confident graduates who will soon contribute positively to society. To facilitate this outcome, the College Counseling Program is based upon a proactive college planning sequence and close communication between the college counselor and the student and family.

#### College Counselors

Tricia Morgan | 501.978.4419 | tmorgan@episcopalcollegiate.org Lauren Samuelson | <u>lsamuelson@episcopalcollegiate.org</u>

## Social & Emotional Support

#### Social & Emotional Support

Episcopal Collegiate's counseling staff offers emotional support, imparts life skills, and encourages self-reflection, all with the purpose of empowering students to navigate their way toward greater autonomy and effectiveness.

The School provides counseling to students that would like to discuss any personal/psychological concerns with a professional counselor. We address issues ranging from interpersonal, family concerns, and academic difficulties to health issues such as anxiety and depression.

Please note that our team also assists with referrals for students seeking services beyond the scope of on-campus resources.

Director of Student Support Services: Catherine Radtke, cradtke@episcopalcollegiate.org Lower School Counselor: Mrs. Betsy Abbott, babbott@episcopalcollegiate.org Middle School Counselor: Mrs. Tiffany Hargrave, thargrave@episcopalcollegiate.org Upper School Counselor: Ms. Anna TerAvest, ateravest@episcopalcollegiate.org

## Student & Parent Support

#### Student Support Services

Student Support Services helps students meet the academic challenges of an academically accelerated, college preparatory school. Student Support Services works to ensure that every student who participates in our support programming understands his or her individual learning strengths, affinities and challenges, helping them maximize his or her learning potential. Student Support Services assists students at all grade levels with diagnosed learning disabilities, short-term individual learning needs, additional study skills, and help in specific academic areas. Fees may apply based on the services provided.

#### Academic Assistance Plan:

The Academic Assistance Plan (AAP) is an individualized, academic support plan that is available to those students who have a full educational evaluation on file with the School that demonstrates learning differences with significant weaknesses that impact academic achievement. This evaluation must have been completed within the last three years. The evaluation must contain specific learning environment recommendations, which address the diagnosed learning difference(s). The evaluation and pre-referral intervention corroborate the necessity for an intensive, specialized approach to learning. Episcopal Collegiate does not guarantee that all recommendations for accommodations can be implemented.

#### Services Provided:

Services provided by Learning Services include but may not be limited to the following:

- Assessment and interpretation of academic performance
- Assessment of standardized and diagnostic results
- Academic monitoring
- Classroom observations
- Pre-screening for reading and language difficulties
- Consultation services for teachers and parents for the purpose of enhancing learning for those students who learn differently

- Assistance in the development and implementation of an AAP
- Coordination of on-campus tutors
- Regular communication with a student's support system (parents, faculty, tutors, administrators, diagnosticians, therapists, and counselors)
- Sourcing of tutors, therapists, and evaluators
- Sourcing of professional development resources for classroom teachers

#### Parent Resources

#### Understood

- www.understood.org
- Extensive source of information on wide variety of learning and behavioral challenges
- Parent Toolkit Feature

#### 'A Parent's Guide to Helping Kids with Learning Differences'

• www.SchwabLearning.org

#### <u>Learning Disabilities Online The World's Leading Website on Learning Disabilities</u>

• www.ldonline.org

#### National Center for Learning Disabilities

www.ncld.org

#### **Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities**

• www.smartkidswithld.org

#### For information on Episcopal Collegiate Student Support Services

 Associate Head of Lower School and Director of Student Support Services, Catherine Radtke, at <u>cradtke@episcopalcollegiate.org</u>.





## Supporting Episcopal Arrual Fund

The Episcopal Collegiate Annual Fund ensures that every Wildcat has a distinctive experience during their time here. This yearly need funds the ongoing investments in facilities, faculty, and programs that set the Episcopal experience apart.

#### 2025 Parents' Auxiliary Auction

Every other year, our Episcopal Collegiate comunity is excited to gather for this fun and semi-formal event to raise money to support professional and faculty development grants and the Parents' Auxiliary budget.

#### Corrtact:

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Director of Annual Giving, Alicia Hughes ahughes 1@episcopalcollegiate.org

Director of Alumni Relations, Claire Worley '12 cworley@episcopalcollegiate.org

