



EPISCOPAL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

Dear Upper School Parents,

Happy Summer! I hope you and your loved ones are finding time to rest, relax, and have fun. The 2023-24 school year opens in about five weeks, so we have a good chunk of summer vacation ahead of us. I write to you today to share some back-to-school information, which you will find below. Our Upper School team looks forward to welcoming your children back to campus next month. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

See you soon,
Kellen

Back-to-School Information

Please check out our [School Resources Page](#), located on the Episcopal Collegiate School website, for comprehensive back-to-school information, including the [2023-24 planning calendar](#), notes on textbook orders, uniforms, [summer assignments and enrichment](#), and much more. New families will find this [New Family Brochure](#) useful, and I encourage everyone, at your convenience, to review our [Upper & Middle School Community Handbook](#).

Student Schedules

Parents should be able to log onto Veracross to see their child's schedule. **Please note that advisor assignments will not be published until Monday, August 7.** Additionally, your child's locker assignment and combination may be found in the top left-hand corner of the schedule.

- To find your child's schedule, go to your parent portal, and the link displays to the right of pictures/report card links and is called current class schedules.

- Parents of students new to Episcopal should have received email information about logging into Veracross in early July. This email expires after 24 hours.
Should you have missed this window, please contact Mr. Don Stalls, Director of Technology and Innovation, dstalls@Episcopalcollegiate.org.
- Please address scheduling questions to Mrs. Fitz, jfitz@episcopalcollegiate.org, or 501.372.1194, ext. 2461. The School does not make class/schedule/advisor changes based on requests for a particular teacher.

Textbooks

We are pleased to continue our partnership with local bookstore, Wordsworth Books, for our textbooks for the coming year. The [Wordsworth website](#) has "gone live" for families to order textbooks. Please visit the [school resources](#) page on our website for an updated textbook list and for updated information as the summer progresses. If you decide to order books online, please verify that you are ordering the correct edition by matching the ISBN number from the class/grade-level book list with what you find online.

Class Rotation Calendar

[This link](#) takes you to our first-semester class rotation calendar, which displays the Upper and Middle School class schedule for each day of our school calendar.

Student Medical Information

Students who have turned 16 or will turn 16 before school begins are required to have their second meningococcal vaccine on or after their 16th birthday and evidence of this vaccine must be filed in the US office by Wednesday, August 16th. Also, if your child started the HPV vaccination series, please remember to follow up with the sequential dose(s).

Students are not allowed to bring or carry medication to school or school events. With the exception

of emergency medications like albuterol, insulin, glucagon, and epinephrine auto injectors, students may not carry medications on their person while at school. For more information, please see the Upper & Middle School Community Handbook. Most medication forms are located on the school website or can be filled out in the office.

Any student requiring an asthma or allergy action plan should compile it between now and the start of school and should submit the plan and their medications to Nurse Lenna Hopkins on or the week before the first day of school. Some US students will carry their emergency medication with them, in which case we still need an action plan, knowledge of the plan and the location of their medication.

Our annual flu vaccine clinic is scheduled for October 11, 2023. More information will be available in Wildcat Weekly as the event nears.

Important Fall Dates - Mark Your Calendar

Class of 2024 Retreat - Monday, August 7th

The Class of 2024 will kick off its senior year with a one-day group retreat to Camp Mitchell. Senior parents, stay tuned later this month for complete details.

New Student & New Parent Orientation - Monday, August 14th

We are excited to welcome all new-to-Episcopal students in grades 9-11—along with their parents—to an orientation in the Upper School Library (Simpson Library) on Monday, August 14th, from 9:00 am-11:00 am.

Founders' Day - Thursday, August 17th

In honor of our School's 25th anniversary, we will celebrate our Founders on Thursday, August 17th. Students will be required to wear Dress Uniform, so please plan accordingly.

Back-to-School Night (US Parents' Night) - Wednesday, August 30th

Back-to-School Night will take place on Wednesday, August 30th, from approximately 6:45 pm-8:30 pm. This is a great chance to meet your child's teachers and learn more about our academic program. We will share more details closer to that evening.

Grandparents & Special Friends Day - Friday, September 29th (*Half-Day)

We look forward to welcoming Lower, Middle, and Upper School grandparents and special friends to

campus on Friday, September 29th. We will run a half-day schedule that Friday, and all Upper School students will be dismissed at noon. Stay tuned to Wildcat Weekly for more information about Grandparents and Special Friends Day.

Fall Break - Thursday, October 12th - Sunday, October 15th

Please note the small change to this year's Fall Break dates. Fall Break will start on Thursday October 12th and extend through Sunday, October 15th.

Fall Advisor-Student-Parent Conference Day - Friday, October 20th

On Friday, October 20th, every Upper School student--along with at least one parent or guardian--will be required to participate in a 30-minute, on-campus conference with their faculty advisor. Regular classes will not be held that day. Conference slots will start at 8:00 am and run until 4:00 pm, and your child's advisor will contact you in September to set up a conference time. Conference Day provides you and your child the opportunity to reflect on and discuss your child's overall school experience, including academic standing, extracurricular engagement, and social fit.

Need Episcopal Gear? Visit the Wildcat Warehouse!

Shop the Wildcat Warehouse [online here](#). Orders placed through the portal will be ready for pick up after August 3rd. Orders will be delivered to division offices for Middle and Upper School, and to homerooms for Lower School. Please [email Aaron Nixon](#) with any questions about Wildcat Warehouse or to schedule a shopping appointment. Orders will be charged to your FACTS account.

If you would like to shop in person, Wildcat Warehouse will be open the following times:

- Tuesday, July 25, in conjunction with the Toggery Pop-Up Shop, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm
- Monday, August 14th: 8:00 am-2:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 15th: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Beginning Wednesday, August 16th, Wildcat Warehouse will be open during lunch Wednesdays and Fridays (12:00 pm-1:30 pm) for student/parent shopping. Students will be asked if they have permission to charge your FACTS account. Additional hours will be posted once school starts.

Used Uniform Sale - August 3 & 4

The Used Uniform Sale will be held on Thursday, August 3, 8:30 am-6:00 pm and Friday, August 4, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, in the Middle/Upper School Dining Hall.

Toggery Pop-Up Shop - July 25

The Toggery will be selling new school uniforms at their on-campus Pop-Up Shop on Tuesday, July 25, 12:00 pm-4:00 pm, in the Lower School Dining Hall.

New Upper School Faculty in 2023-24

We are thrilled and fortunate to have two outstanding educators join our Upper School team this year. You can read about them below:

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, **Ms. Anna Barefield** will be joining Episcopal Collegiate to teach **Upper School mathematics** and assist in coaching Girls' Cross-Country. Anna earned her B.S. in mathematics from Belmont University and a M.S. in Mathematics with a concentration in Statistics from Boise State University. At Boise State, Anna taught undergraduate math courses, including College Algebra and Precalculus for Business. She also tutored in the Math Learning Center.

An Arkansas native, **Mr. Lowell Sherrod** will be joining Episcopal Collegiate to teach **Upper School science**. He earned his B.S. in Biology and Science Education from the University of Arkansas Little Rock. Lowell has accrued more than ten years of teaching experience at Cabot High School where he taught Chemistry, Botany, Astronomy, and Geology and he joins us from Natural State Laboratories where he has been serving as a Toxicology supervisor.