

Parent Education Program | Wednesday, September 18

We hope you are able to join Director of Student Support Services, Catherine Radtke and Dr. Karney Jolly for a parent chat on the book on “Anxious Generation” by Jonathan Haidt. The parent chat will take place on Wednesday, September 18, beginning at 8:15 am in the Middle School Library. Please reach out to Catherine Radtke with any questions at cradtke@episcopalcollegiate.org. We hope to see you there!

Admission Season is Already Here!

Over the past few years, Episcopal has seen an increase in inquiries and applications, and as a result, we opened the 2024-2025 school year with a record enrollment of 835 students.

Episcopal is intentional when it comes to class size, allowing our students to feel known and cherished. Given the increase in applications, we encourage you to [submit an application](#) for any sibling(s) currently not enrolled who plan to attend the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. While submitting an application does not guarantee admission, it is an essential step to start the admission process for your child(ren). We are thrilled about the growing interest in our school and want to provide every opportunity for current families to benefit from our programs.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Director of Admissions, Mary Jane Briggs, at mjbriggs@episcopalcollegiate.org, or Associate Director of Admissions, Mahlon Martin, at mmartin@episcopalcollegiate.org.

Thank you for being a valued part of Episcopal Collegiate!

Student Support Update

Students in Grades 4-12 now have access to a Student Academic Toolkit on their Canvas page that is a landing spot for all types of academic support resources. Students can find tips for time management including visual calendars and homework checklists. They can also utilize reading comprehension strategies and graphic organizers for writing, reading, and math. Test prep and study skills tips are also included. Please encourage your students to spend some time looking through what is available.

Share the...Joy, Share the...Love, Share the...Year, Share Your...Photos!

This year, the Yearbook staff wants to make sharing your special moments easier than ever. Use the following link to upload photos directly to the yearbook site! The staff reviews all content. Please do not use photos with filters, logos or hand gestures. Screenshots result in poor quality pictures that cannot be included in the yearbook.

[**SHARE YOUR PHOTOS**](#)

Homecoming Spirit Week | September 23-27

Monday, September 23

Pajama Day

Tuesday, September 24

USA Day (wear red, white, and blue)

Wednesday, September 25

Color Wars

PK3 - White

PK4 - Orange

Kinder - Light Blue

1st - Green

2nd - Yellow

3rd - Red

4th - Purple

5th - Navy

6th - Blue

7th - White

8th - Green

12th - Black

11th - White

10th - Blue

9th - Green

Thursday, September 26

Jersey Day

Friday, September 27

Spirit Day

Homecoming T-Shirt Orders!

Order this year's homecoming t-shirt by using the link below. Shirts will be \$16 each and the deadline to order is Tuesday, September 17 at 4:00 pm.

[ORDER NOW](#)

Homecoming Tailgate Food Order Forms

Mark your calendars for Friday, September 27, and join us for the 2024 Episcopal Collegiate HOMECOMING TAILGATE!

Slim Chickens will once again be providing our fans a delicious pre-game meal as our Wildcats host the Atkins Red Devils. We will set up in the Middle/Upper School Dining Hall, and you may dine in or carry out. All meals will be charged to **FACTS**.

\$12 Homecoming Meal:

- 3 pc. Chicken Tenders
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Side Salad
- Brownie
- Drink Choice

See the order form below to reserve meals for your family. **All orders must be placed by Friday, September 20 at 5:00 pm.** Click the link below to reserve your meal.

[ORDER HERE](#)

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

The next several weeks will be busy, busy across campus! With many new families here in the Lower School, I want to make sure everyone is informed and aware of the upcoming events as there are some adjustments to the standard school day.

- **September 23-27** | Spirit Week (students can wear spirit day themes or regular school uniform, themes noted below)
- **Friday, October 4** | Grandparents and Special Friends Day - Please let your child's teacher know if your child will not have a GP or Special Friend attending that day. Lower School dismissal is at 11:30am that day. Wildcat Club is available until 6pm.
- **Wednesday, October 9** | Wildcat Roundup, 4:30pm-6pm (Lower School Fall Festival) Students can wear western attire to school that day.
- **October 10-11** | Fall Break, No School, WCC available for 12 month students only
- **Friday, October 18** | Family/Teacher Conference Day, No School, WCC available.

On Saturday, our PSL tackle team will take on Catholic here at Episcopal at 10:30am. Both flag football teams will play here at 8am that morning. The forecast looks great, so it's an excellent opportunity to support our football team and cheerleaders! Hope to see you there!

Go, Wildcats!

Catherine Schuhmacher

Head of Lower School

Spirit Week Themes | September 23-27 *Slight Change

We will celebrate Spirit Week the week of September 23-27. Students are invited to dress in the day's theme or wear their school uniform. Whether dressed for spirit week or in school uniform, students should wear tennis shoes each day.

- Monday: Pajama Day
- Tuesday: USA Day
- Wednesday: Class Color Day - note these colors coordinate with last year's Field Day t-shirt color for each grade
 - PK3 - White
 - PK4 - Orange
 - Kinder - Light Blue
 - 1st - Green
 - 2nd - Yellow
 - 3rd - Red
 - 4th - Purple
 - 5th - Navy
- Thursday: Jersey Day, jeans or standard uniform bottoms please
- Friday: Traditional Spirit Day or Glo/Co - Bright neon colors to celebrate football game theme.

Uniform Revision

Moving forward, girls are allowed to wear khaki skorts, in addition to navy. We plan to make this adjustment in our official uniform policy in the near future. As a reminder, girls are not allowed to wear tennis skirts as uniform bottoms, whether navy or khaki. Please [contact Mrs. Schuhmacher](#) with any questions regarding school uniforms.

Lower School Library Life with Mrs. Linder

We're thrilled to highlight some fantastic resources available in the Lower School Library that your children are sure to love! One of Mrs. Linder's favorite tools is [Capstone Interactive](#), which provides a wealth of educational content conveniently located in one spot:

1. **PebbleGo:** Designed for our youngest learners in PK-3rd grade, PebbleGo is an easy-to-use database with five engaging topics: Animals, Science, Biographies, Social Studies, and Health. Each topic is divided into subtopics for more detailed exploration. A standout feature is the read-aloud option, which supports early readers by reading articles to them, making learning accessible and enjoyable.
2. **PebbleGo Next:** Perfect for 3rd-6th grade students, PebbleGo Next offers a more in-depth look at topics like States, Science, Indigenous Peoples' History, Social Studies, Health, and Biographies. This resource is designed to challenge older students while still providing read-aloud support. Additionally, PebbleGo Next makes it easy for students to cite their sources for research projects.
3. **Capstone Interactive eBooks:** We're excited to announce that our school now has access to Capstone Interactive eBooks! This platform offers a wide range of interactive and engaging eBooks that students can enjoy anytime, anywhere. Whether at home, school, or on the go, students can access these eBooks through laptops, desktops, or iPads.

Key Features:

- **Engaging Content:** Features like videos and games keep students engaged and learning in a fun, interactive way.
- **Ad-Free Environment:** You can feel comfortable knowing your child is exploring an ad-free website bursting with resources to help them master many skills and learn fun facts they'll be excited to share.

Login Information:

To access these resources from any device—be it at home or school—please use the following login details:

- **Username:** episcopal1
- **Password:** librarypebble

We encourage you to explore these resources with your child. They provide valuable opportunities for learning and growth, all conveniently located in one spot!

Happy reading!

Wildcat Club Following Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Wildcat Club will be available by reservation only to Lower School students from 11:30 am - 6:00 pm. Please complete the [Google Form](#) to make a reservation for your child. There is no charge for 12-month or semester-pay students. Students not registered in WCC will be charged our standard 9/hour rate for time in WCC, with an \$18/day maximum.

Dr. House's Classroom Highlight

“If you multiply by a fraction, will your original amount get greater or lesser? How is that different from when you multiply by a whole number?” These are questions you might see from your 5th grader, but did you know that this lesson actually started way back in Kindergarten? Before students can understand how mathematical operations impact the relative size of a quantity, they must develop a sense (*a number sense*) of what quantities are greater or lesser, and to what relative degree. As an adult, we might take for granted that 40 and 50 are relatively close together whereas 4,000 and 5,000 are further apart. But that sense had to be learned and developed over time. Fortunately for our students at Episcopal, our teachers are well-versed in strategies for building number sense at every level. Here, you see Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Beaudoin (aka Ms. Beau!) starting that process as she has students jump between standing on the SAME color as their partner and a DIFFERENT color from their partner. Simple (and fun!) as this may seem, this lesson is carefully crafted to help students learn to process 2 or more pieces of information simultaneously, assess equal or non equal values/characteristics, and flexibly change from one set of characteristics to another.



Chapel News

This week, our PreK and Kindergarten chapels heard the story of God's promise to Abraham and Sarah. Our 1st through 5th graders heard from Mrs. Libby Conder who reminded us that our words matter and that we must be mindful of how the words we say and how we say them.

In our upcoming PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll talk about Moses and the story of Exodus. In our upcoming 1st-5th grades Community Chapel, the 5th grade classes will share their character trait presentation about being inclusive.

We hope you can join us for Chapel on Wednesdays. You are always welcome! You can now find the schedule for 5th grade readers and 4th & 5th grade cantors on the Godly Play canvas page.

- PreK 4: 8:20-8:40 am, Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library
- PreK 3: 8:50-9:10 am, Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library
- Kindergarten: 9:20-9:50 am, Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library
- 1st-5th: 2:30-3:00 pm, Erwin Performance Hall & Gymnasium

In Godly Play this week we learned about Abraham, Sarah and how we are all a part of The Great Family. Next week in Godly Play we'll continue working with the dessert box and learn about the story of The Exodus.

Michelle Moore

Interim Lower School Chaplain

Pride Patrol | September 16-20

Pride Patrol is a leadership opportunity for our 4th and 5th grade students. These students should arrive by 7:30 am, help open car doors, welcome students, and walk our youngest Wildcats to their classrooms.

Pride Patrol student leaders next week include:

- Keller Hughes
- Kassie Hulett
- Windsor Hunjan
- Foster Jones
- Harrison Keener
- Laura Beth Keener

Fall Super Session Registration is Open!

Join us for all sorts of fun this fall! You can register now for [Fall 2024 Super Sessions](#). Are you interested in Science Club, Kindness Club, Chess Club, painting, minis, fairies, jewels, playing? There is something for everyone! We will continue to add more fun, so check back regularly.

You can sign up for Soccer Shots [here](#).

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October 18 | Family/Teacher Conference, No School

Quick Links

[Lower School Live News](#)

[Wildcat Community Page](#)

Find the [LS Calendar](#) here.

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Hello, MS Families,

This week's temps have made outdoor recess and outdoor clubs very enjoyable. On the athletics front, our cross-country runners had a strong showing at their first meet this past Saturday at War Memorial Golf Course, and our eighth grade volleyball teams have had some very competitive home games against Conway Christian and Central High School's ninth grade team. I encourage you to come out and support some of our middle school/junior high teams when you have a moment. The kids have been working hard, and it shows!

We are excited to welcome Dr. Karney Jolly to campus next Wednesday, September 18, to moderate a community conversation around technology and youth mental health as presented in Dr. Jonathan Haidt's book, *Anxious Generation*. The event will take place at 8:15 am in the Middle School's Erwin Library and parents are cordially invited to attend.

Have a pleasant weekend!

Chuck McCormick

Head of Middle School

Middle School Athletes of the Week | JH Cross Country

A quiet but hard-working runner, this month's athlete of the week has made huge improvements from her 7th grade season. In our first race of the season she put in a spectacular run with a 40 second personal record from her fastest time last year. She clearly put in the summer miles. She always digs into our hard workouts and brings a can-do attitude to every practice. She's kind, empathetic and so easy to coach. Congratulations to Olivia Glover.

Middle School Book Talk

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! The second discussion will be on Wednesday, October 9, and the final conversation will take place on Wednesday, October 23. All of these sessions will occur from 8:15-9:00 am.

- Google Meet link: meet.google.com/cfy-rkqf-dxo
- Dial in: (US)+1 252-665-6568 PIN: 738 192 219#

Spirit Week Dress Themes!

- Monday, September 23 | Pajama Day: Students may wear pajamas. No shorts, no spaghetti straps, no slippers/house shoes.
- Tuesday, September 24 | USA Day: Red, White, and/or Blue. No camo, no partisan slogans, symbols, or candidates. Students who intentionally or unintentionally court controversy will be required to change.
- Wednesday, September 25 | Class Color Day: Colors TBD
- Thursday, September 26 | Jersey Day: standard uniform or jeans below the waist.
- Friday, September 27 | Traditional Spirit Day / GloCo: students may wear bright neon colors in keeping with the football game theme, or traditional spirit wear.

Community Service in Middle School

As a reminder, all middle school students are required to perform five hours of community service each year in middle school. These hours need to be documented on a community service form available in the middle school office or online [here](#). Mr. Binder, Dean of Students in the upper school, publishes a list of community service opportunities, many of which are available to middle grades students as well. Please find that list at [this link](#).

Seventh Grade Seeking the Summit Winners for the month of August

Each month, teachers in the different core disciplines nominate two students for exemplary effort, engagement, citizenship, and teamwork in their respective classes. At Thursday's Morning Meeting, the seventh grade team nominated the following students. Congratulations to all!!

French I: Delaney Weirich

English: Nico Erkman, Patrick Snowden

Social Studies: Libby Castleberry, Margaret Crocker

Mathematics: Leighton Campbell, Carter Johnson

Science: Charlie Marks, Mabel Whitley

Spanish I: Harper Fields

Sixth Grade Top Cats for August

Some of the things that sixth grade teachers said about their nominees include: curiosity, enthusiasm, resourcefulness; no excuses mindset; #1 rule is to show up; regular math lab participation with a smile on her face; handling challenges well; asking relevant questions; enthusiasm for learning

Intro to Romance Languages: Matsy Leacock

English: Janelle Jones, David Willis

Math: Annabelle Reed, Harry Hastings

Social Studies: Henry Kalkbrenner, Preston Holsclaw

Writing: Rowan Wells, Kathryn Koch

Science: Mary Miller Fontes, Steven Liu

Mark Your Calendars

October 10-11 | Fall Break

October 18 | Family/Teacher Conference, No School

A Note from Dr. Graham

It was a treat to see seniors Jacob Meaux, Stella Cochran, and Todd McCormick present their incredible medical research experiences this summer, as part of our Summer Scholars Program. Every summer, a small group of rising seniors participates in this program, which places them in hospitals and labs and other research spaces and affords them the opportunity to “do science” alongside trained professionals.

Several of my teammates and I are thrilled to launch our annual 9th-Grade Trip tomorrow. Our crew will spend two nights in Kansas City, where our kids will bond as a class and have a ton of fun kayaking, visiting an escape room, being mentored by some senior peer leaders, and just hanging out. We will return to campus on Monday around 5:00 pm.

We are now two weeks away from Homecoming/Spirit Week, a school-wide rally point and a super-fun week of games, a Pep Rally, the Homecoming Dance, and more. You can read more about some of the week’s happenings below.

Kellen Graham

Head of Upper School

Updates, Reminders, & Action Items

Homecoming/Spirit Week Preview - Special Dress Days

Homecoming is two weeks away. Below are listed the special dress themes and spirit competitions for each day. We will remind the kids about the dress days, and the specific guidelines for each dress day, next week.

Every day during Homecoming/Spirit Week, our students will represent their grade levels in friendly spirit competitions in dodgeball, ping-pong, boys’ volleyball, girls’ football, trivia, and banners. This year, we are pumped up to invite our 8th graders (the Class of ‘29) to participate in some of our spirit competitions.

Parents and families are invited to spectate at Monday night’s Girls’ Football games, which will be held on the football field, starting at 6:45 pm.

We also have an all-school Pep Rally on Friday afternoon and our annual Homecoming Dance is Saturday, September 28.

Monday, September 23

Special Dress Theme: **Pajama Day**

Class Spirit Competition: **Dodgeball (FLEX)**

Girls’ Football (6:45 pm - Football Field)

Tuesday, September 24

Special Dress Theme: **Honor America Day (wear red, white, & blue)**

Class Spirit Competition: **Boys’ Volleyball**

Wednesday, September 25

Special Dress Theme: **Class “Color War” Day**

12th Graders - Black

11th Graders - White

10th Graders - Blue

9th Graders - Green

Class Spirit Competition: **Ping-Pong Championship**

Thursday, September 26

Special Dress Theme: **Jersey Day (including Episcopal-themed club/ensemble shirts)**

Class Spirit Competition: **Trivia**

Friday, September 27

Special Dress Theme: **ECS Spirit Day (the Green & White!)**

All-School Pep Rally (1:05-1:35 pm) (Championship Gym)

Saturday, September 28

Homecoming Dance - 8:00-10:00 pm (Dining Hall)

Contact Us if Your Child is Absent, Late, or Checking Out

Parents, if your child is absent from or will arrive late to school for any reason, or if they need to check out during the school day, it is imperative that you contact the School and let us know. If your child is absent, please either call us in the Main Office at **501-372-1194 ext. 3** and leave us a detailed message or email Selby Boyd at sboyd@episcopalcollegiate.org. Upper School students are expected to communicate any known absences with their teachers, coaches, and advisor in advance. Parents, we also expect to hear directly from you any time your child is absent.

Coming Up Next Week...

Chapel Schedule

Monday, September 16 - Ms. Campbell

Tuesday, September 17 - Mu Alpha Theta Induction Ceremony

Wednesday, September 18 - Writing Center Fellows

Thursday, September 19 - 5th-Grade Character Virtue

Friday, September 20 - Father Rob

Athletics Schedule

Let's go, Wildcats!

Service Opportunities

We will share new service opportunities for our students as they come to us.

Beyond Next Week...

Homecoming/Spirit Week | Monday, September 23 - Saturday, September 28

Homecoming Pep Rally | Friday, September 27 (1:05-1:35 pm)

Wildcats, unite!

Homecoming Dance | Saturday, September 28 (8:00-10:00 pm)

This year's Homecoming Dance is set for Saturday, September 28th from 8:00-10:00 pm in the Dining Hall.

Fall Choir/Orchestra Concert | Monday, October 7 (Calvary Baptist Church)

Come see our choir and orchestra students shine in concert. It will be a night of beautiful, inspiring musical performances.

End of 1st Quarter | Wednesday, October 9

Fall Break | Thursday, October 10 - Sunday, October 13

School will be closed for Fall Break during this span.

Parent-Student-Advisor Conference Day - Friday, October 18

All Upper (& Middle) School students will participate in a 30-minute conference, along with their Advisor and at least one parent or guardian. Conferences are a holistic checkpoint for students, families, and advisors. In addition to discussing your child's academic standing, you will have the opportunity to discuss (and to hear your child talk about) their social and extracurricular lives. More info about signing up for conferences will come to you in September.

College Counseling News

Senior College Counseling Class:

We will meet during Flex Time for the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 10
- Thursday, September 12
- Tuesday, September 17
- Tuesday, October 1
- Thursday, October 3

If you are in Ms. Byrd's group, please go to the College Counseling Office; if you are in Ms. Morgan's group, please go directly to Dr. Hall's room.

This first week, we will check transcripts, discuss the timeline for the year, work on the College Application Grid, list colleges where you are applying in Scoir, and learn how to request school documents be sent to colleges.

Upcoming College Visits

Arkansas State University, In-Person Visit | Tuesday, September 17 at- 8:15 AM

Arkansas State is midsize to large public university in Jonesboro, Arkansas. There are around 15,000 undergraduate students and is the second largest university in the state of Arkansas. The most popular majors at ASU include Nursing, Psychology, Business, and Education. ASU has over 150 student organizations including Greek life, intramural sports, leadership opportunities, and more. The Reng Student Union is the hub of campus activity and hosts a variety of fun events throughout the year. ASU athletes compete in the NCAA Division 1. Go Red Wolves!

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, In-Person Visit | Thursday, September 20 at 8:15 AM

University of Arkansas at Little Rock is a public research university right here in Little Rock. More than 8,000 students call UALR home and get to choose from the 155 programs of study. UALR is known nationally for their strong programs in Engineering, Nursing, Business, and Computer Science. Be sure to check out the Donaghey Scholars Honors Program that has a generous financial package, interdisciplinary core curriculum, and amazing community and study abroad experiences. Athletes at UALR compete in the Division 1 level. Go Trojans!

Furman University, In-Person Visit | Thursday, September 20 at 2:30 PM

Furman is a liberal arts and science university located in beautiful Greenville, South

Carolina. There are 2,500 undergraduate students who choose from 75 areas of study. The average class size at Furman is 14 students and it's a place you really get to know the faculty. On campus there are over 170 clubs and organizations to get involved with. Their campus is truly one of the most beautiful in the country with lots of greenspace and a lake. Furman competes in the NCAA Division 1. Go Paladins!

United States Senate Youth Program

The United States Senate Youth Program (USSYP) is currently accepting applications from juniors and seniors for the 2024-2025 school year. Strong candidates should demonstrate leaderships in elected positions and are interested in pursuing careers in government, politics, history, or public policy

Two student leaders from each state will attend the 63rd annual Washington Week on March 1-8, 2025. After meeting with national leaders on Capitol Hill and at the White House, Supreme Court, Pentagon, and Department of State, each delegate is awarded a \$10,000 college scholarship. See Ms. Morgan if you are interested in applying. The application is due on October 4.

Find the [US Calendar](#) here.