

Online Safety Discussion | Thursday, October 3

On Thursday, October 3, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kristin Stiles and Homeland Security Investigations Supervisory Special Agent Jeff Pryor will provide separate age-appropriate programming for middle and upper school students on topics related to online and personal safety, and the importance of maintaining appropriate boundaries with peers and adults.

Grandparents and Special Friends Day | Friday, October 4

We are excited to welcome Grandparents and Special Friends on Friday, October 4! We will have a special all-school program featuring performances from students in all three divisions, a reception, and time for you to experience the campus.

The program will begin at 9:00 am. After the all-school performance, you will have the opportunity to visit and interact with your grandchild(ren) in their respective division. We invite you to take advantage of this time to experience what it's like to be an Episcopal student! Details regarding event offerings, parking, and more will be available soon. We invite you to [use this link](#) or the button below to register for the event.

Please contact Assistant Head of School, [Matt Radtke](#), or Director of Advancement, [Hannah Bryan](#), with any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you and celebrating this special day once again!

Flu Vaccine Clinics | October 3 & 8



The annual Flu Vaccine Clinic will be held on October 3 and 8. Please have all forms completed (front & back sides) and turned in by **Tuesday, October 1 for the Middle and Upper School** clinic and **Friday, October 4 for the Lower School** clinic. You can bring forms into your division office or send them to [Nurse Rawn](#) (Lower School) or [Nurse Hopkins](#) (Middle and Upper School) via email.

Middle and Upper School Flu Vaccine Clinic | Thursday, October 3

- Auxiliary Gym
- 8:30 am -1:30 pm

Lower School Flu Vaccine Clinic | Tuesday, October 8

- Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library
- 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

[Consent Form](#) [VIS Information Form](#)

Blood Drive | Thursday, October 17

Episcopal Collegiate will be hosting a blood drive on campus on Thursday, October 17 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The blood drive will be held in the Auxiliary Gym and the goal is 25 successful donors!

To schedule an appointment, please click on the link below.

[SIGN UP FOR BLOOD DRIVE](#)

Gate and Concessions Volunteers

We have had an amazing response to our call for gate and concession volunteers with only a few spots remaining at this point. A huge thank you to all who have signed up! We will still be adding our PSL volleyball games so please be on the lookout for those additional opportunities to volunteer. If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Schnackenberg or Mary Margaret Wippo. Go, Wildcats!

[SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT](#)

Parents' Auxiliary Auction 2025

Parents' Auxiliary needs MORE volunteers for Auction 2025.

Please contact [Anna Dickinson](#) if you are interested in helping with this biennial event that supports faculty professional development and serves as the primary source of funding for the Parents' Auxiliary budget.

Parents' Auxiliary Volunteer Opportunities

Parents, there are many ways to get involved at Episcopal Collegiate. Our Parents' Auxiliary would love to help you connect and become engaged on campus. Use the link below to sign up for upcoming events.

[SIGN UP NOW](#)

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](#) A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

Students and faculty enjoyed a festive Spirit Week in the Lower School. We capped it off with a glo-tastic all-school pep rally Friday afternoon! Hope to see you tonight for the Homecoming football game and tailgate! If you can't make it tonight, there are two opportunities to support Episcopal athletes on Saturday. Our PSL tackle football team plays Catholic Yellow here at Episcopal at 10:30 am, and our flag football teams play each other at 8:00 am on Field 1 here. Go, Wildcats!

Next week will be an exciting one with one of our favorite chapels, The Blessing of the Animals. All students are invited to bring a stuffed animal to bless during this special chapel on Wednesday. On Friday, we will celebrate Grandparents and Special Friends Day. All students should wear dress uniform. As a reminder, please let your child's teacher know if they will not have a visitor that day so we can pair them with an available teacher. Also, Lower School dismisses at 11:30am. Wildcat Club is offered following early

dismissal. Please read details below and make sure to register your child if he or she is staying for Wildcat Club that day.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher

Head of Lower School

Wildcat Roundup | Wednesday, October 9

Howdy, Wildcats! Please join us for Wildcat Roundup on Wednesday, October 9, from 4:30-6:00 pm at Mourot Stadium and in Wildcat Alley. Admission is free!

Wildcat Roundup is the Lower School's fall festival with bounce houses, a climbing wall, face painting, a sweet treat top, dunk booth, and more! We'll have snacks and treats available for all our youngest Wildcats!



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.

Little Rockers Kids Marathon Registration Now Open

The Little Rockers Kids Marathon Program will begin on Monday, November 11. This program will run from November 11 through the Final Mile on Saturday, March 1. This program is open to students in grades 2-5. Each student will set a goal to complete 25.1 miles prior to running the Final Mile. Participants will run/walk on Monday afternoons on the Smith Family Track from 3:30 to 4:15 pm. To sign up for the program, please use this [link](#). For more information about the program, please contact Mr. Alex Daniel at adaniel@episcopalcollegiate.org.

Chapel News

This week, our PreK and Kindergarten chapels read *The Ten Commandments for Little Ones* by Allia Zobel Nolan in chapel while our 1st through 5th graders heard a performance by the MS/US percussion classes led by Mr. Erick Saoud.

In our upcoming PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll be joined by Rev. Amy Meaux who will lead our Blessing of the Animals. In our upcoming 1st-5th grades Community Chapel, Rev. Rob Leacock will lead our Blessing of the Animals.

ALL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO BRING A PICTURE OF THEIR PET(S) OR A STUFFED ANIMAL TO RECEIVE A BLESSING DURING THEIR CHAPEL TIME NEXT WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

PreK 4: 8:20-8:40am, Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library

PreK 3: 8:50-9:10am, Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library

Kindergarten: 9:20-9:50am, Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library

1st-5th: 2:30-3:00pm, Erwin Performance Hall & Gymnasium

In Godly Play this week we learned about Moses and The Ten Best Ways and how to love God, love people and remember that God loves us. Next week in Godly Play we'll learn about Saint Francis of Assisi in preparation for the Blessing of the Animals in chapel.

Grace & Peace,

Michelle Moore

Interim Lower School Chaplain

Pride Patrol | September 30 - October 4

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:

- Rosanna Louvring
- Nicholas Makris
- Jackson McLarty
- Peyton McMillian
- Madison Nixon

- Sky Patel
- Abigail Pfeifer

Fall Super Session Registration is Open!

Join us for all sorts of fun this fall! There is something for everyone! You can register now for [Fall 2024 Super Sessions](#).

Super Session Highlight

[I'll Bead There for You!](#) - 3rd-5th grade - You and your BFFs can make amazing creations with Ms. Norris!

October Clubs

- [Science Club](#) - 3rd-5th grade - Mrs. Keck knows how to make science fun.. and sometimes messy!
- [Adventurer's Guild](#) - 5th-8th grade - Join Mr. Carter in a role-playing adventure!
- [Soccer Shots](#) - PK-1st grade - Soccer skills and fun with friends! You can sign up for Soccer Shots [here](#).
- [Kindness Club](#) - 2nd-5th grade - Random Acts of Kindness can make a difference for you and those around you. Join Mrs. Abbott to learn more!
- [Super Hero Training](#) - 3rd-5th grade - Work on your SpiderMan skills and "spidey-senses" with Ms. Strong!
- [Ninja Training](#) - K-2nd grade - Join Diana Strong for a fun adventure in fitness and personal safety.

Mark Your Calendars

October 4 | Grandparents and Special Friends Day

October 9 | Wildcat Roundup, 4:30-6:00 pm

October 10-11 | Fall Break

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

Dear Parents,

As usually happens, our students and teachers did a wonderful job balancing the fun and energy inherent to a Spirit Week with focusing and getting work done during class time. Additionally, our counselor, Mrs. Hargrave, provided our community with some helpful messages related to the importance of kindness at Monday's Morning Meeting, and in Thursday's advisory sessions, sixth and seventh grade students engaged in a lesson by our online partner, *The Social Institute*. More information for families may be found [here](#). The weather, too, really cooperated, and the time spent outside was truly rejuvenating. We

concluded the week with a high-energy all school pep rally, which will hopefully springboard our football team to their first win Friday night against Adkins!

Have a nice weekend!

Chuck McCormick

Head of Middle School

Grandparents and Special Friends Day | Friday, October 4

Grandparents' Day is one week from Friday. We will only have a half-day of school, with dismissal occurring at 12 noon and no after school care on this day. We look forward to meeting many of our grandparents on this day.

Student-Advisor-Family Conferences | Friday, October 18

Student-advisor-family conferences are on October 18. These conferences are mandatory, so if you haven't already, please schedule a meeting with your child's advisor asap. [Here](#) is the original communication about this day.

Planned Absence Procedure

If your child needs to miss a day or more of school for a planned absence, parents/guardians need to send Dr. McCormick an email (ideally one week prior to the absence) explaining the reason for the absence and requesting that the absence be excused. Then, the student should get a Planned Absence form from Mrs. Britt in the middle school office and take it around to have their teachers complete their parts. The student, then, will return the form to Mrs. Britt for Dr. McCormick's signature and to receive a copy of their form. Students who will only be absent for part of a day need not follow these procedures. They simply need to have their parent/guardian contact Mrs. Britt in the office when they are in front of the middle school doors and ready to sign their child out.

Reminder: Absences and after school activities

If a student misses a half-day of school or more for illness or other reasons, they may not participate in any after school practices, games, activities, rehearsals, or school-sponsored social events, e.g., Middle School Social.

Athletes of the Week | 7th Grade Football

From Coach Fortner, Our first athlete of the week found the endzone three different ways vs Quitman. He and his brother constantly compete for who will have the better stat line, and this week, this young man had a receiving touchdown, a rushing touchdown, and an interception returned for a touchdown. His toughness and willingness to lead make him a great teammate: our first Athlete of the Week: **Barclay Blair**.

Our second athlete has been one of the leaders of our defense since the season began, in addition to playing quarterback for the Wildcats. Against Quitman last week, he logged six tackles, including two tackles for a loss. You can always count on him to be there for his teammates with a smile on his face. Our second athlete of the week, **William Groce**.

Middle School Book Talk

The second discussion for this year's book, *How to Raise an Adult* by Julie Lythcott-Haims, will be on Wednesday, October 9, and the final conversation will take place on Wednesday, October 23. All parents are welcome to tune in, especially those who have not read the book! 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#

Community Service in Middle School

As a reminder, all middle school students are required to complete five hours of community service per year. Mr. Binder, Upper School Dean of Students, regularly shares a form containing service opportunities for middle and high school students. Please find the updated version at [this link](#).

Mark Your Calendars

October 10-11 | Fall Break

October 18 | Family/Teacher Conference, No School

A Note from Dr. Graham

What a great Homecoming week! Our kids have done an awesome job getting into the special dress spirit everyday, and our class competitions have been a ton of fun to watch. We've had epic (friendly) battles in dodgeball, powderpuff football, boy's volleyball, ping-pong, and trivia. Students from every grade level have also been working hard on their class banners, which were publicly revealed this morning, and our faculty and staff will vote to determine "best banner." The winning class of this year's Spirit Competitions will be announced at this afternoon's Pep Rally.

Our annual Homecoming Dance is set for tomorrow night from 8:00-10:00 p.m. in the dining hall. At the risk of being heavy handed, I want to remind us all that our kids' safety is imperative this weekend (and every weekend). Please talk to your child about their plans for before and after the dance, and remind them that they should never drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol or drive with someone under the influence. Any student who appears under the influence at the dance will be removed and subsequently disciplined in school. We want our kids to have a fun, memorable, safe weekend.

Happy Homecoming and please keep reading to learn more about what's happening in Upper School.

See you soon,

Kellen Graham

Head of Upper School

Updates, Reminders, & Action Items

Signup for your Child's Fall Conference | Friday, October 18

Yesterday, I emailed you about next month's Fall Conference Day. You can read my note and signup for your child's conference [here](#).

De-Stress Your (& Your Child's) Mornings

Are mornings sometimes chaotic at your home? Are you finding it difficult to get everyone

out the door on time? If this sounds relatable, [check out this article](#) for a few practical tips to make your mornings less stressful.

Paige London

Upper School Learning Specialist

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 30 - ECTV

Tuesday, October 10 - Orchestra Performance

Wednesday, October 2 - Percussion Ensembles Performance

Thursday, October 3 - No Chapel

Friday, October 4 - No Chapel - Grandparents' Day

[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 Dance | Saturday, September 28

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

Come see our choir and orchestra students shine in concert. It will be a night of beautiful, inspiring musical performances. The concert will be held at Calvary Baptist Church

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.

School Picture Retake Day & Class Photos | Wednesday, October 23

If your child needs to retake their school picture, they will have the chance on Wednesday, October 23. Please contact Julie Fitz for more information.

PSAT Day (for 11th Graders) | Thursday, October 24

Our 11th graders will take the PSAT on the morning of Thursday, October 24. They will register for the exam in school.

College Workday for Seniors (No Classes for Seniors) | Thursday, October 24

With college application deadlines on the horizon, our seniors will have a college workday on Thursday, October 24. Seniors will not have class that day; instead, they will spend their time either meeting 1:1 with their college counselor, working on application essays, perhaps touring local colleges, or applying for scholarships. Ms. Morgan and Ms. Byrd will help each senior develop a plan for the day.

College Counseling News

Upcoming College Visits

All juniors and seniors are invited to attend the college meetings on our campus. Sign up for these meetings in [SCOIR](#) under “Visits & Deadlines” & bring your Green College Visit Permission Slip to the College Counseling Office!

Auburn University, Virtual Visit | Tuesday, October 1 at 10:00 am

Auburn University is a large, public research university with 27,000 undergraduate students, located in Auburn, Alabama. Auburn has over 150 majors students can choose from and the most popular options include Business, Engineering, Biomedical Sciences, Communications, & Education. Auburn has a robust first year experience program, including orientation, that helps freshmen acclimate to campus life. Auburn competes in the NCAA D1. Go Tigers & War Eagle!

University of Arkansas, In-Person Visit | Tuesday, October 1 at 2:30 pm

The University of Arkansas is a large, public research university located in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The U of A has over 27,000 undergraduate students and 103 academic majors to choose from. The most popular majors include Business, Marketing, Nursing, Psychology, and Biology. There are almost 400 student organizations to join at the U of A, and popular ones include Student Government, Greek Life, Outdoors Activities, and more. Arkansas competes in the NCAA Division 1 and offers special ticket deals to students.. Go Razorbacks!

Wake Forest University, Virtual Visit | Wednesday, October 2 at 8:15 am

Wake Forest University is a private university located in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with around 5,000 undergraduate students. The most popular majors at Wake Forest include Business, Biological Sciences, Communication, and Journalism. Students are very involved at Wake and have many student traditions, including a full-day campus-wide relay race, a President’s Ball, and “rolling” campus after athletic wins. Wake Forest competes in the NCAA Division 1 for athletics. Go Deacons!

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.