

Voter Registration Drive | Monday, October 7

On Monday, October 7, Episcopal Collegiate School will host a voter registration drive outside the Middle/Upper School Cafeteria between 12:35 pm-1:25 pm. A non-partisan group from the Pulaski County Clerk's Office will be on hand to register anyone who will be 18 by November 7 to vote. You will need a driver's license, State ID card, or the last four digits of your social security number to register. Parents, students, and faculty are welcome to come register to vote.

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**](#)

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

It was so wonderful having our Grandparents and Special Friends here on campus today! I'm grateful to Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Saoud for creating such a memorable program for our visitors. If you'd like to see the program, you can view it [here](#) on the Lower School page. Next week, we have our annual Wildcat Roundup on Wednesday. This is an event you do not want to miss! Students are invited to wear western themed clothes to school and at the event. More details are provided below about volunteer opportunities. Hope to see you there!

PSL tackle football plays Baptist Prep at 10:30 am at Baptist Prep on Saturday. Both flag football teams play at 8 am! It should be a beautiful morning to go and support our youngest athletes! Go, Wildcats!

Have a great 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 on the football field and in Wildcat Alley. Admission is free! Wildcat Roundup is the Lower School fall festival with bounce houses, face painting, a dunk tank, the Sweet Treat Trot, and more.

Bring Treats to Morning Carpool on Wednesday, October 9--We could use a few friendly partners to rustle up some cupcakes, cookies, petit fours, or any sweet treat for our Sweet Treat Trot! We're willing to take just about any sugary confection you're willing to drop off—store bought or homemade. Treats can be sent wrapped individually or sent unwrapped. We'll be delighted to collect your sweet treat contributions bright and early at carpool on Wednesday, October 9.

Wildcat Roundup cannot happen without our wonderful parent volunteers. Please sign up for at least one 30-minute parent volunteer shift. [Sign up here!](#)

We also offer volunteer opportunities and volunteer hours for Middle School students. Student volunteers may sign up here. [Sign up here!](#)

*Students volunteering in the dunk tank must submit a permission slip signed by a guardian to the MS Office. [Click here](#) to print permission slip. They are also available in the Middle School Office.

Remember that students may wear jeans (including jean shorts, and/or skorts), athletic shoes, and/or western themed shirts to school on the day of Wildcat Roundup (October 9th). NO boots or hats, please!

Please note that dinner will not be served this year but we'll have plenty of snacks and sweet treats. Yeehaw, y'all!

Please contact [Olivia Ramsey](#) or [Elizabeth Daniel](#) with any questions.



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.

Dr. House's Classroom Highlight

Math and Reading specialists serve a variety of roles across different schools, and even within our own community at Episcopal Collegiate, their approach can vary. Here's a glimpse into a day in the life of Math Specialist, Chelsea Kane. Mrs. Kane begins her day with 12th-grade student volunteers in Math Lab, from 7:30-8:00 AM, where students can drop in for homework assistance, test preparation, or extra practice with challenging skills. By 8:30, she is actively involved in either 4th or 5th-grade math classrooms, alternating between Mrs. West's and Mrs. Jenkins' rooms throughout the morning. During this time, she monitors whole group instruction, provides individualized support during independent and small group work, and often works with a student or small group in the hallway to offer additional instruction or extend learning beyond what's happening in the classroom. After lunch, Mrs. Kane transitions to 3rd grade, spending the afternoon in one of the three 3rd-grade classrooms or working with small groups in the hallway. She collaborates closely with the 3rd through 5th-grade teachers to stay aligned with classroom activities and ensure she provides targeted support to the students who need it most. We are incredibly fortunate to have Mrs. Kane, along with our team of dedicated Reading and Math Specialists. Their expertise allows us to truly know our students well and help them achieve their full potential.

Pictured Below: This week, Mrs. Kane attended a training alongside 5th grade teacher Mrs. Jenkins, where they learned about a new digital tool to help them monitor understanding during a lesson. In this picture, you can see them analyzing student progress from the computer program as they learn to use a new tool to help their students learn and practice. The kids had a great time experimenting with the new games and offerings on the website, and the teachers were excited to learn new ways to engage the students in math!



Chapel News

This week, in our PreK and Kindergarten chapels, we were joined by Rev. Amy Meaux who shared about saints, blessings and led our students in the Blessing of the Animals. Father Rob led our 1st-5th graders in Community Chapel with stories of St. Francis of Assisi (ask your student about the wolf!) and shared a blessing over all the stuffed and pictured animals.

Next week our PreK and Kindergarten chapels will talk about the importance of rest and being still so we can take care of our bodies, minds and be able to listen to God. In Community Chapel our 1st-5th graders will enjoy a performance by the Upper School Choir led by Mr. Vano. We'd love to see you in chapel any time!

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 the life of St. Francis of Assisi and the prayer he wrote that is now a song called "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace." We also made bird feeders from twine and cheerios to continue St. Francis' tradition of caring for animals. Next week in Godly Play we'll learn about the importance of being still and taking time to rest in preparation for Fall Break.

Grace & Peace,

Michelle Moore

Interim Lower School Chaplain

Lower School Flu Vaccine Clinic | October 8



The annual Flu Vaccine Clinic will be held on October 8. Please have all forms completed (front & back sides) and turned in by today, **Friday, October 4**. You can bring forms into the division office or send them to [Nurse Rawn](#).

Lower School Flu Vaccine Clinic | Tuesday, October 8

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

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

Pride Patrol | October 7-9

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:

- Elizabeth Kilgroe
- Payton Robinson
- Landon Rodgers
- Jane Rojas
- Collins Shively
- Elliot Smith
- Vivian Smith

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](#).

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!

[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.

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

Mark Your Calendars

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

October 10-11 | Fall Break

October 18 | Family/Teacher Conference, No School

October 23 | Class Pictures/Individual Make-Up Picture Day

October 31 | Halloween parade (PK-1) and Parties

Quick Links

[Lower School Live News](#)

[Wildcat Community Page](#)

Find the [LS Calendar](#) here.

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Families,

We have had a terrific week weather-wise and are looking forward to seeing many of our grandparents tomorrow for Grandparents' Day. I am also greatly anticipating a fun, all-school program, as I know that my son Todd, a senior, will be dancing with a kindergartner at some point during the performance! Our volleyball teams are still heavily engaged in conference play, and this afternoon our middle school football players should have a nice evening to compete. Additionally, our orchestra and percussionists played for us during chapel this week, which is always very uplifting, and the choir and orchestra fall concert will occur this coming Monday at Calvary Baptist Church at 7pm. Even if your child is not a musician, I encourage your family to attend to support these hard-working students, many of whom also play sports or act in the play.

Have a pleasant weekend,

Chuck McCormick

Head of Middle School

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.

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](#).

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October 10-11 | Fall Break

October 18 | Family/Teacher Conference, No School

A Note from Dr. Graham

We are thrilled to welcome over 400 Episcopal grandparents and special friends to campus this morning for our annual Grandparents' Day celebration. It's an awesome opportunity for folks to experience our campus and to see what school life looks like for their grandkids. Thank you to all participating families.

It's hard to believe that the first quarter ends on Wednesday, meaning we are a quarter of the way through the school year. You'll be able to access first-quarter grades in Veracross on Wednesday, October 16. These days leading up to the close of a marking period are usually filled with assessments and projects and other deadlines. Prioritizing sleep and exercise and breakfast and downtime is key.

Next week, our students, along with their Advisors, will start preparing for their fall conferences. Fall Conference Day is set for Friday, October 18. Thanks to those of you who have already signed up for your child's conference. If you have not yet signed up, please see my note below for instructions, or contact me directly with questions.

Have a great weekend, 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

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

Please don't forget to sign up for your child's Fall Conference. Fall Conference Day is Friday, October 18th. Directions for signing up for your conference are [here](#), and you can learn more about conferences [here](#).

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...

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, starting at 7:00 pm at Calvary Baptist Church.

End of 1st Quarter | Wednesday, October 9

The first quarter ends on Wednesday. First quarter grades will be finalized and viewable in Veracross on Wednesday, October 16.

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

School will be closed for Fall Break, beginning on Thursday, October 10, and classes will resume on Monday, October 14.

Chapel Schedule

Monday, October 7 - Senior-Kindergarten Buddy Chapel

Tuesday, October 8 - Jacob Meaux '25

Wednesday, October 9 - Spanish Club honors Hispanic Heritage Month

Thursday, October 10 - Fall Break - No School

Friday, October 11 - Fall Break - No School

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...

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 24th. 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

Central Arkansas Private Schools College Fair | Monday, October 7

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about more than 70 colleges from around the country. All 9th-11th graders are encouraged to attend. The College Fair will be held in the Jack Stephens Center of UALR from 6:00-8:00 pm.

Please go to www.strivescan.com to register. Students click on "Registration" and then Arkansas and LR Independent Schools Fair. You will receive a text message with a barcode to show to each college admission representative to more quickly share your information.

Upcoming College Visits | Happy College Week!

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!

Centre College, In-Person (Ms. Morgan's Office) | Monday, October 7 at 8:15

Centre College is a small, liberal arts college with around 1,400 students located in Danville, Kentucky- the center of the state. Centre students love to study abroad and over 85% of students do, with $\frac{2}{3}$ of students studying abroad more than once. The student population is 50/50 in state out of state and 50% of students are DII athletes. The most popular majors are Business, Biology, Behavioral Neuroscience, and International Studies. Go Colonels!

Sewanee: The University of the South, In-Person (CC Office) | Monday, October 7 at 8:15 am

Sewanee: The University of the South is a small, liberal arts college with 1,700 students located in Sewanee, Tennessee. Sewanee is located on 13,000 acres on the Cumberland Plateau and is known as "the mountain." Sewanee is known for its undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative work available for students. Sewanee has an incredible writing

program and has a strong focus on developing writing skills in students. Sewanee competes in DIII athletics. Go Tigers!

Washington University, St. Louis, In-Person (Gordon Conference Room) | Monday, October 7 at 8:15 am

Washington University in St. Louis is a private, research university that is home to 15,000 undergraduate students. All first year students are required to live on campus and there are over 300 student organizations to get involved in. Research is a large part of the Wash U academic culture and St. Louis is a great city for internship and job opportunities. Wash U has many different festivals and traditions throughout the year including a Residential olympics, Moonlight Breakfast, Carnaval, and more. Their student athletes compete in the NCAA DIII, Go Bears!

TCU, In-Person (US 215) | Monday, October 7 at 10:00 am

Texas Christian University is a mid-size, private university with over 10,000 undergraduate students in Fort Worth, Texas. TCU is known for its strong academics, school spirit, campus traditions, and more. The most popular majors are Business, Marketing, Communication, Journalism, and Biomedical sciences. TCU has a strong emphasis on global learning, with around 50% of students studying abroad. TCU competes in the NCAA DI. Go Horned Frogs!

The University of Oklahoma, In-Person (CC Office) | Monday, October 7 at 1:25 pm

The University of Oklahoma is a large, public research university with around 20,000 students in Norman, Oklahoma. Oklahoma has around 170 different majors and the average class size is 32. The most popular majors are Meteorology, Petroleum Engineering, Ballet, International Business, and Journalism (all rank in the top 10 nationally!) There's a beautiful clocktower on campus that you may want to avoid if you want to graduate. The Sooners compete in D1!

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St. Louis University, In-Person (CC Office) | Monday, October 7 at 2:30 pm

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University of Tulsa, In-Person (US 215) | Monday, October 7 at 2:30 pm

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beautiful clocktower on campus that you may want to avoid if you want to graduate. The Sooners compete in D1!

Centenary College of Louisiana, In-Person (US 215) | Tuesday, October 8 at 8:15 am

Centenary College of Louisiana is a small, liberal arts college with around 600 students in Shreveport, Louisiana. The top majors at Centenary are Biology, Business Administration, Neuroscience, and Psychology. Study abroad is huge for Centenary- as 97% of students study abroad at least once. They even have a special Paris program for first year freshmen in the fall. Centenary competes in the NCAA DIII- Go Gents & Ladies!

SMU, In-Person (CC Office) | Tuesday, October 8 at 8:15 am

Southern Methodist University is a private, research focused university in Dallas, Texas with 7,000 undergraduate students. SMU's 234 acre suburban campus is home to seven different academic colleges and the George W. Bush Presidential Library, with downtown Dallas just 5 miles away. The most popular majors include Business, Communications, Engineering, and Social Sciences areas. SMU competes in the NCAA D1 and has a live miniature Shetland pony mascot! Go Mustangs!

Eckerd College, In-Person | Tuesday, October 8 at 8:15 am

Eckerd College is a small, private liberal arts college located on the Gulf Coast of Florida, on an 188-acre campus in St. Petersburg, Florida. There are approximately 1,950 students who call Eckerd home. Eckerd's most popular majors include Environmental Science, Marine Biology, Zoology, Biology & Psychology. Eckerd hosts a variety of activities, including an International Cinema Series, art exhibitions, and guest lectures. Eckerd Athletics compete in NCAA DII. Go Tritons!

Baylor University, In-Person (CC Office) | Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00 am

Baylor University is a private, Christian university in Waco, Texas with around 18,000 undergraduate students. Baylor offers a wide range of degree programs across 12 academic divisions, including a School of Business, Engineering, Arts & Sciences, and more. Baylor has a strong, close-knit campus community and their campus is located on the banks of the Brazos River near downtown Waco. Baylor competes in the NCAA D1. Sic 'Em Bears!

Hillsdale College, In-Person (Gordon Conference Room) | Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00 am

Hillsdale College is a private, Christian, liberal arts college in south-central Michigan. Hillsdale has about 1,400 students from 49 states across the country. Hillsdale's mission is to pursue academic excellence and institutional independence. In addition to a major field of concentration, all Hillsdale students study a classical liberal arts curriculum. Hillsdale has their own winter sport that's unique to their campus- thatcherball! Hillsdale competes in NCAA DII. Go Chargers!

Agnes Scott College, In-Person (Ms. Morgan's Office) | Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00 am

Agnes Scott is a women's private liberal arts college with 1,100 students in Decatur, Georgia- just outside of Atlanta. Agnes Scott is a close knit college with an average class size of just 18. The most popular majors are Research & Experimental Psychology, Business Management, Public Health, and English Literature. Agnes Scott has special programs for first-year experiences, service learning, and learning communities. Scotties compete in the NCAA DIII!

Northwestern University, In-Person (CC Office) | Tuesday, October 8 at 1:25 pm

Northwestern University is a private research university located in Evanston, Illinois- just north of Chicago. Northwestern is a top-ranked research university with a reputation for educational programs and a diverse, inclusive environment. Northwestern's main campus is in Evanston, but they also have campuses in Chicago and Doha, Qatar. Their most popular majors are Economics, Psychology, Digital Communication & Media, and Biology. These Wildcats compete in NCAA D1!

University of Chicago, In-Person (CC Office) | Wednesday, October 9 at 8:15 am

The University of Chicago is a private research university in Chicago, Illinois with about 8,000 undergraduate students. U Chicago is known for their distinctive core curriculum and an impressive 5:1 student to faculty ratio. The most popular majors are Mathematics, Biology, Social Sciences, Psychology, and Literature. Students live together in 39 distinct houses that have their own unique traditions and mascots. They are in the NCAA DII and their mascot is a Phoenix!

University of Mississippi, In-Person (CC Office) | Wednesday, October 9 at 2:30 pm

The University of Mississippi, better known as Ole Miss, is a large public research university with about 18,000 undergraduate students in Oxford, Mississippi. The Princeton Review has called Ole Miss' campus "The Most Beautiful Campus." The most popular majors include: Nursing, Digital Communications, Accounting, Business, and Psychology. The University of Mississippi competes in the NCAA D1. Hotty Toddy!

Stanford University, In-Person (CC Office) | Wednesday, October 9 at 10:00 am

Stanford University is a private research university in Stanford, California, located in the Bay Area.. Stanford has about 8,000 undergraduate students and is known for its unwavering dedication to academic excellence, groundbreaking research, innovation, and vibrant campus culture. Stanford's top majors include: Computer Science, Biology, Econometrics, Engineering, and Politics. Stanford athletes compete in the NCAA DI. Be sure to look for their unofficial mascot, the stanford tree, who is a member for the band who wears a self designed tree costume to all major sporting events!

Find the [US Calendar](#) here.