

2024-25 Episcopal Collegiate Annual Fund

We've officially launched the 2024-25 Episcopal Collegiate Annual Fund! We invite all current families to make a gift of support in celebration of the School's 26th year. Every dollar you give immediately enhances our educational programs while supporting our outstanding faculty. As you may know, tuition at Episcopal covers 78% of our operating costs, and the actual cost of educating a student is nearly \$6,000 more than tuition. All the ways that Episcopal is able to go above and beyond for students and teachers is made possible by the generous support of current families, alumni and their families, and grandparents.

Together, we can cultivate a vibrant learning environment where every Wildcat thrives. Will you join us as we continue to nurture a culture *rooted in excellence* with a gift to the Annual Fund? No gift is too small, and every gift makes an impact! [Make your pledge or gift today.](#)

Grandparents and Special Friends Day Photos

A little more than a week has passed since one of our most cherished annual traditions, and we're still reflecting on how special it was to have all of our grandparents and special friends here on campus. Thank you for taking the time to visit classrooms, meet our teachers, and most importantly, for being present. Their attendance speaks volumes about the deep bond between our students and their loved ones, and it made the day truly unforgettable—not just for the students but for all of us who had the privilege of witnessing the pride and joy you share with them.

To view the full Grandparents and Special Friends Day photo album, [please click here.](#)

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

Conference Day is truly one of my favorite days of the year. It offers a rare chance to connect with parents outside the usual hustle of carpool and busy routines. More importantly, it creates space for meaningful conversations about all the incredible things your child has achieved so far. Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher. We hope the discussions gave you valuable insight into their learning journey, accomplishments, and areas for growth. These conferences play a vital role in strengthening the partnership between home and school, ensuring your child's success. As always, we are grateful for your trust and collaboration in this important process!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher

Head of Lower School

Class Pictures & Individual Retakes | Wednesday, October 23

All students should wear their dress uniforms, including dress uniform shoes, on Wednesday, October 23. We will take both class pictures and any individual retakes. Photo packets were sent home with students earlier this week. Question about pictures?

Contact [Wingard Photography.](#)

Chess Tournament at Episcopal | Grades 1-12

All students are invited to register for the CPR and LR Knights Chess Tournament hosted here at Episcopal on Saturday, October 26. Students do not need to be members of the chess club to participate.



CPR & LR Knights Chess Tournament
Saturday Oct 26th, 2024
Check in time: 8am -8:45 am
Central Arkansas Scholastic
Location: Episcopal Collegiate School
1701 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock 72201
Registration Fee - \$10 (Scholastic)
1st -12th grade
Registration deadline - Oct 24th 2024 Midnight.
Walk-ins' before 8:15 am
Snacks provided
Individual Trophies will be given out in all categories
&
Team Trophies
Georgia Morris Venu Chittamsetty
CPR Chess Club Director Tournament Director
gmmorris.cpr.55@gmail.com lrknightstd@gmail.com
501-416-5348 501-765-7865

  
www.cprchessclub.org

Halloween in the Lower School

We're excited for Halloween in the Lower School and can't wait to see the creative costumes students have chosen! To make sure everyone has a fun and safe celebration, here are a few reminders:

- **No weapons** – Please leave toy swords, knives, guns, or anything similar at home.
- **Keep it friendly** – Avoid scary costumes, including ones with creepy masks or characters that might frighten others.
- **Masks and makeup** – Masks are not allowed during school. You can use a little face paint, but your wonderful smile should still shine through!
- **School-appropriate costumes** – Make sure your costume is comfortable and safe to wear all day, including recess, PE, and in the classroom. Students will be asked to change if their costumes impede learning.

Our annual Halloween parade will begin at 8:15 am. Students in PreK through 1st grade will parade through the first floor hallways and end in the Erwin Hall Performance Center and

Gymnasium. Kindergarten students will parade with their Senior Buddies. Students in 2nd through 5th grades will sit in the gym to watch the parade. Parents are welcome to watch from the Atrium, Simpson Commons, or the hall leading down to the gym. The parade should conclude by 8:30 am. Class parties will take place at different times throughout the day based on grade level.

Little Rockers Kids Marathon Registration Open

The Little Rockers Kids Marathon Program will begin on Monday, November 11th. This program will run from November 11th through the Final Mile on Saturday, March 1st. 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 ECS 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

Ms. Mary Ann Nichols currently serves as the Math Specialist for 1st and 2nd grades. She plans with teachers, teaches classes, and pulls small groups every day, making sure that all of her students' needs are being met. Since becoming a Math Specialist, Ms. Nichols has begun spending any unoccupied time researching mathematical development and best practices. She's become a leader in our school at understanding what the spectrum of understanding looks like in early math learning and sharing that information with colleagues. By having that expertise on our teams, we are better able to understand where student misunderstandings are coming from and the best way to correct them.

Here's an anecdote that describes such a situation: A student was struggling to remember the steps for regrouping (or "carrying") when adding multi-digit numbers together. After the classroom teacher and Ms. Nichols had tried several different ways of reminding the student, the team determined that perhaps the student struggled because he didn't really understand why you might "carry the 1" and "leave the 2" if you get a sum of "12". They offered the student base ten blocks to help them build the numbers in hopes that it would help the student connect that understanding to the algorithm. The student could solve correctly using the blocks, but still could not hold onto the concept when left with only pencil and paper. Because Ms. Nichols was familiar with the research of Jerome Bruner, she realized that drawing a picture might be the missing piece. The student spent some time solving with the blocks and drawing pictures of the blocks with great success. Then the student solved problems by drawing pictures alongside the algorithm with more success. Finally, the student was able to solve problems using the most efficient algorithmic strategy and had mastered the skill!

Learning any subject is always more detailed than it appears. Our learning specialists at Episcopal consider it one of their top priorities to understand all of those steps and details that go into learning a given subject and using that expertise to help our students.



Chapel News

This week we learned about God’s faithfulness and blessings. In our PreK and Kindergarten chapels we learned about how the people of God built a place for God to dwell while in the desert. In 1st-5th grade community chapel we heard from Mrs. Abbott who challenged us to “be the I in kInd!”

Next week our PreK and Kindergarten chapels will read *My Love, God is Everywhere* by Victoria Robb Powers and Cameron Mason Vickery. In Community Chapel our 4th graders will make a presentation about the importance and benefits of collaboration. Please join us for chapel anytime.

- 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 heard the story of The Ark and the Tent. Next week in Godly Play we'll be back in the desert box with the story of The Exile and the Return.

Michelle Moore

Interim Lower School Chaplain

Pride Patrol | October 21-25

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:

- Leoni Snowden
- Vivian Stiles
- Gray Taylor
- Viv Vogel
- Rosemary Walker
- Walker Watkins
- Veronica Wolfe

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](#).

Mark Your Calendars

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

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

November 25-29 | Thanksgiving Break

December 18 | Christmas Programs: PreK-1, 9:00 am; 2nd-5th, 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm

December 19 | Christmas Sing-Along at 10:00 am, Classroom parties to follow, 12:00 pm dismissal

Quick Links

[Lower School Live News](#)

[Wildcat Community Page](#)

Find the [LS Calendar](#) here.

A Note from Dr. McCormick

During Monday's morning meeting, we recognized and learned about Hispanic Heritage month with a between-grades game show competition. Eighth grade students led for the majority of the game until being overtaken on the last three questions by our sixth grade peers! During Thursday's Morning Meeting, our sixth and seventh grade teaching teams recognized students for exemplary attitudes, effort, leadership, and teamwork in the various disciplines during the month of September. Their names are listed in the sections below.

Have a pleasant weekend,
Chuck McCormick
Head of Middle School

Sixth Grade Top Cats

English - Simon Mangum, Sarah Dalvi
Math - Ryan Harrelson, Liam McRae
Science - Isabel Wood, Silas Roe
Social Studies - Celine Boyd, Marco Gutierrez
Writing - Miriam Knowlton, Lillian Morse
Intro to Romance Languages - Jersei Garrett

Seventh Grade

English - Olivia Sewell, Jack Grobmyer
Math - Louise Yates, William Groce
Science - Anna Lammers, Whitman Holsclaw
Social Studies - James Davis, Sloane LaFrance
Spanish 1 - Ava Madison Rogers

Picture Retakes (Dress Uniform Day) | Wednesday, October 23

Wednesday, October 23, is a Dress Uniform Day! We will be taking class pictures and individual picture retakes at this time. Parents, please ensure that your student is properly attired.

Chess Tournament | Saturday, October 26

Please click this [CPR Chess Tournament Registration](#) to register or add your child to the Chess Tournament hosted by Episcopal Collegiate School. The tournament is open to all children regardless of whether they are in Chess Club. Volunteers are needed.

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](#).

A Note from Dr. Graham

My teammates and I are happy and grateful to see so many of you here on campus today participating in your child's conference. We appreciate that you carved time out of your schedules to engage in conversations about your child's learning and growth. Conference Day is a testament to the strong collaboration between our School and families. Walking with your children (and with you) is our privilege and pleasure. 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

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...

PSAT Day | Thursday, October 24

All juniors will take the PSAT Thursday morning, October 24th starting at 7:45 am. Once they finish testing, our students will return to classes.

College Workday for Seniors | Thursday, October 24

With college application deadlines nearing, seniors will have a college workday on Thursday, 10/24. They will be exempt from classes on Thursday, and they will be doing things like: working on college applications, writing essays, applying for scholarships, visiting colleges, and meeting 1:1 with their college counselor. Ms. Morgan and Ms. Byrd will communicate directly with our seniors about Thursday's college workday. If you have any questions, please reach out to your child's college counselor.

Class Photos/Picture Retakes & Dress Uniforms | Wednesday, October 23

Class photos and school-picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, 10/23. Please remind your child that Wednesday is a dress uniform day for all students. Please contact [Ms. Julie Fitz](#) with questions about picture retakes.

Pep Rally | Friday, October 25

Led by our EpiscoPep Club, our next Pep Rally, which will include Middle and Upper School is set for Friday, October 25 at 3:10 p.m. in Championship Gym Parents and Family Members are warmly welcomed to all Pep Rallies.

Chess Tournament (Open to all Students) | Saturday, October 26

Click this [CPR Chess Tournament Registration](#) link to add your child to the Chess Tournament hosted by Episcopal Collegiate School on Saturday, 10/26. This tournament is open to all children regardless of whether they are in our Chess Club. Volunteers are needed. Reach out to [Mr. Christian Rodgers](#) if you are interested or have any questions.

Chapel Schedule

Monday, October 21- 6th-Grade Religion

Tuesday, October 22 - Josh Mobley '25

Wednesday, October 23 - 4th-Grade Character Virtue

Thursday, October 24 - Father Rob

Friday, October 25 - Stella Cochran '25

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...

Halloween | Thursday, October 31

Upper School students are invited and encouraged to dress up for Halloween. Closer to the date, we will share costume guidelines with our kids.

CPR Training (11th Graders) | Thursday, November 7 - Friday, November 8

Fall Musical (Bright Star) | Thursday, November 14 - Saturday, November 16

Thanksgiving Break | Saturday, November 23 - Sunday, December 1

Find the [US Calendar](#) here.