

## **Food Drive | November 11 - November 22**

As previously mentioned in the Wildcat Weekly, our entire school community is excited about our upcoming Food Drive in partnership with the Arkansas Food Bank to help eliminate hunger in our state. All three divisions - Lower, Middle, and Upper schools will be working together to collect non-perishable items. We will set a school-wide collection goal of 2024 items. If we reach our collection goal, all three divisions will be rewarded with a spirit day following the conclusion of the Food Drive. As we look ahead to the start of the Drive on November 11, please know that donation bins will be placed in the Lower, Middle, and Upper schools. The Drive will run through November 22.

To learn more about the Arkansas Foodbank, please use this [link](#).

### **Gate and Concession Volunteers Needed!**

Gate and concessions spots are available for our winter sports as well as the PSL flag and tackle football championship games this Saturday, November 2nd. Sign up for shifts through the link below. We would love your help in getting these spots filled as soon as possible. After November 8th, spots will be assigned to families with winter sports athletes that have not signed up for shifts. If there are any questions, please reach out to Laura Schnackenberg or Mary Margaret Wippo.

**[SIGN UP HERE](#)**

### **Thank You, Volunteers!**

We'd like to thank all who took time out of their busy schedules in October to volunteer at the Concession Stand and the Gate. We are so appreciative of your support for our Athletic Department!

Eve Norman, Janelle Jones, Aimee Shelby, Melissa Katz, Sara Mitchell, Helen Brown, Monica Mullens, Bess Fontes, Jyvaya Braden, Jyliyah Braden, Leslie Bright, Mary Miller, Chase Crocker, Abby Holsclaw, Jason Holsclaw, Allison Hester, Anne Pace, Kori Gordon, Theresa Glover, Cece Martindale, Jill Penick, Ted Penick, Sallie Oliphant, Ryan Brantley, Katherine Brantley, Ashley Rodgers, Robyn Stewart, Bailey Stewart, Elizabeth Daniel, Ashley Gold, Elizabeth Griffin, Deanna Siria, Nathan Siria, Kim Prescott, Sarah Davis, Kim Koch, Liza Wright, Lisa Jones, Bhavisha Patel, Laura Sanders, Tricia Morgan, Elizabeth Poynter, Marie Wall, Paula Drilling, Jessica Phillips, Katy Fryar, Christie Cobb and Maggie Young

### **A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher**

We didn't let the rain dampen our Halloween spirit in the Lower School on Thursday. We saw everything from pigs and princesses to a whole lot of bees and even a hamburger and fries! It was a fun-filled day for all! [Click here for pictures!](#)

I hope to see you on Saturday at the PSL championship game! Kick off is at 10:30 am! Go, Wildcats!

Catherine Schuhmacher  
Head of Lower School

### **Kindergarten Girl Scout Troop**

Attention, Kindergarten Parents!

Does your daughter enjoy:

- Camping?
- STEM experiments?
- Arts and crafts?
- Trying new things?
- Making new friends?
- Going on adventures?

You're invited to join a new Girl Scout troop just for kindergarten girls that attend Episcopal Collegiate! We are seeking excited adult volunteers to help lead this new troop, as well as kindergarten girls that are ready to start their Girl Scout journey. Membership dues are only \$25 for October 2024 to September 2025, so join now!

For more information or for questions, contact troop leader Margaret Woolley by text at 256-338-2133 or Farrah Beck by email at [fbeck@girlscoutsdiamonds.org](mailto:fbeck@girlscoutsdiamonds.org).

### **Congrats, ChessCats!**

On Saturday, October 26, the Episcopal Collegiate ChessCats earned 2nd place at the home tournament. Leading the team was Frankie Patton with (4 pts), followed by Jonas Goree (3.5), Hamilton Fitzgerald (3), Lincoln Wirges, Ross Nadeau, and Willa Dalvi, each with 2. Adding to our team's success were Bonnie McCauley, Emma Young, and Houghton Fitzgerald (all 1.5), and Henry Norwood (1). Final team standings were 1st place CPR Chess (23.5), 2nd place Episcopal Collegiate (20.5), Lisa Academy (17.5) in 3rd, and Cabot North (16.5) in 4th. Please

congratulate our ChessCats for their impressive performances and teamwork. And, thank you to Mr. Rogers for excellent coaching! [Chess Photo Album](#).

### **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](mailto:adaniel@episcopalcollegiate.org).

### **Dr. House's Classroom Highlight**

Playing dress up and pretend isn't JUST for Halloween! Current research overwhelmingly proves the power of play-based learning. In our Pre-K classrooms, you can find students engaged in many different types of play every single day. We are proud to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which simply shows our commitment to, and success with, developmentally appropriate practices in Early Childhood. You can read more [here](#) about the "spectrum of play" where adult involvement serves differing purposes throughout the play-based learning process. Although it might appear that students are eating pretend donuts here, there's so much more

happening. Through this play experience, these boys have learned about sharing, serving, and taking turns talking for effective communication & interpersonal skills. They've sorted and counted to practice math skills. They've made connections to text they've heard about coffee shops and donut shops, building powerful reading comprehension skills. By understanding the power and nuance of play-based learning, our Pre-K teachers ensure that Episcopal students experience the very best research and practices in Early Childhood Education.



**Chapel News**



This week we learned about the importance of listening to God and facing our fears. In our PreK and Kindergarten chapels we heard about the story of the prophet Samuel. In 1st-5th grade community chapel we heard from Mrs. Moore about how God gives us strength to face our fears.

Next week our PreK and Kindergarten chapels will read the book *Nothing Can Separate You from God's Love* by Natalee Creech. In Community Chapel we'll hear from a representative from the Arkansas Food Bank as we prepare for our annual food drive. 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 stories of The Prophets. Next week in Godly Play we'll hear about the "backwards prophet" Jonah.

Michelle Moore  
Interim Lower School Chaplain

## **Pride Patrol | November 4-8**

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:

- Ace Blake
- Channing Chase
- Jack Chatham
- Kenzie Cook
- Carter Cummings
- Magnolia Cunningham

## **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**

November 20 | Lower School Eucharist, 2:00 pm

November 25-29 | Thanksgiving Break - No School

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

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

December 20-January 6 | Christmas Break - No School

## **Quick Links**

[Lower School Live News](#)

[Wildcat Community Page](#)

## **A Note from Dr. McCormick**

Hello, Families,

We have managed to have lots of fun this week, participating in a pumpkin decorating contest in our advisory groups, having advisory Halloween parties, and holding our annual middle school costume parade in the Championship Gym, complete with unbiased outside judges! Conservatively, approximately 85% of our students chose to wear costumes this year, which I think was an all-time high! At the same time, students continue to work on projects and essays, take assessments, and overall practice their scholarly crafts. With just a few weeks until Thanksgiving, this is the time to buckle down or, in the phrase du jour, “lock in.”

This week in chapel we were treated to inspiring chapel talks from senior Tristan Cunningham and Dr. Griffin, who shared lessons on leadership from his experiences as a marine officer during the Iraq War, as well as a wonderful offering from members of our percussion program. Additionally, our sixth grade PSL football players have reached the championship game, which is tomorrow, Saturday, 10:30 am, at Episcopal. I hope that many of you will come out and support both our football players and cheerleaders!



Have a wonderful weekend, and remember Daylight savings time starts this Sunday!

Go PSL Football and Cheer and Go Wildcats!

Stay well,

Chuck McCormick  
Head of Middle School

### **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**

Here in Upper School, we really, really love Halloween. Yesterday, students, faculty, and staff were decked out in costumes. Earlier this week, Advisory groups competed against one another in our annual Advisory Pumpkin Decorating Contest, and EpiscoPep hosted our first ever “Thriller” dance competition and costume contest, which was held on stage during lunch.

Congratulations to our Volleyball and Cross-Country teams!! As I write, the team is gearing up to take on Paris in the semifinal round of the state tournament and our girls and boys Cross-Country teams are running in their respective conference tournaments later today.

Please keep reading to learn more about what's happening in Upper School.

See you soon,

Kellen Graham  
Head of Upper School

## **College Counseling Notes**

### **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.

- **11/04- 12:10 PM- United States Air Force Academy**

The United States Air Force Academy is a four-year military institution located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Academy is dedicated to educating and training men and women to become commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force and Space Force, emphasizing not only academic excellence but also character development, leadership training, and military skills. The Academy has a robust Division I Athletics program. Go Air Force!

### **Junior Parent College Counseling Meeting**

All junior parents are invited to meet with our college counselors on **Monday, November 11 at 5:30 pm in Upper School 215** to learn more about Junior College Counseling Class, Princeton Review SAT test preparation, the Case Studies Workshop, and how best to help their junior prepare for college applications.

## **Seniors & Parents Financial Aid Zoom Webinar**

Join us for a virtual Financial Aid night on Monday, November 18 at 6:00 pm to learn more about the Financial Aid Process. We will have several guest speakers including: Shelby Maguire, Director of Financial Aid at Lafayette College, and Heather Taylor, Director of Student Aid at Arkansas Tech University. Please register using the link below and you'll receive more information about joining the

webinar: [https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_I2EhqrzyQyqGVBL02cZikw](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_I2EhqrzyQyqGVBL02cZikw)

## **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](mailto: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.

### **Juniors Required CPR Training**

On Thursday, November 7th, and Friday, November 8th, Juniors will participate in required CPR training during their study hall periods. The State of Arkansas requires that all high school students complete hands-on CPR training before

graduation. Students already CPR certified may bring the proof of certification on the training day to show Nurse Hopkins.

### **College Counseling Meeting for 11th-Grade Parents**

All junior parents are invited to meet with our college counselors on Monday, November 11 at 5:30 pm in Upper School 215 to learn more about Junior College Counseling Class, Princeton Review SAT test preparation, the Case Studies Workshop, and how best to help their junior prepare for college applications.

### **[Fall Semester Exam Schedule](#)**

Click the link above to see our Fall exam schedule, and please reach out to your child's Advisor or to me with questions or concerns.

### **Coming Up Next Week...**

#### **Chapel Schedule**

Monday, November 4 - Mia Colclasure '25

Tuesday, November 5 - ECTV

Wednesday, November 6 - Father Rob

Thursday, November 7 - Ms. Balcom

Friday, November 8 - Hudson Clearwater '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...**

**Fall Musical: Bright Star | Thursday, November 14 - Saturday, November 16**

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

**Choir/Orchestra Christmas Concert | Monday, December 9**

**End of 2nd Quarter | Thursday, December 12**

**Reading Day (School attendance is optional for students) | Friday, December 13**

**Fall Semester Exams | Monday, December 16 - Thursday, December 19**

**Christmas Break | Friday, December 20 - Monday, January 6**

**Second Semester Begins | Tuesday, January 7**

Find the [US Calendar](#) here.