

FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Episcopal Collegiate School 2025-2026 Re-Enrollment

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to re-enroll for the 2025-2026 school year is Thursday, February 13. To ensure your child's place for the upcoming year, please take a moment to review the information provided in Dr. Griffin's recent message from January, 27, 2025. You can access the re-enrollment process through [this link](#) and complete it before the deadline. If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to Mary Jane Briggs, Director of Admissions at mjbriggs@episcopalcollegiate.org.

Health Screenings:

Health Screenings have started for those in 6th and 8th grades, followed by all new students to Episcopal in Middle and Upper School. Screenings should be completed by the end of the quarter. For more detailed information check the archived Wildcat Weekly for January 17 or 24, located in our Weekly Archive section.

Concessions and Gate

We'd like to thank all of our volunteers that helped out at the Gate and Concession Stand for the month of January. Your support to our athletics department means so much, and we are so grateful that you take time out of your schedules to help!

Thanks to:

Megan Irwin, Tracy Slabaugh, Riley Adams, Katie Rude, Deanna Ray, Hannah Painter, Priscilla & Keith Harvey, Mary-Margaret Marks, Rachael Oberste, Donna Robinson, Leslie Bright, Renee McGraw, Ollie Moore, Allison Hester, Sara Beth Hughes, Megan Hargraves, Lindsey Gray, Jessie McLarty, Robin Mangan, Ashley Anderson, Jerrilyn Jones, Ashley Rodgers, Jeannie Guthrie, Yolanda Moore, Lauren Dake, Sherri Stacks, Emily Stacks, Sam Dalvi, Melissa Saviers, Lauren Williams, Michal Hodson, Cathy Zimmerman, Emily Kilgroe, Megan Janes, Nikki & Mary Eleanor Parnell, Mollie Campbell, Amber Read-Zamilpa, Mary Alice Snowden, Karen Lammers, Amy O'Connor, Bess Fontes, Alexis Freeman, Allison Gladden, Brooke Hicks, Kevin Paskey, Caroline & Jason Hansen, Corinne & Mike Sappington, Jill Penick, Theresa Glover, Kristen & Andrew King, Susie and LC Marshall, Annabel Johnson, Mika & Carson Tucker, Sarah Bronni, Catherine Schumacher, Jill Davis, Tamika & Quincy Edwards

Thank you,

Laura Schnackenberg and Mary Margaret Wippo

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Parents' Auxiliary Valentine's Day Cookie Buffet

Parents' Auxiliary is excited to host our annual Valentine's Day Cookie Buffet on Thursday, February 13, for our amazing faculty and staff! To make this event a success, we're asking parents to donate cookies and baked goods to show our appreciation for our teachers, coaches, and staff! Use **this link** sign up, and thank you for supporting this faculty favorite tradition.

Lauren Dake

Teacher Appreciation Committee

French E Auction- February 22, 2025

Buy your tickets today!

Free Tuition Raffle Tickets

We are excited to announce that raffle tickets for a chance to win **free tuition for the 2025-2026 school year** are now available for purchase! This exclusive opportunity is part of our upcoming **French E Auction 2025**, and all proceeds will support our school community.

Tickets are available for just \$100 each, and the winner will be drawn during the auction event on Saturday, February 22. Don't miss your chance to secure this incredible prize!

Our amazing French E Auction committee is selling tickets, and you may also purchase during Middle and Upper School carpool on the following dates.

- February 11

Please contact **Hannah**, **Alicia**, or **Claire** in the Advancement office about raffle ticket information as well. You may purchase your ticket with cash or check.

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

We had a fun and festive Spirit Week in the Lower School! Next week, students are invited to wear Valentine's colors/outfits on Thursday when students will have their classroom parties. We will then be out of school on Friday, February 14 and Monday, February 17 for Mid-Winter Break. Looking ahead, our Conference Day is March 7, so please look for conference day sign-ups coming soon from your child's teacher.

Congrats to our 5th grade PSL white team on winning the PSL championship, and congrats to all of our PSL teams for a successful season focused on skill building, teamwork, and good sportsmanship. Also, huge kudos to our VEX Robotics team on their performance in their tournament last Saturday! Their problem-solving skills and teamwork earned them at the Arkansas VEX Robotics Championship on March 11, along with a chance to qualify for the World Championship.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

Attention Wildcat Club Families

Beginning Monday, February 10, we will be implementing a small change to enhance our after-care program security. Moving forward, we ask that all parents and guardians hold up their carpool signs during pick-up for Wildcat Club. This will ensure our after-care teachers know exactly which car to bring students to. If you need a carpool sign made, please email **Tonya Thomas**, and she will have one sent home with your student.

If your child is attending a Super Session, we ask that you park in the parking lot, not in the carpool lane, and walk in to pick up your child in the Commons area. This will help us streamline our carpool line during weeks with large Super Session attendance.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in making our program even better!

Valentine Cookie Buffet for Teachers

Each year parents provide cookies to show their love for teachers. [Sign up here to donate cookies!](#)

Chapel News

In Godly Play this week students heard the Parable of the Great Pearl and thought about what the Kingdom of God on earth might look like.

Next week, we'll learn about the importance of sharing your faith with others through the Parable of the Sower.

In our PreK and Kindergarten chapels we read The Precious Pearl by Bob Hartman and in Community Chapel we heard from our 2nd grade class about the character trait perseverance.

Next week in PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll watch the story of the Farmer and the Seed and in Community Chapel we'll talk about the different kinds of love in preparation for Valentine's Day.

Wednesday, February 12:

- 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

Grace & Peace,

Michelle Moore
Interim Lower School Chaplain

Pride Patrol- February 10-13

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:

- Harper Hicks
- Charlotte Hogate
- Raiyne Hopkins
- Sarah Elizabeth House
- Keller Hughes
- Kassie Hulett
- Foster Jones
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Super Session Highlights

Bookmark and Beyond : Mrs. Linders Silent Book Club - Join Mrs. Linder's Silent Book Club! Calling all 3rd-5th graders who love to read (or want to love reading)! Come unwind after school with Mrs. Linder in a fun and relaxed Silent Book Club where you will talk about books, read what you love and create unique bookmarks each week!

- Every other Tuesday starting February 11 - April 29, 3rd - 5th grade, 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm.
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Fairy Dust and Tea Cups - Calling all fairies! Join us for a magical time with lots of glitter, tea, and magic! We'll make glittering wands fit for any fairy and their magic, create our very own shimmering wings, and don crowns of flowers in order to get ready! Once all the fairies are dressed up, we'll enjoy a magical tea party with a sweet snack and an enchanting story about some of our fairy friends!

- Feb 10 and 11 (two separate sessions) - 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm, PK4 - 1st Grade

Second Grade Math Parent Chat- Thursday, February 27, 5:00-6:00 pm, Mrs. Peterson's Classroom in the Lower School:

- Are you hoping to help your child develop addition and subtraction fluency?
- Do you wonder what exactly math fact fluency is?
- Are you wondering, if it isn't memorizing, what does fact fluency even mean?

Join our math specialist, Ms. Mary Ann Nichols, to learn more about our math curriculum and strategies for your second grader in this valuable parent program.

Looking Ahead

- February 13 | Classroom Valentine's Parties, Students wear Valentine's colors
- February 14-17 | Mid-Winter Break - No School
- March 4 | Shrove Tuesday Parade and Celebration, Students wear Mardi Gras colors
- March 7 | Family/Teacher Conference Day
- March 24-28 | Spring Break - No School
- April 18-21 | Easter Break - No School
- May 20 | 5th Grade Recognition, 1:30pm
- May 21 | Field Day, LS Dismissal at 12pm

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Middle School Families,

During Monday's Morning Meeting, the eighth grade team recognized their Over the Top winners for the month of January. Here are some of the things teachers said in their commendations of these students: dedicated, responsible, perseveres, kindness, focused; asking thoughtful questions, ready to learn and eager to grow; hard work on especially grammar; always prepared, good job on vocabulary quizzes and take advantage of opportunities to earn additional points; consistency and maturity in discussions and review activities; consistent with asking for feedback, amazing engagement all year; great attitude, stellar organization, and solid participation; willingness to push themselves on new subject matter.

- **Spanish II** - Mary Carol Daugherty
- **Physical Science** - Pax Mangan, Caroline Hargraves
- **English 8** - Rease Fields, Anna Brandenberger
- **Latin** - John Cooper Crowe, Cora Suffridge
- **Social Studies** - Bo Young, Hutch Adams
- **Algebra I** - Serena Utter, Lily Gregory
- **French II** - Hadley Black
- **Exploratory Design** - Andrew Dixon, Tucker Grumbles

At Thursday's Morning Meeting, sixth and seventh grade teachers recognized outstanding scholarship, teamwork, interest in reading, kindness, self-advocacy, participation, and effort in their classes for the month of January. Here are the award winners for the various classes

Seventh Grade:

- **English** - Piper Hodson, Charlie Marks
- **Social Studies** - Allie Carrasquillo, David Saviers
- **Science** - Beckett Blair, Andre Bernard
- **Mathematics** - Mabel Whitley, Ross Davis
- **Spanish I** - Sloane LaFrance

Sixth Grade:

- **English** - Bob Gladden, Anne Louise Jones
- **Social Studies** - Kendall Vargas, Will Daugherty
- **Science** - Matthew Shelby, Mary Eleanor Parnell
- **Mathematics** - Georgia O'Connor, HJ Ford
- **Intro to Romance Languages** - Meredith Martindale
- **Writing** - Fenley Wright, Blaikely Williams

During Thursday's Morning Meeting, and in recognition of Black History Month, we recognized the great African American tennis player, Arthur Ashe, who passed away on February 6, 1993. Ashe was the first African American to win the US Open Tennis Championship in September 1968.

Have a nice weekend!

Chuck McCormick

When Your Child is Sick

Parents, you need only make one phone call or send one email when your child is sick. That call or email should be directed to Middle School Office Manager, Jan Britt, jbritt@episcopalcollegiate.org, who maintains our attendance records and needs to know. You need not contact your child's teachers or advisors about absence due to illness. If your child would like to reach out to their teachers to ask about work, that is great. In most cases, what they will need is already accessible on our Canvas Learning Management System.

A Note from Dr. Graham

This Winter Spirit Week has been a ton of fun. Our students have rocked the special dress themes, and we are jazzed up for our all-school pep rally, which is set for 1:05 p.m. this afternoon in Championship Gym. If you can make it, come join us! Tomorrow night, we will host the annual Winter Dance in the Dining Hall from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

In other news, our students started working on their course selection for next year with their Advisors. We will keep talking about course selection in Advisory for the rest of the month, in preparation for Spring Conference Day, which is scheduled for Friday, March 7th. We encourage you to keep the conversation going at home.

And speaking of Conference Day, stay tuned next week for an email from me with instructions for how to sign up for your child's conference. We ask that all current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders hold a spring conference with their Advisor and at least one parent or guardian. Classes are not held on Conference Day.

Looking to plug into the life of our School? Come to Pancake Supper, hosted by our Junior Class on Tuesday, February 11th, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the dining hall, and stay for basketball and cheer senior night recognition, across the hall in Championship Gym. Pancake supper proceeds help fund Prom. Go Wildcats!

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

See you soon,

Kellen

Updates, Reminders, and Action Items

Pep Rally- Today at 1:05 pm Championship Gym

The Green...and the White!

The Dance- "A Night in Emerald City"

This year's Winter Dance - "A Night in Emerald City" - will be held tomorrow night from 8:00 -10:00 pm in the MS/US Dining Hall. Students must arrive before 8:30 pm, and we expect them to remain at the dance until 10pm. If your student is planning on bringing a guest, please make sure they submit the **guest registration form** to Mr. Binder as soon as possible. As usual, we will have faculty chaperones and professional security on site.

DJ Waterboy will be providing the music, and we look forward to a great time. Please let Mr. Binder know if you have any questions.

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Senior Night Recognition- Girls/Boys Basketball and Cheer- Tuesday, February 11

Come out and support the Wildcats—and help us honor our senior athletes—on Tuesday evening. Games start at 6:00 p.m. in Championship Gym.

Senior Valentine's Day Lunch- Wednesday, February 12

Parents of the Class of 2025 are hosting a Valentine's Day-themed lunch for seniors on Wednesday, February 12th at Sticky Fingers. Seniors will dismiss from class at noon and return to school in time for the last class period of the day (2:30 p.m.).

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.

Wednesday, 2/12 - 10:00 AM - Hendrix College

Hendrix College is a small, liberal arts and sciences residential college located in Conway, Arkansas. Hendrix has about 1,200 students and 30% of their campus is involved in their NCAA DIII athletics programs. 100% of students attending Hendrix receive some kind of scholarship and/or financial aid. The Hendrix Odyssey Program inspires life-changing experiences for Hendrix students through unique internships, research opportunities, study abroad, and more. Go Warriors!

Thursday, 2/13 - 8:15 AM - Centenary College of Louisiana

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!

Coming up Next Week

Chapel Schedule

- Mon, 2/10 - Father Rob
- Tue, 2/11 - Patterson Johnson '25
- Wed, 2/12 - Dr. Griffin
- Thu, 2/13 - Lucy Ayres '25

Athletics Schedule

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Service Opportunities

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

Beyond Next Week (Mark Your Calendars)

- Winter Break - Friday, Feb. 14 - Monday, Feb. 17
- Parents' Auxiliary Auction - Saturday, Feb. 22
- End of 3rd Quarter - Friday, Feb. 28
- Fine Arts Showcase - Monday, March 3
- Spring Conference Day - Friday, March 7