

## **WILDCAT WEEKLY- FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

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### **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.

### **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!

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**

Thank you so much for all the contributions to the annual cookie walk! This is one of our teacher's favorite traditions, and they are so grateful for the sweet treats!

We're thrilled to share that our Discovery Day Camp themes and dates are now live! Our Enrichment Camps will be available starting Monday, February 17, exclusively for our Episcopal families for one week before opening to the public. This gives you the first chance to secure your spots in these highly sought-after programs. Click [here](#) to register.

We will see you back on campus on Tuesday, February 18. Have a wonderful mid-winter break!

Catherine Schuhmacher  
Head of Lower School

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### **Attention Wildcat Club Families**

Beginning Monday, February 10th, 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 during pickup. 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 our pickups from large Super Sessions be more efficient.

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

### **Chapel News**

In Godly Play this week students heard the Parable of the Sower and talked about how we can be the good soil where God's Word can be planted to grow strong roots.

Next week, in Godly Play we'll learn about how God nurtures growth in faith in each one of us through the Parable of the Leaven.

In our PreK and Kindergarten chapels we listened to the story of the Farmer and the Seeds. In community chapel we heard from Mrs. Moore who spoke about the 4 kinds of love found in the Bible - Storge, Phileo, Eros and Agape.

Next week in PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll learn about how yeast makes bread rise through a special science experiment and in Community Chapel we'll hear from Mrs. Norwood about the importance of collaboration.

Wednesday, February 19:

- 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 18-21**

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:

- Harrison Keener
- Laura Keener
- Calvin Kemp
- Louisa Kemp
- Elizabeth Kilgroe
- Charlotte LaFrance

### **Super Session Highlight**

**Dino Dig with Mrs. Keck** - Calling all future paleontologists to embark on an exciting adventure to: Dig for Fossils – Use special tools to uncover hidden "dinosaur bones." Crack Open Frozen Dinosaur Eggs – What's hiding inside? Find Fossilized Treasures – Discover ancient secrets of the past!

- Feb 25th: 3:45pm - 5:00pm for PK3 - Kinder students

**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 14-17 | Mid-Winter Break - No School
- March 4 | Shrove Tuesday Parade and Celebration 2:30 pm, 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 12:00 pm

### **Quick Links**

#### **Lower School Live News**

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

Dear Families,

We are approximately one month away from our student-led conferences with families and advisors. Students, with the help of Mrs. Robinson, have been working diligently compiling online portfolios to showcase their scholarly growth over time. Be on the lookout for an email early next week with instructions to sign up for these mandatory meetings.

We hope that you and your families enjoy a pleasant and safe long weekend!

Best,

Chuck McCormick

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### **A Note from Dr. Graham**

Despite the nasty weather, spike in cold and flu cases, and mid-winter darkness, these first six weeks of the second semester have been strong in Upper School. We have built good teaching and learning momentum, and now we are excited for a much-deserved four-day weekend.

Highlights from this past week included the Class of '26 hosting a fabulous Pancake Supper on Tuesday evening. That same evening was Senior Night for our basketball and cheer teams, and it was fun watching both teams battle Harding Academy in a packed Championship Gym. During Advisory yesterday, our underclass students continued working on the course selection process and preparing for their Spring Conferences.

On Tuesday, February 18th, I will email you instructions for how to sign up for your child's Spring Conference. Spring Conference Day is set for Friday, March 7th. Classes will not be in session that day, and we expect every student to hold a 30-minute conference with their advisor and at least one parent or guardian. Spring Conferences provide you another opportunity to discuss your child's whole development and to sign

off on their chosen course of study for next year. Seniors do not have spring conferences.

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

See you soon,

Kellen

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## **Updates, Reminders, and Action Items**

### **Spring Conference Sign Ups**

On Tuesday, February 18th, Conference Sign Ups will open. I will email you a letter with signup instructions (through Veracross) and a reminder about why conference day matters.

### **College Counseling Parent Program (What to do When)**

Have you wondered:

- When should my student take the ACT or SAT?
- When should he begin visiting colleges?
- When should she start applying to college?

If so, this workshop is for you! 9th and 10th grade parents are invited to join us on **Monday, February 24, at 5:30 pm** in Upper School Room 215 to learn "What to Do When" as your child prepares for college applications. We will walk through the ideal action steps for each grade level, so you and your child feel prepared and ready when it is time to apply to college. This workshop will be especially helpful for parents going through the process for the first time.

## 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.

## Coming up Next Week

### Chapel Schedule

- Tue, 2/18 - Lauren Humiston '25
- Wed, 2/19 - Lena Nelson '25
- Thu, 2/20 - Episco-Paws
- Fri, 2/21 - Luke Hehnke '25

### Athletics Schedule

- [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 (Mark Your Calendars)

- 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

## Rowing Update

The start date for the Varsity Rowing Team is **Saturday, February 22**, and the start date for the Novice/Junior Team is **Tuesday, March 11**.

Varsity practice schedule:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 4:15 to 6:15, Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Novice/Junior practice schedule:

- Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:15 to 5:45pm

Regatta Schedule - Varsity:

- April 6th, Oklahoma City Invitational
- April 12th, Little Rock City Championships
- April 26th, Dogwood Junior Championship Regatta
- May 3rd, USRowing Central Youth Championships\*

*\*Select athletes only*

If interested or would like more information please reach out to Ted Riedeberg,  
[rowcoachjax@gmail.com](mailto:rowcoachjax@gmail.com)

**Episcopal Wildcats Hudl Page**

Wildcat Athletics has moved live streaming to the Episcopal Collegiate Hudl Fan Page. This page includes a live stream of events as well as highlights, team schedules, and rosters.

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*Please note, we will no longer be using the Episcopal Athletics Youtube Page.*

The Hudl Fan App is supported by Roku TV, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, and Android TV.

Go, Wildcats!