

February 21, 2025

French E Auction- Tomorrow, February 22, 2025

Buy your tickets today!

We are excited about the French E-Auction **this Saturday!** The weather is expected to improve, and we can't think of a better way to celebrate than by having you join us for this special event.

We've curated a fantastic selection of silent and live auction items for you, and we hope you'll be there to enjoy the fun and bidding! It's the perfect opportunity to pick up something special while celebrating with our Episcopal Collegiate community.

So purchase your tickets and get ready for a great time, oui! – we can't wait to see you!

Free Tuition Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for a chance to win free tuition for the 2025-2026 school year are still available, and can be purchased the night of the auction! All proceeds will support our incredible school community events and workshops and conferences for our outstanding faculty and staff.

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 Bryan** or **Alicia Hughes** about raffle ticket information, and you may purchase your ticket with cash or check.

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

I hope you all stayed warm and safe during this latest weather event. I'm looking forward to the higher temps next week when students can have recess outside and get back into a routine.

We hope all second-grade parents plan to join us for a parent chat with Ms. Nichols on Thursday, February 27, from 5:00 to 6:00 pm in Mrs. Peterson's room. Ms. Nichols has a wealth of knowledge to share, and this time will be well spent to better understand our math program and how to help your children.

Our next Lower School community events are Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. I've included details below about both events. Students are invited to wear Mardi Gras colors that Tuesday for our celebration.

Hope to see you Saturday Night at the auction!

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

Summer at the E Registration Now Open

All Discovery Day and Enrichment Camps are live and open for registration. They are also open to non-Episcopal students, so please share the registration link with your friends.

Click [here](#) to register.

Shrove Tuesday - March 4

On March 4, all students will enjoy a Shrove Tuesday party, learning about the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and how it ties to Ash Wednesday. Following the parties, our Kindergarten through 5th grade students participate in our Shrove Tuesday parade at 2:30pm led by Dr. Griffin. Parents are invited to watch the parade from the commons and/or the gym and then join us all in the gym for our Shrove Tuesday celebration. The celebration in the gym should begin by 2:40pm. Students are encouraged to wear mardi gras colors on this day.

Ash Wednesday - March 5

Chapel will begin at 2:15pm for a special Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes led by Father Rob. Parents are invited to attend. Please note receiving the mark of ashes is voluntary and open to anyone.

Chapel News

In Godly Play this week students heard the Parable of the Leaven and talked about how God nurtures growth in faith in each one of us.

Next week, in Godly Play we'll learn about how faith can transform us through the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

We missed having our PreK, Kinder and Community Chapels due to the winter weather. Next week in PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll read *The Marvelous Mustard Seed* by Amy-Jane Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. In Community Chapel we'll hear from Mr. Daniel about his tour of presidential libraries last summer.

Wednesday, February 26:

- 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

***Given the extended break due to weather, these students are invited to remain on Pride Patrol next week. If they would rather not, please have them see Mrs. Schuhmacher.**

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?
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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

- March 4 | Shrove Tuesday Parade and Celebration 2:30pm, Students wear Mardi Gras colors
- March 5 | Ash Wednesday Service, 2:15pm
- 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

Quick Links

Lower School Live News

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Hello, Middle School Families,

I hope that you have enjoyed some extra time with your children this week, though I imagine that both they and you are ready to return to the in-person school routine, as well as see their friends! I want to remind you that our student-led conference day is coming up on Friday, March 7, where your child will be leading their conference with advisor and family in attendance. These are mandatory and a great way for our students to own their learning experiences. They have also been putting in time building and/or revising their online portfolios, and many are proud to showcase them on conference day. I hope that you will make this a priority for your family!

I also want to point out that there are no classes, lunch or after care on Friday, March 7. This day is purely for conferences.

Thank you!

Stay well,

Chuck McCormick

A Note from Dr. Graham

One of my teammates likes to say, “monitor...and adjust” whenever unexpected events disrupt our plans. Thank you for adjusting quickly to this week’s nasty weather. While we believe there is no substitute for being in school, I’m proud of our kids (and faculty and staff) for being flexible and making the most of these last few virtual learning days. My teammates and I are eager to welcome our students back to learning and advising and coaching and being together, in person.

Yesterday, I emailed you a letter about our upcoming student-advisor-family Conference Day, which is set for Friday, March 7th. The letter includes directions for how to sign up for your child’s conference. Thank you for carving time out of your day on March 7th to participate in your child’s conference. Your role in the conference is critical. It is a big deal—and a big learning opportunity—for our students to sit down with their advisor, and with you, to discuss their progress, their challenges, their courses for next year, and more. In your child’s conference, you will be invited to share your point of view, and your child’s advisor will share insights about your child’s school experience. If you need

assistance scheduling your conference, please reach out directly to your child's advisor or contact me anytime.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

See you soon,

Kellen

Updates, Reminders, and Action Items

Sign Up for Your Child's Spring Conference

Spring Conference Day is **Friday, March 7th**. You may schedule your family's conference with your child's advisor through your Veracross portal. Simply login to Veracross as you normally would. Then, you will see the tab to sign up for conferences on the lower right hand side of your home page. Follow the prompts to register for your conference. *If for some reason, you are unable to schedule a conference on March 7 because convenient time slots have been booked, please reach out to your child's advisor directly to schedule an alternate time to meet.*

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.

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.

Tuesday, 2/25 - 11:05 am - Baylor University

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!

Junior Class -

If you have not already, make sure to set up a time to meet with your College Counselor in the next two weeks to discuss your senior year schedule, summer plans, and potential college list.

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.

Looking Ahead to Fine Arts Showcase (Monday, March 3)

Please consider attending our annual Fine Arts Showcase on Monday, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the dining hall. The evening will feature memorable performances and exhibited work from performing and visual student-artists across Lower, Middle, and Upper School. You will be beyond impressed by the quality of our students' work, and this evening is a great chance to plug into our School community. Hope to see you there!

Coming up Next Week

End of Quarter 3 & Q3 Grades

The 3rd quarter ends on Friday, February 28th. Q3 grades will be viewable to families in Veracross on Wednesday, March 5th.

Chapel Schedule

- Mon, 2/24 - Jan Trujillo '25
- Tue, 2/25 - Finley Young '25
- Wed, 2/26 - Mr. Erick Saoud
- Thu, 2/27 - Chapel: Orchestra Performance
- Fri, 2/28 - Oliver Murry '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)

- 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

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.

Episcopal Wildcats Hudl Page

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!