

**February 28, 2025**

## **All School News**

### **Spring Concessions and Gate**

Spring sports families, we need your help with gates and limited concessions. Please check the signup genius and choose your spots. Feel free to reach out to Laura Schnackenberg or Mary Margaret Wippo with any questions. (**Spring Concessions and Gate Signup.**)

### **Save the Date-Monday, March 3- Annual Fine Arts Showcase**

Come and enjoy the award-winning Fine Arts programs showcasing the talents of our Episcopal Collegiate students at the Annual Fine Arts Showcase, **Monday, March 3rd at 6:30pm in the Episcopal Collegiate Dining Hall**. See extraordinary artwork from the visual art students in all divisions, hear the variety of musical talents of our orchestra, percussion and choirs and delight in the creative skill of our theatre arts and video production students. The Fine Arts at Episcopal Collegiate are active in the Little Rock and greater Arkansas community through local, regional and state events. Our programs receive high marks in competitions and assessments every year. Please join us to celebrate the hard work of these amazing students.

### **Winter Athletic Banquet**

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We hope to see you there and GO WILDCATS! (**Meal Reservation Form**)

## Lower School

### A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

Next week we will learn about the traditions of Shrove Tuesday on Tuesday, March 4. All students are invited to wear Mardi Gras colors! We will end the day with a parade and celebration at 2:30 pm. Parents are invited to attend. On Wednesday we will have a special Ash Wednesday service at 2:15 pm for students in 1st through 5th grades. Father Rob will join us for the imposition of ashes. All parents are invited to join us for this service as well.

This Saturday, March 1, our Episcopal Collegiate Little Rockers team will run its final mile as part of the marathon weekend festivities. Each student set a goal to run 25.1 miles prior to the final mile. Please join us in wishing these Wildcats well during their final mile! Good luck, Wildcat Runners!

If you have not done so already, please sign up for your conference on March 7. This will be a great opportunity to learn how much your children have grown and learned this year.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher  
Head of Lower School

### Uniform Reminders

As the year progresses, students tend to veer away from our uniform guidelines. Please make sure students are wearing predominately white shoes and the appropriate outerwear in the building. Please read below for our standard uniform guidelines:

<b>Required Items</b>	<b><i>Lower School Dress Code</i></b> <b>Standard Uniform</b>
Shirts	Embroidered School logo pique knit polo shirt, short- or long-sleeved, in hunter, navy, and white. Girls cut polo is an option.
Bottoms	Elastic waist or fitted shorts or slacks in navy and khaki. <i>Style, color, and material must be consistent with those found at the Toggery.</i>

	Girls may also choose a navy skort or Episcopal Black Watch plaid pants.
Socks	White crew socks which cover the ankle.
Belt  <i>Updated 2019</i>	Brown belt OR Episcopal branded belt from the Wildcat Warehouse  for shorts, skorts, or slacks with belt loops
Shoes—  <i>Updated 2019</i>	<b>Primarily white</b> , laced, or Velcro, athletic shoes with white shoelaces  Girls may also choose a Navy and white Keds athletic saddle Oxford  <i>NOTE: Small navy, hunter green, gray, or black stripes or logos allowed with “primarily white” shoes</i>
<b>Optional Items</b>	
Outerwear  <i>Updated 2019</i>	ONLY items marked “uniform approved” in the Wildcat Warehouse. Those items include:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Printed logo crewneck sweatshirt in gray or green. Gray sweatshirts have three lettering options (traditional, navy block, and athletic). Fourth and fifth graders may also choose the hooded version of these sweatshirts.</li> <li>2. Embroidered logo fleece in green or navy</li> <li>3. Embroidered logo hooded all-weather jacket in green or navy</li> <li>4. Embroidered logo quarter zip, athletic pullover in green or navy</li> <li>5. Embroidered logo puffer coat or vest in navy</li> </ol>
Other options	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. White or navy tights</li> <li>2. Headbands, bows, and other hair accessories in Black Watch plaid, solid navy, solid hunter green, or solid white.</li> </ol> <p><i>NOTE: Decorated, patterned, or bedazzled bows may be worn only on Spirit Days.</i></p>

### 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 Tuesday.

### **ERB CTP-V Testing**

Students in grades 3-5 will take the CTP-V as our yearly standardized testing Tuesday, April 1, through Friday, April 4. These tests will begin at 8:05 am and will end around 10:00 am each day. Please plan appointments accordingly.

### **Ash Wednesday - March 5**

Chapel will begin at **2:15 pm** 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.

### **Summer @ the E Registration 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.

### **Chapel News**

In Godly Play this week students heard the Parable of the Mustard Seed and talked about how we can help grow the Kingdom of Heaven even with the smallest amount of faith.

Next week, in Godly Play we'll start our Lenten journey with the story of the Mystery of Easter.

In our PreK and Kindergarten chapels we read The Marvelous Mustard Seed by Amy-Jane Levine and Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. And in Community Chapel, we heard a great presentation from Mr. Daniel about his visit to 5 presidential libraries last summer.

Next week in PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll talk about the traditions of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. In Community Chapel we'll have a special Ash Wednesday service beginning at 2:15pm.

Wednesday, March 5:

- 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: 2:15-3:00pm, Erwin Performance Hall & Gymnasium
  - \*Note earlier start time.

Grace & Peace,

Michelle Moore  
Interim Lower School Chaplain

### **Pride Patrol- March 3-6**

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:

- Londyn Landers
- Briggs Leath
- Keller Lee
- Rosanna Louvring
- Nicholas Makris
- Jackson McLarty

### **Attention, Wildcat Club Families!**

Please hold up your 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!

### **Super Session Highlight**

**The Adventurer's Guild (March session)** - Wealth! Fame! Adventure! Join Mr. Carter this summer as we delve into Tabletop RPGs like Dungeons and Dragons. You and your fellow adventurers have taken up a quest to help the Sheriff of Brandonsford deal with a dragon that's attacking travelers. Are you up to the task?

- Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM; 5th - 8th Grade

**March Art Club - Fairy Forest and Gnome Home Diorama** - Join Mrs. Saoud for 3 Thursday sessions to create a home for fairies and gnomes among twigs, moss, flowers, and pebbles.

- Thursday from 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM; Kinder - 2nd Grade

### **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**

#### **Middle School**

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

Dear Families,

After last week's extensive snow/ice day break, this week has seemed like returning from an early spring break, and students and teachers have put their collective "noses to the grindstone" to finish this third quarter as strongly as possible. At Thursday's Morning Meeting, sixth grader Presley Peacock did a presentation on actress Cynthia Erivo in recognition of Black History Month. All middle grades students had the opportunity to give presentations, and we are so proud of Presley, who as a sixth grader actually stepped up to do one in front of the entire Middle School!

We also recognized our first spring sport athlete of the week, eighth grade girls' lacrosse player Ella McCallister. This is what her coaches said in her commendation: Last night, several eighth grade girls played in their first varsity lacrosse games against PA. This player has consistently been at practice, worked hard, improved tremendously, and has started to make head-turning plays. Last night, she was asked to take draws / faceoffs for her midfield line, something that she had never done before. She competed super hard and probably won most of these and then went on to make plays all over the field for her team. It is our pleasure to award this week's middle school athlete of the week to Ella (EMac) McCallister!

As a reminder, next Friday, March 7, is our student-led conference day in the middle school. As a result, there are no classes, and students only need to attend school during their conference time to lead their conferences with family and advisor. All students have invested time and effort in preparing electronic portfolios showcasing their work, and more importantly, their growth over time. [Here](#) again is a copy of the letter explaining these conferences and how to sign up.

### **ERB CTP-V Testing**

6th and 7th-grade students will take the CTP-V as our yearly standardized testing Monday, April 14, through Wednesday, April 16th. These tests will begin at 8:05 am and last until approximately noon. Please plan appointments accordingly as students will not have an opportunity to make up the testing.

### **Deadline for Middle School Community Service Hour Completion is May 1**

Students need to have completed five hours of community service and submitted the requisite paperwork to the office on or before May 1. Please speak with your child's advisor if you have questions about this.

### **If a child calls or emails your saying they are sick...**

Please direct them to the middle school office and have them visit with our nurse. Students should not be contacting parents directly for this but rather seeking out the resources we already have on campus. Additionally, students should never be calling anywhere on their cell phones during school hours without express permission from a faculty member.

## Upper School

### A Note from Dr. Graham

It felt great to get back to a full five-day week with awesome weather.

Today marks the end of the third quarter, which means we are rounding into the proverbial last lap of the school year. Spring brings many cherished school events (prom, academic ceremonies, college t-shirt day, graduation, etc.) and its fair share of distractions. My teammates and I are focused on helping your kids finish the year strong.

Shoutout to those 9th and 10th grade parents who joined Ms. Morgan and Ms. Byrd for Monday evening's college counseling program, "What to do When." If you missed this one but want to learn more, please reach out to our college counselors anytime.

Don't forget: Conference Day is one week from today: Friday, March 7. I emailed you instructions for signing up for your child's conference. If your child is in grades 9, 10, or 11, and you haven't signed up yet, please take a moment today and sign up. My teammates and I look forward to seeing many of you on Friday.

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.

### **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**

#### **Fine Arts Showcase**

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 works of art 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!

#### **Chapel Schedule**

- Mon, 3/3 - French Club presentation
- Tue, 3/4 - James Mitchell '25
- Wed, 3/5 - Ash Wednesday Chapel: The Imposition of Ashes
- Thu, 3/6 - Debbie Pettibone

#### **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)

- Wed, 3/12 - Winter Athletics Banquet
- Fri, 3/21 - Upper School Variety Show (hosted by the Class of 2027)
- Sat, 3/22 - Sun, 3/30 - Spring Break - No School
- Fri, 4/4 - National Honor Society Induction Ceremony (Chapel)
- Fri, 4/5 - Prom
- Thur, 4/10 - Sat, 4/12 - Spring Theater Production (Twelfth Night)
- Wed, 4/16 - Percussion Concert in the Quad
- Fri, 4/18 - Mon, 4/21 - Easter Break - No School

## Athletics

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### 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.

### **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!