

March 14, 2025

Monday = Special Dress Day (St. Patrick's Day or Spirit Wear)

On Monday, March 17, students in all three divisions (Lower, Middle, and Upper School) will be invited to dress to commemorate St. Patrick's Day (wear green!) OR to wear Episcopal Spirit Wear. In either case, students are not permitted to wear sweatpants, pajamas, or leggings, and students are also, of course, welcome to wear their standard uniforms on Monday.

Young Arkansas Artists (YAA) Exhibition

We are excited to share Episcopal Collegiate's student artwork that has been selected for the 2024 Young Arkansas Artists (YAA) Exhibition! For over 60 years, YAA has celebrated the creativity of young artists and the dedication of educators across the state.

This year's exhibition will showcase 39 outstanding works, chosen by a panel of museum and art professionals, representing the incredible diversity of artistic expression in Arkansas classrooms.

In the Middle School, Blaire Brummett's (8th Grade), Pixie scratchboard and Lottie Davis's (7th Grade), Neon Skeleton drawing in Middle School were selected for the 64th annual Young Arkansas Artists (YAA) exhibition at the Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts!

In the Upper School Junior Diana Jiménez's Sugar Rush painting was also selected for the YAA exhibition, super excited to see this amazing artist recognized!

Their work will be showcased at the AMFA for the Opening and Awards Ceremony on May 17, 2025. Congratulations, Blaire, Lottie, and Diana!!!! Very few students are selected for this exhibition and it is extremely competitive!

Support the Episcopal Collegiate Annual Fund- Spring Giving Day, April 8

Parent participation in the Annual Fund makes a direct impact on every student and teacher at Episcopal Collegiate. Your gift—no matter the size—demonstrates our shared commitment to providing an exceptional educational experience. Thank you to the many families who have led the way!

If you haven't made your gift yet, we hope you'll mark your calendars for Spring Giving Day on April 8, when we'll launch our Donors for Donuts grade-level challenge! The class with the highest parent participation in the Annual Fund by the end of the day will win a donut party with the new Episcopal Wildcat! To view a list of current families participating in your grade-level, [click here](#).

Join us in making a difference—give today and help your child's class take the lead!

Spring Concessions 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.

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

First grade shared a beautiful chapel message on Wednesday. They presented our character trait of the month: courage. Click [here](#) to view the video.

Monday is St. Patrick's Day and we will celebrate with a Green Out Spirit Day. As always, students should wear appropriate shoes for PE and recess.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

Congrats, RoboCats!

On Tuesday, RoboCats Deux 90125B proved to be the best elementary robotics team in Arkansas after an outstanding performance at the Arkansas VIQRC Robotics State Championship. Competing against 44 of the state's strongest teams, they earned the Teamwork Championship Award, which recognizes the two-team alliance that achieves the highest score in the final teamwork matches by demonstrating effective collaboration, strategic execution, and the ability to maximize points with an alliance partner. ([View Photo Album](#))

In addition to their teamwork success, RoboCats Deux 90125B earned the tournament's highest honor—the Excellence Award—which is presented to the team that excels

across all aspects of the competition. This award evaluates skills performance, **engineering notebook** quality, **robot programming**, interview responses, and overall team professionalism. By winning two of only five awards, they earned an invitation to compete with the world's best teams at the VIQRC World Robotics Championship in Dallas! Please congratulate the RoboCats Deux 90125B team: Kennedy Smith, Max Gutierrez, Bonnie McCauley, Margaret Bronni, and Layla Turner.

RoboCats 90125A also delivered an impressive performance, earning top marks during the teamwork portion of the event. Despite their strong showing, they were unable to unseat their sister team in the finals elimination round, exemplifying the depth of talent in our Episcopal Collegiate Lower School Robotics program. Please congratulate the RoboCats 90125A team: Emma Young, Jeremiah Goree, Tommy Hogate, Eli Gray, Sam Williams, and Everett Weirich. ([View Photo Album](#))



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.

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.

Chapel News

In Godly Play this week we started our Lenten journey with the story of the Mystery of Easter as we learned about the early life of Jesus.

Next week, in Godly Play we'll continue our Lenten journey as we learn about Jesus' baptism and time in the desert.

In PreK and Kindergarten chapels this week we started our journey through Holy Week as we heard about Jesus being anointed in Bethany. In Community Chapel we heard a wonderful presentation about courage from the 1st grade class.

Next week in PreK chapels we'll continue our journey into Holy Week as we talk about Palm Sunday. Kindergarten will not have chapel on Wednesday due to the Senior Buddy Field Trip but will have time for the lesson in their rooms. In Community Chapel we're excited to welcome back the Concert Choir directed by Mr. Stephen Vano.

Wednesday, March 19

- PreK 4: 8:20-8:40am, Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library
- PreK 3: 8:50-9:10am, Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library
- No Kindergarten Chapel this week due to Senior Buddy Field Trip
- 1st-5th: 2:30-3:00pm, Erwin Performance Hall & Gymnasium

Grace & Peace,

Michelle Moore
Interim Lower School Chaplain

Pride Patrol- March 17-21

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:

- Jane Rojas
- Collins Shively
- Elliot Smith
- Vivian Smith
- Leoni Snowden
- Vivi Stiles
- Gray Taylor

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

- Science Club: Mystery Science: Join Us for Scientific Explorations! In each session, we will uncover a new scientific mystery. Will it involve chemical reactions, mixtures and solutions, or intriguing creatures from the mysterious depths? Come along every other week to discover the answers! * Every Thursday starting March 13th-March 20th, 3:45-5:00, grades: 3-5, RM: LS 212
- Glow Party: Come have an hour of fun doing everything glow with Ms. Shannon! Decorate your own glow t-shirt, play glow games, have a glow dance party, and

so much more! * Tuesday and Thursday, March 18th and 20th, 3:45-5:00, grades: K-3, RM: LS 134

Looking Ahead

- 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

Sleep Awareness Week

Fun Fact: Did you know up to 50% of the genes in nearly every cell of our bodies are regulated by our circadian rhythm? So remember, good sleep is a cornerstone of good health!

Quick Links

Lower School Live News

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Middle School Families,

At Monday's Morning Meeting, our seventh grade teachers recognized excellent effort, attitude, teamwork, and overall citizenship in their classes for the month of February! Below please find the students whom they recognized.

- Spanish 1: Carter Johnson
- French 1: Libby Castleberry
- English 7: Lottie Davis, Griffin Stone
- Pre-Algebra 7: Patrick Snowden, Ava Madison Rodgers
- Social Studies: Ella Sholes, Nora Lancaster
- Science: Jacob Irby, Connor Lemoir

On Thursday, sixth grade teachers commended their February Top Cats. Some of the comments made by nominating teachers included: digging deeper, curious minds,

making connections to other parts of history, ownership of learning, infectious, positive attitudes. Below please find the names of those students who received this special commendation:

- Writing: Beckett Beene, Courtlyn Dostert
- Social Studies: Simon Mangum, Sarah Dalvi
- Math: Hunter Turner, Presley Peacock
- English: Rowan Wells, Annabelle Reed
- Introduction to Romance Languages: Preston Holsclaw
- Science: Matsy Leacock, Ryan Harrelson

Thank you for participation with your child in their student-led conference. Students worked hard preparing these and reflecting on their learning, growth, and areas for improvement, and while the experience was nerve-wracking for some, they undoubtedly gained confidence through the experience!

Have a safe weekend!

Chuck McCormick

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.

A Note from Dr. Graham

This week's sunshine and warmer weather really busted us out of the winter doldrums. We have one more week until Spring Break. It's easy for everyone in a school to want to coast into a long break. We are coaching our kids to buck the trend and to make the most of every day. There are five school days until the break and only 40 school days

until Class Day. Every day matters, every class period matters, every Advisory interaction matters, every practice and rehearsal matters.

Soccer, baseball, lacrosse, track & field: please make it a point to check out our student-athletes in action. Go Wildcats!

My teammates and I are proud of your children for all of their efforts, and we appreciate your ongoing collaboration.

See you soon,

Kellen

Updates, Reminders, and Action Items

Summer Camp Counselor Opportunity

Is your child looking for an exciting way to spend their summer? Episcopal Upper School students are invited to apply to work at our Summer at the E program as a student worker or volunteer. Whether a student is looking to gain experience, earn service hours, or just have a blast working with kids, we have opportunities for them. This is a great opportunity for our kids to make new friends, build leadership skills, and create unforgettable summer memories. **Sign up here today!**

Please note we will begin reaching out to schedule interviews starting March 17th.

College Counseling News

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.

Savannah College of Art & Design: Tue Mar 18th, 2025 | 08:15AM – 09:15AM

Savannah College of Art and Design is a private university with 15,000 undergraduate students that offers degrees in both Arts and Fine Arts- including Animation, Digital Communications, Fashion Design, Painting, Photography, and more. SCAD has campus locations in both Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia - and they have their own study abroad

program located in Lacoste, France. SCAD has a strong mission in serving others, SCAD SERVE brings together SCAD students, alumni, faculty, and staff to develop sophisticated design solutions and services that improve quality of life. SCAD Bees compete in NAIA!

Student Service Hours

With one quarter left in the school year, now is the time to ensure that our students have met their service hour requirements. Earlier this week, Dean of Students Mr. Binder reminded our student body that 9th and 10th graders must log 10 service hours for the year, and 11th and 12th graders must log 15 hours. We encourage you to check-in with your child about his or her service hours. If you have questions about anything service-related, please contact Mr. Binder (dbinder@episcopalcollegiate.org).

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.

Coming up Next Week

Senior-Kinder Buddy Fieldtrip

Our seniors will accompany their kindergarten buddies on a field trip to the Discovery Museum on the morning of Wednesday, March 19th.

Upper School Variety Show (Hosted by the Class of 2027)

Our annual Upper & Middle School Variety Show—hosted by the class of 2027—will take place on Friday, March 21st, at 2:20 pm in the dining hall. The Variety Show will feature students and faculty members showing off their wide-ranging talents...there will be some singin' and some dancin' and much, much more.

Spring Break

School will be closed for Spring Break the week of Monday, March 24 through Friday, March 28. Have a great week!

Chapel Schedule

- Mon, 3/17 - Sarah Siria '25
- Tue, 3/18 - Latin Club/Latin Olympics
- Wed, 3/19 - Mr. Jeremy Rhodes
- Thu, 3/20 - Morgan Davis '25
- Fri, 3/21 - 6th-Grade Religion

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)

- 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
- Wed, 4/23 - Cum Laude Induction Ceremony (Chapel)
- Mon, 4/28 - Spring Choir/Orchestra Concert
- Tue, 4/29 - World Language Honor Societies Induction Ceremony (Chapel)
- Wed, 4/30 - Family Night
- Wed, 4/30 - Spring Athletics Banquet
- Fri, 5/1 - National Forensic League Induction Ceremony (Chapel)

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!