

March 21, 2025

Spring Break - March 24-28

Campus will be closed March 24-28 for a well-deserved Spring Break. See you back on Monday, March 31, Wildcats!

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

We've had an exciting couple of weeks, filled with lots of learning, celebration, and fun! Our Shrove Tuesday festivities were followed by a fantastic St. Patrick's Day celebration, all led by Mr. Howard Marks, Lower School Head of the Day. Mr. Marks did an exceptional job, capping off the day with an unforgettable Lower School dance party!

I've linked two photo albums below that capture the highlights of our celebrations.

[St. Patrick's Day Album](#)

[Shrove Tuesday Album](#)

Wishing everyone a restful and rejuvenating Spring Break. Looking forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday, March 31!

Sincerely,

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

Lenten Prayer

This week in Chapel, Mrs. Moore shared a beautiful excerpt from a Lenten Prayer. I wanted to share that excerpt with you here.

Lent should be more than a time of fasting.
It should also be a joyous season of feasting.
Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.

It is a season to turn to God. May we:

Fast from judging others; feast on the goodness in them.
Fast from emphasis on difference; feast on unity of all life.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
Fast from worry; feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.

Life with Mrs. Linder

Author Susan Hood will visit Pre-K through 5th grade students on Thursday, April 3rd in the Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Lower School Library. Ms. Hood writes mainly narrative nonfiction books on historical events, as well as a few picture books. Mrs. Linder is looking forward to a wonderful, informative day for our wildcats!

The schedule is as follows and parents are always welcome:

- 8:30- 8:50 a.m.- Pre-K3 and Pre-K4
- 9:15-9:50 a.m.- Kinder and 1st Grade
- 10:20-11:20 a.m.- 4th and 5th Grades
- 1:00-2:00 p.m.- 2nd and 3rd Grades

Also, please mark your calendars for our annual Book Fair May 5-9! Mrs. Linder is once again partnering with WordsWorth Books in the Heights to bring you fun and exciting books for fun summer reading (and required summer reading books, too!)* Be on the lookout for volunteer sign ups both before and during the fair!

Reminder for Wildcat Club Families

Please continue using your carpool signs during aftercare pickup to help keep the process smooth and secure for all students.

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 continued our Lenten journey as we learned about the baptism of Jesus and the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert.

When we return from Spring Break, we'll continue our Lenten journey in Godly Play as we explore different ways to pray.

In PreK and Kindergarten chapels the students continued to learn about the events of Holy Week as they heard about Palm Sunday also known as the Triumphant Entry. In Community chapel, the Concert Choir directed by Stephen Vano shared wonderful music with the Lower School students.

When we return from Spring Break in PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll continue to learn about the events of Holy Week as we hear about Maudy Thursday and the Last Supper. In Community chapel we'll hear a performance by the Upper School percussion students directed by Erick Saoud.

Wednesday, April 2

- 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- March 31-April 4

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:

- Vivien Vogel
- Rosemary Walker
- Walker Watkins
- Veronica Wolfe
- Henry Wright

- George Wright
- Emma Young

Super Session Highlight

- [Pokemon Club](#) - Join the Pokémon Adventure! Participate in an exciting experience where we will create our very own Pokémon cards and bracelets! With your custom card, you can engage in battles. Who will have the mightiest card? Kinder - 2nd Grade, Wednesday, April 2 from 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM
- Bunny Camp - Join Ms.McSpadden in this festive after school class where we will do lots of bunny crafts, games and have yummy Easter themed snacks. It will be a hoppy afternoon! Choose either [Monday, April 7](#) OR [Monday, April 14](#) from 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM. This is offered to students in Kinder - 3rd Grade.
- [April Art Club - Cosmic Collage](#) - Join Mrs. Saoud for three Thursday sessions of space exploration and art! Explore the colors and textures of galaxies, stars, and planets, while creating your own galaxy filled with sparkle and stars. NO CLASS on Maundy Thursday. April 3 to April 24 on Thursdays from 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM. This class is offered to Kinder - 2nd grade students.
- [Mystery Science with Mrs. Keck](#) - Each meeting we will dive into a new scientific mystery. Will it be chemical reactions, mixtures and solutions, or fascinating creatures of the deep unknown? Join us every other week to find out! 3rd - 5th Grade, April 10th and April 24th from 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Looking Ahead

- March 24-28 | Spring Break - No School
- April 18-21 | Easter Break - No School
- May 5-9 | Book Fair
- May 7 | Capstone @ the E! 4-6pm
- 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

Dear Families,

This week students and faculty have been working hard to finish strongly. We are looking forward to Friday's middle/upper school variety show, which is always entertaining and often showcases student talents that many of us never knew about. It

also heralds the end of a longer period of consecutive school weeks and the start of spring break!

This Wednesday, too, Coach Fortner and our junior high track team hosted a big meet on Smith Family Track and so our middle school athletes of the week come from our track and field competitors.

Girls Track- Evie Tuite

Evie has gotten off to a great start this track season, taking 1st place in the 400m dash in both meets this season. She has also delivered strong performances in the 200m dash as well as being a member of the girls 4x400 relay team who brought home a second place finish at this past Tuesday's Junior Wildcat Invitational. Evie currently ranks 2nd in the state in the 400m dash among junior high athletes, with a current PR of 1:03.11.

Boys Track: Beckett Blair

Beckett has kicked off his first season competing in track in a big way. This past Tuesday he broke the 1:00 mark in the 400m dash finishing with a time of 59.31 which gave him a third place finish. Beckett also runs on the boys 4x400m relay team alongside teammates Barclay Blair, Jacob Irby, and Sam Framptom.

On behalf of our faculty, I want to wish everyone a safe and restful spring break week!

Regards,

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

Our students have done a great job of staying “locked in” this week, despite the opening rounds of the NCAA basketball tournament! As we head into Spring Break, my teammates and I wish you a fun, relaxing week away from school. Please keep reading to learn more about what will be happening in Upper School when we return.

See you soon,

Kellen

Updates, Reminders, and Action Items

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.

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.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University- Fri Apr 4th, 2025 | 12:10 PM – 12:45 PM

Embry-Riddle is a leading institution specializing in aviation and aerospace education located in Daytona Beach, Florida. The university is known for its specialized offerings including programs in various fields, including aviation maintenance, air traffic management, aeronautical science, aerospace engineering, and more. They have a total enrollment of 7,551 students and they offer 20 varsity sports in the NCAA Division II. Every March, students, faculty and staff gather for a full week of events and activities

to celebrate the spirit and pride of Embry-Riddle. The festivities begin with a carnival and continue throughout the week with games, contests, parties, live performances and so much more. Go Eagles!

Coming up after Spring Break

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony - Friday, 4/4

We will induct the newest members into our chapter of the National Honor Society on Friday, April 4th during chapel.

Pep Rally - Friday, 4/4

We will hold an Upper School Pep Rally on Friday, 4/4.

Chapel Schedule

- Mon, 3/31 - Father Rob
- Tue, 4/1 - Father Rob
- Wed, 4/2 - Percussion performance
- Thu, 4/3 - Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Guest Artist - Leanna Renfro
- Fri, 4/4 - National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

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)

- 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, 5/2 - National Forensic League Induction Ceremony (Chapel)
- Fri, 5/2 - College T-Shirt Day & Senior Family Picnic

- Mon, 5/5 - Fri, 5/16 - AP Exams
- Tue, 5/6 - Senior Yearbook Signing Party
- Wed, 5/7 - Underclass Yearbook Signing Party
- Wed, 5/7 - Handshake Farewell Ceremony (End of Day)
- Thur, 5/8 - Fri, 5/9 - Senior Exams
- Mon, 5/12 - In-Class Exam Review Day
- Mon, 5/12 - Moving Up/5th-Grade Welcome (Chapel)
- Tue, 5/13 - In-Class Exam Review Day
- Tue, 5/13 - Rising Senior Blazer Ceremony (Class of '26)
- Wed, 5/14 - End of 4th Quarter
- Wed, 5/14 - Reading Day (Student attendance = optional)
- Wed, 5/14 - Graduation Rehearsal
- Thur, 5/15 - English Exams (Grades 9-11)
- Thur, 5/15 - Baccalaureate
- Fri, 5/16 - Upper School Class Day
- Sat, 5/17 - Graduation Day (Class of '25)
- Mon, 5/19 - Science & World Language Exams (Grades 9-11)
- Tue, 5/20 - History Exams (Grades 9-11)
- Wed, 5/21 - Math Exams (Grades 9-11)
- Wed, 5/21 - Last Day of School for Students
- Thur, 5/22 - College Common Application Writing Workshop (for Class of '26)

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!