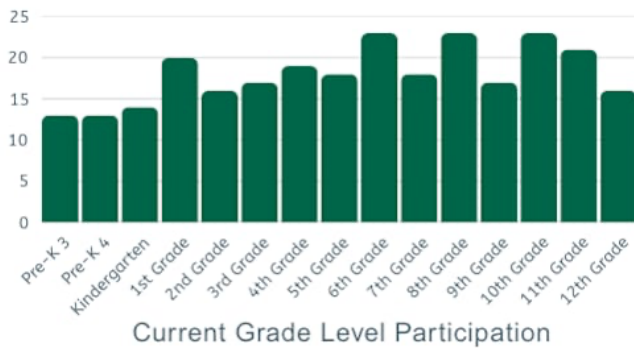


**April 4, 2025**

**Spring Giving Day- April 8**

Mark your calendars for **APRIL 8!** We are challenging every Wildcat family to stretch your impact. Thanks to the generosity of our amazing Parents' Auxiliary, when 100 gifts have been made, we will unlock a \$10,000.00 gift to the Annual Fund! A BIG thank you to our parents who have already made their gift- **parent participation!**

To make this day even sweeter- students in the class with the **HIGHEST** parent participation, will be treated to a donut party with our very own Wildcat! Each division will have a winning class. Are you up for the challenge?



**Parents' Auxiliary Meeting- Friday, April 11, at 8:00 am in US Room 215**

We hope you will join us for our final meeting of the 2024-25 school year. Tricia Morgan, our very own Director of College Counseling, will share valuable data about our class of 2025, along with information about our end of school events. You definitely don't want to miss this meeting! We hope to see you all there.

**A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher**

Hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break last week. It's hard to believe we are now into April. Thank you for your flexibility on Wednesday with our early dismissal. As always, our priority is to keep our students, faculty, and staff safe. Thankfully, next week's weather looks to be much better!

Many of our enrichment camps are filling up fast, so please take a look at our summer offerings.

Click [here](#) for a link to register.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Catherine Schuhmacher  
Head of Lower School

### **Mark Your Calendars- Capstone at the E**

Capstone night will take place on Wednesday, May 7, from 4:00-6:00 pm. This event is for families of Kindergarten through 5th grade students. This event provides an opportunity for students to showcase their learning across all classrooms, including their co-curricular classes! Plan ahead because you don't want to miss it. We will have Food Trucks to make your dinner plans easy that night, and the Book Fair will be open for all!



### **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 spent time in prayer...using our five senses to notice our surroundings and thanking God for all that is around us.

Next week in Godly Play, we'll continue our Lenten journey as we learn about Jesus as a healer and storyteller.

In PreK and Kindergarten chapels the students continued to learn about the events of Holy Week as they learned about Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper. Next week, PreK and Kindergarten chapels will continue to learn about the events of Holy Week as we hear about Jesus and his disciples' time in the Garden of Gethsemane. In Community chapel we'll hear from Head of School, Dr. Jamie Griffin.

Wednesday, April 9:

- 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- April 7-11**

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:

- Hank Adams
- John Allen
- Emma Baker
- Ace Blake
- Chase Channing
- Jack Chatham
- Kenzie Cook

## Super Session Highlights



### 17 Planner Party: April 25th

Students will receive their 2025 weekly and monthly planner, washi tape, flair pens, and fun aesthetic stickers! During this session, we will:

- Personalize our planners while exploring ways to stay on top of assignments, important dates, and daily tasks. With stickers, markers, and fun designs, we will make planning an exciting habit.
- Learn new strategies to stay organized and prepared for success!
- Practice planning a week and filling out key monthly dates.



### Canva for Kids: May 2nd

Students will practice essential design skills while experimenting with fonts, colors, and images to bring their ideas to life. During this session, we will learn how to create:

- Eye-catching presentations.
- Custom cards and invitations.
- Memory books and much more!

Both sessions will be hands-on, interactive, and packed with creativity.



[Click here to sign up for The Ultimate Planner Party.](#)



[Click here to sign up for Canva for Kids.](#)

## Looking Ahead

- April 18-21 | Easter Break - No School
- May 5-9 | Book Fair
- May 7 | Capstone Night @ the E! 4:00-6:00pm
- May 20 | 5th Grade Recognition, 1:30pm
- May 21 | Field Day, LS Dismissal at 12:00pm

## Quick Links

[Lower School Live News](#)

## A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Families,

This week Ms. Raup, our seventh grade earth science teacher, invited me to visit her classes and listen to students present their building prototypes for saving lives and property in the event of a natural disaster. Some of the building presentations I observed included ones to make the Arkansas Food Bank flood-proof, refinements to the pyramid-shaped Bass Pro Shop structure to prevent earthquake damage, and a very interesting design for a skyscraper that included an internal pendulum and shock absorption to prevent a collapse. Great work, Ms. Raup and seventh grade students!

In another vein, eighth grade teachers recognized students in their various classes for consistency, asking great questions, being well prepared for class and having a positive attitude, contributing to making the classroom space engaging through thoughtful insights, and being consistently high performers, all during the month of March. Below are the students who were recognized:

Math - Layla Dement, Leighton Sloan Leith

Social Studies - Mary Erwin Bright, Blaire Brummett

Latin - Soren Kirkhuff, Evie Tuite, Robert Tucker

English - Evelyn Dickinson, Sullivan Ransdell

Physical Science - Keers McMillian, Charlie Hyde

Additionally, at Thursday's morning meeting, we encouraged students and families, too, to join us for what we are calling "Spring Fling" this coming Monday afternoon when junior high track has a home competition. It is the equivalent to "Nothin But Net Night," which we host in February to celebrate our middle school basketball and cheer squads. On Monday afternoon, the campus will be buzzing, we will provide some snacks/food for students, and we will be giving out iconic Charleston Chews! Hope you can join us.

Athlete of the Week : Boys' Lacrosse player Ben Grumbles (8 grade) (Written by Asst. Coach, Dr. Dunn)

This week, we're recognizing an 8th-grade athlete who has stepped up in a big way for our boy's lacrosse team. He has taken on the challenge of playing defense, not just in our JV games, but also in varsity matchups against experienced high school players. In our most recent trip to Memphis for a double header, he played nearly the entirety of both games. Being thrown into the mix at that level isn't easy, but Ben has adapted quickly and made a real impact on our team's defense overall. He is naturally skilled with the long pole and continues to improve every week. Keep up the hard work and congratulations to our athlete of the week, Ben Grumbles.

**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.

### **Sumer For-Credit Courses (Rising 9th-12th Grade)**

Episcopal Collegiate is excited to offer three for-credit courses this summer for rising 9th - 12th grade students. These courses may be used to meet graduation requirements for Health, Wildcat Wellness, and Oral Communications. Each course is designed to provide the same level of instruction that students would receive during the school year.

Registration for these courses should be done through the registration portal at [THIS LINK](#). Payment for these courses will be made at the time of registration. All summer course registrations are due by the end of Friday, May 9.

### **8th Grade Standardized Tests, April 15, at 8:00 am**

Students in 8th Grade will take the PSAT 8/9 on Tuesday, April 15th starting at 8:00 a.m. Students should arrive at school by 7:45 a.m. and go to their testing room (no advisory). Students will receive information regarding room locations closer to the testing date.

The standard exam takes 2 hours 14 minutes, not including time for directions. Students should get plenty of sleep the night before and eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test. They will need to bring their school Chromebook, Chromebook charger, calculator, water, and a snack!

The [PSAT 8/9 Student Guide](#) provides information about the PSAT 8/9, including general descriptions of what is included in the test and information about the digital version.

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

Here we are in the homestretch, with seven weeks until Commencement and eight weeks until Memorial Day. April and May are filled with special events, celebrations, and

beloved School traditions, many of which you will see listed below in the “Beyond Next Week” section.

Thank you for being flexible with early dismissal on Wednesday.

Today in chapel, our newest members of National Honor Society will be formally inducted into our School’s chapter. And this afternoon we are excited to have an Upper School Pep Rally, during which we will recognize this year’s Prom Court, spring athletic teams, and the cast and crew of spring play.

Speaking of Prom, everything is set for a wonderful evening “Under the Sea!” Yesterday after chapel, I met with those students who will be attending Prom. My message was twofold: have an amazing weekend, AND please be safe. If your child is going to Prom, please reinforce safety points.

See you soon,

Kellen

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

### **Pep Rally Today!**

EpiscoPep, our student-led school-spirit club, will host a Pep Rally today at 12:10 pm in Championship Gym. During the Pep Rally, the members of the Prom Court will be formally introduced—and our spring sports teams and the cast and crew of Twelfth Night will be shouted out. Our kids will also play some “Under-the-Sea-inspired” games (Under the Sea is this year’s Prom Theme) to get everyone in the right spirit from Prom. Parents are always welcome to attend our Pep Rallies. Come on over and join in the fun!

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### **9th and 10th Grade Standardized Tests, April 15th at 8:00 a.m.**

Students in 9th Grade will take the PSAT 8/9 and students in 10th grade will take the PSAT 10 on Tuesday, April 15th starting at 8:00 a.m. Students should arrive at school by 7:45 a.m. and go to their testing room (no advisory). Students will receive information regarding room locations closer to the testing date.

The standard exam takes 2 hours 14 minutes, not including time for directions. Students should get plenty of sleep the night before and eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test. They will need to bring their laptop, laptop charger, calculator, water, and a snack!

The [PSAT 8/9 Student Guide](#) and [PSAT 10 Student Guide](#) provide information about the tests, including general descriptions of what is included in the test and information about the digital version.

### **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](mailto: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](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**

#### **Episcopal Collegiate School Presents Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night***

After weeks of rehearsal, the theater department, directed by Mr. James Mainard-O'Connell, is thrilled to present Shakespeare's romantic comedy *Twelfth Night*. The show opens on Thursday, April 10, at 7:00 pm in the dining hall with performances on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12 (all shows at 7:00 pm). Come see our student-actors tackle a world-famous play!



## Chapel Schedule

- Mon, 4/7 - No Chapel
- Tue, 4/8 - Concert Choir Performance
- Wed, 4/9 - Upper School Play Preview (Twelfth Night)
- Thu, 4/10 - Mr. Binder
- Fri, 4/11 - Percussion Performance

## 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, 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!