

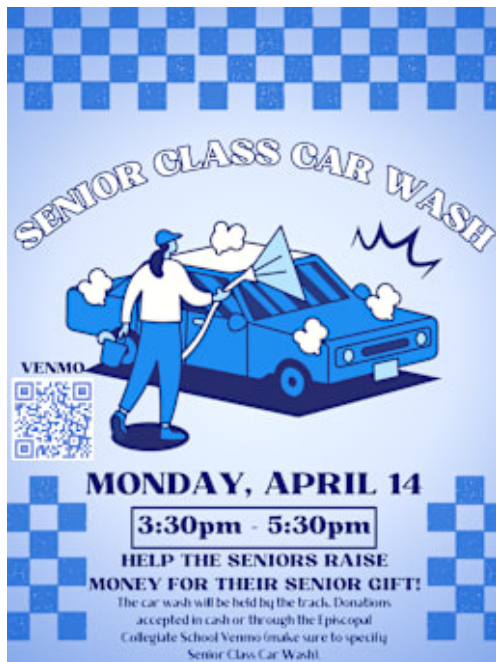
April 11, 2025

### Voter Registration Drive

All students, parents, and faculty are encouraged to register to vote on Friday, April 25. Volunteers will have a table set up between the US Cafeteria and Gym from 12:10-1:20 pm. Please bring your social security number with you. You must be 18 to register.

### Senior Class Car Wash

Come support our seniors at the Senior Car Wash this Monday, April 14, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Swing by, get your car sparkling clean, and help raise funds for the Senior Class Gift.



### A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

We had several fun and interesting visitors in the Lower School this week. Julianna Cullen with the KARK Arkansas Storm Team visited 4th grade and brought Heidi the Hiland Dairy cow, along with some ice cream, for students to enjoy! [Click here](#) to see the clip that aired the following day on the news. Ms. Cullen shared tips on how to be weather aware and how to stay safe in severe weather. On Wednesday, Craig O'Neill visited our 2nd grade students as part of his Reading Road Show. He brought a book to life, and I think the teachers enjoyed this as much as the students!

Next week, we will celebrate Holy Eucharist on Wednesday in Community Chapel. Please note that this chapel will begin at 2:15 rather than 2:30pm. If you are checking

your child out early for an appointment, please let his or her teacher know in advance so we can avoid interrupting chapel for checkouts.

Hope you can get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend!

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

Just a reminder that all parents and guardians continue to hold up their carpool signs during pick-up for Wildcat Club. This helps ensure our after-care teachers know exactly which car to bring students to during pickup. If you need a carpool sign made, please email [Tonya Thomas](#), and she will have one sent home with your student.

### 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 and learned about Jesus as a healer and storyteller. Next week in Godly Play, we'll finish our Lenten journey as we learn about Holy Week and get ready for Easter Sunday!

In PreK and Kindergarten chapels the students continued to learn about the events of Holy Week as they heard about the time Jesus spent in the Garden of Gethsemane. In Community chapel we heard from Head of School Dr. Jamie Griffin.

Next week, in PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll continue to learn about the events of Holy Week as we hear about Good Friday. In Community chapel we'll celebrate Holy Week with Holy Eucharist (note earlier start time.)

Wednesday, April 16

- 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- April 14-17**

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:

- Carter Cummins
- Magnolia Cunningham
- Henry Dake
- Willa Dalvi
- Ellie Daniel
- Rachel Davis

### **Super Session Highlights**

**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!

Monday, April 14th: 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM, Kinder-3rd Grade

**Ultimate Planner Party** - Want to learn how to make organization fun? Then join Mrs. Johnson for this super fun session! Using your planners and creativity, we will decorate them and learn valuable organization skills.

Friday, April 25th: 3:45 PM - 5:00 PM, 4th-6th Grade

### **Summer at the E- Make this One to Remember**

From hands-on enrichment camps to full-day summer fun, we've got something for every child to enjoy. Let your student discover new interests, build friendships, and create lasting memories—right here on campus! Check out all the exciting opportunities we have lined up this summer!

### **Discovery Day Camp 2025**

### **Summer Enrichment Camps 2025**

### **Enrichment Camp Highlight**

**Babysitter's Club/CPR/First Aid** - Considering Babysitting? We are hosting an in-person babysitting course where you can obtain your certification. In addition to the babysitting class, you will participate in a practical child and infant CPR/First Aid session, allowing you to earn your CPR certification as well.

Jun 2 and Jun 4, 2025: 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM, 6th-12th Grade

### **Looking Ahead**

- April 18-21 | Easter Break - No School
- May 5-9 | Book Fair
- May 7 | Capstone Night @ 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 Middle School Families,

How nice to return to school on Monday to cool, dry weather! We are relishing it and hope you are, too. Also hope that not too many of our families are not dealing with the after effects of water/storm damage. On Monday, two of our teachers - Ms. Melissa and Mrs. Bridges - rocked throwback 80's wear and threw out Charleston Chews to hype the Middle School Track Meet we were encouraging students to attend. We also provided food, drinks, and more Charleston Chews to those students who came out to cheer on their track and field peers!

At Thursday's Morning Meeting, middle school soccer coaches recognized 7th grader Dominic Chiappinelli as our Middle School Athlete of the Week. Here is what Coaches Robinson and Leacock said in their nomination of Dominic:

*Dominic is being recognized as our 7th Grade Athlete of the Week for his outstanding dedication, sportsmanship, and consistent effort on and off the field. He leads by example, always giving 100% in practice and encouraging his teammates to do the same. Dominic's positive attitude and determination make him a true asset to his team and a role model for others.*

Seventh grade teachers, too, conferred their Seeking the Summit Awards for the month of March. Here are some of the plaudits that teachers gave when recognizing these citizen-scholars: preparing carefully each and every day; students made the most of math lab; all assignments remitted on time; working well with others; employed useful engineering principles on their science project.

English - Louise Yates, Whitman Holsclaw

Math - Delaney Weirich, Laura Catherine Marshall

Social Studies - Bryce Blackshaw, Anna Lammers

Science - Dominic Chiappinelli, Harry Clark

Sixth grade faculty were excited to recognize their Top Cat Awardees for the month of March at Thursday's Morning Meeting (Social Studies and Writing teachers will recognize their high performers next week, as those teachers were unable to be present.) Some of the comments made by teachers in their nominations included: extra effort; solid work ethic; consistently completing assignments on time; embracing a love of learning.

English - Margaret Dake, Austin Thomas

Math - Miriam Knowlton, Clark Irwin

Science - Liam McRae, Katherine Brantley

## **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.

## **Helpful Tips on How to Support Your Teen During the Busy Season**

As we approach the final stretch of the school year, many students begin to experience signs of burnout—both emotionally and academically. Students may begin to feel overwhelmed by the pressure of exams, final projects, and packed schedules. This can lead to stress, fatigue, and a drop in motivation—especially for middle and upper schoolers. It's important for families to recognize when their teens may be struggling and to help them find ways to recharge and stay balanced. A little support and encouragement can make a big difference in helping students finish strong. We've included an article ([linked here](#)) with helpful tips on how to support your teen during this busy season.

## **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.

## **Summer 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**

Last night's opening night performance of *Twelfth Night* was one of the highlights of my week. Have you ever thought about how challenging it is to perform Shakespeare in front of a live audience? Our students did a fantastic job: congratulations to the cast and crew of the show! If you missed it last night, I encourage you to check it out either tonight or tomorrow night at 7:00 pm.

Tonight and tomorrow are also great opportunities to see our spring sports teams in action: tonight at 5:00 pm, boys varsity soccer takes on Lisa North Academy at LNA at 5:00 and varsity baseball squares off with Maumelle Charter at MC, while girls varsity soccer plays at home against Robinson at 5:30 pm. Tomorrow, girls lacrosse plays Bentonville at home at noon, and boys lacrosse plays Springfield at 12:30 pm. Girls lacrosse also plays on Sunday at home at 10:00 am against CE Byrd.

Also, please take a look below at what Learning Specialist Paige London has to say about guiding our kids to a successful end of the school year.

See you soon,

Kellen

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

#### **Helping Kids Avoid End-of-Year Burnout**

[Written by US Learning Specialist Paige London]

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### **Scholarship & Award Announcements**

We're proud to share some exciting news from our school community! Congratulations to **Ms. Lenfestey** and **Todd McCormick** on receiving the **City Education Trust 2025 Stephens Awards** for Outstanding Teacher and Student. Both will be honored at a special reception and receive a \$5,000 cash award.

We also extend our congratulations to **Jacob Katz** and **Jackson Rowell**, recipients of the **Montgomery Scholarship**—a \$6,000 renewable award through the University of Arkansas, given exclusively to Episcopal Collegiate students.

Finally, a special shoutout to **Caroline Davis**, this year's recipient of the **3R Scholarship**—a \$10,000 award recognizing a graduating senior who exemplifies Episcopal's core values: Respect, Reverence, and Responsibility.

We are incredibly proud of these students and educators for their accomplishments and the positive impact they make in our community!

### **College Counseling News**

SENIORS - Make sure you have marked the college you are attending in Scoir. Parent and seniors, mark your calendars for College T-Shirt Day coming up on Friday, May 2nd!

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.

High Point University- Monday, April 14th - 10:00 AM

High Point University is a private university located in High Point, North Carolina, near Greensboro. High Point prides itself on being a student-centered university that has many experiential learning opportunities, including undergraduate research, service opportunities, and mentorship from top leaders in the country, including the co-founders of Apple and Netflix. High Point strives to be a premier life skills university that offers an unique experience on a beautiful, 500 acre campus. HPU has a lot to offer from its butterfly garden, fire pit island, campus concierge, and dining options- including a fancy on-campus steakhouse. HPU has 6,000 undergraduate students who love to cheer on the Panthers!

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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

### PSAT (8th, 9th, & 10th Grades)

All students in grades 8, 9, and 10 will take the PSAT on the morning of Tuesday, April 15th. Kids will start the test at 8:00 am and finish around 11:00 am.

### Percussion Concert on the Quad

Bring your lawn chairs or your blankets and join us for an evening of music on Wednesday, April 16th at 6:00 pm on the Quad. Our percussion and choral groups will play a concert that you don't want to miss!

### Easter Break

In honor of Easter, school will be closed on Friday, April 18th and Monday, April 21st. We'll be back in session on Tuesday, April 22nd.

### Chapel Schedule

- Mon, 4/14 - Father Rob
- Tue, 4/15 - Percussion performance w/ guest artist Mike Vercelli
- Wed, 4/16 - Percussion performance (concert preview)
- Thu, 4/17 - Father Rob

### 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, 4/23 - 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**

### **Spring Athletic Banquet**

Wednesday, April 23, at 6:00 pm in the MS/US dining hall.

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!