

April 17, 2025

Easter Break

Have a great Easter holiday weekend! Friendly reminder, campus will be closed Friday, April 18, and Monday, April 21.

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Athletes will enjoy a complimentary dinner, (hamburger, fries, green beans, and a dessert) and any additional meals may be purchased for \$12. A vegetarian option is also available. Please join us as we gather to celebrate our amazing Wildcat athletes!

The deadline to reserve meals is Friday, April 18. Dinner will start serving at 5:30 pm

[Meal Reservation Link](#)

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.

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

It's hard to believe we've already reached Easter Break! When we return on Tuesday, we'll be just four short weeks away from the end of the school year – and there's still so much to look forward to!

In the coming weeks, we'll be busy with exciting events like the Book Fair, Capstone Night, 5th Grade Recognition, and of course, everyone's favorite – Field Day!

I've included a Book Fair volunteer sign-up link below, and I will be sending out more details about Field Day following the break.

Wishing you a restful and joyful Easter Break!

Sincerely,

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

Book Fair - May 5-9

The 2025 Lower School Book Fair is May 5-9, 2025. Please consider signing up for a shift to help Mrs. Linder and the Book Fair Committee. Can't volunteer for a shift? Mrs. Linder needs help preparing craft materials for the themed art projects she makes with students leading up to the book fair. Drop by the Lower School Library and take a packet home. No artistic ability required; most of the craft prep involves cutting and counting craft materials. Parent volunteers with students in any division are welcome.

[Shift Sign Up Link](#)



Book Drive - April 28 - May 2

The Lower School will be having its annual Book Drive during the week of April 28th through May 2nd. Families are encouraged to donate new or gently used books to support the efforts of the Arkansas Chapter of Project Transformation, a service organization that empowers young adults to build relationships with children and youth within their communities. This is a perfect opportunity to get ready for new books from the Book Fair.

Donation boxes will be placed by the main doorway as well as the cafeteria entrance to the Lower School.

Please use this [link](#) to learn more about Project Transformation.

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](mailto:Tonya.Thomas@ecps.edu), and she will have one sent home with your student.

Chapel News

In Godly Play this week we spent time finishing our Lenten journey discussing the events of Holy Week. Next week in Godly Play, we'll celebrate Easter with the story of the One who is and will always be Easter.

In PreK and Kindergarten chapels the students continued to learn about the events of Holy Week as they learned about Good Friday. In Community Chapel we celebrated Holy Week with Holy Eucharist and heard from Father Rob Leacock.

Next week, in PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll conclude our series on Holy Week as we talk about Easter. In Community Chapel we'll hear a performance by the Wildcat Chorale led by Mrs. Karen Clark.

Wednesday, April 23

- 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 22-25

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:

- Kayleigh Dillett
- Parker Easley
- Ford Fontes
- Annalise Hargrave
- Harper Hicks
- Wyatt Hilbun

Super Session Highlights

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,

We have had a good week of ERB testing in our sixth and seventh grades, and the eighth grade got their first crack at the PSAT on Tuesday. We are looking forward to tonight's middle school soccer game and the always awesome percussion concert on the quad. Best wishes for a pleasant long Easter weekend with your families and friends!

Stay well,

Chuck McCormick

Middle School Madness - Wednesday, April 30

Parents, mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 30, from 3:35 - 5:30 on The Quad! Your student won't want to miss Middle School Madness—an afternoon packed with fun, friends, and fantastic activities right after school!

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.

A Note from Dr. Graham

Here are some sundry highlights from this past week in Upper School:

On Tuesday morning, our 9th and 10th graders took the PSAT, which is a helpful practice test for the SAT.

This was also Senior Recognition week for our spring sports teams. On Tuesday and Thursday, our baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and track teams honored our senior student-athletes for their good work representing our school in their respective sports.

And last night our Percussion ensembles gave an incredible concert in the quad. The weather was nearly perfect, and the performances were outstanding.

My teammates and I wish you and your families a wonderful Easter Weekend.

Please keep reading to learn more about what's coming up in Upper School.

See you soon,

Kellen

Updates, Reminders, and Action Items

AP Testing 2025

AP Testing will begin on Monday, May 5th, and conclude on Friday, May 16th ([Testing Calendar](#)). AP teachers will communicate specific testing locations with students as we

get closer to the testing date. Students who have an 8:00 AM test will need to be in the testing location no later than 7:45 AM. Students who have a 12:00 PM test, will need to be in the testing location no later than 11:45 AM. Once testing has started, late students cannot be admitted to the room and will be required to take the test during the [late testing administration session](#) the week of May 22nd. Let Ms. Byrd (lbyrd@episcopalcollegiate.org) know if you have any questions!

Regarding AP Scores

- Sophomores and Juniors - ignore pop-ups and emails asking you to send scores to colleges. **Do NOT** send your scores.
- Seniors **should** send scores to their college.

College Counseling:

We look forward to celebrating our seniors' college decisions on Friday, May 2 at 12:10 pm in the Quad for College T-Shirt Day. Seniors will wear a t-shirt or sweatshirt from their future college with the college name in large lettering across the front. Parents, siblings, and extended family are invited to attend. Traditionally, parents bring their senior's favorite lunch for a picnic on the Quad (or gym, if raining). Picnic blankets and camping chairs are encouraged.

Helping Kids Avoid End-of-Year Burnout

[Written by US Learning Specialist Paige London]

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 [this article](#), which has helpful tips on how to support your teen during this busy season.

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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

Cum Laude Induction Ceremony

Our newest student members of our school's cum laude chapter will be inducted during a ceremony that will take place on Monday, April 22 in chapel.

Chapel Schedule

- Tue, 4/22 - Easter Eucharist
- Tue, 4/23 - Cum Laude Induction Ceremony
- Wed, 4/24 - Wildcat Choral Performance
- Thu, 4/25 - Earth Day Celebration/Presentation

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)

- 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)

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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.

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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!