

April 25, 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.

Spring Choir/Orchestra Concert - Monday, April 28

The Episcopal Collegiate Choirs and Orchestra would like to invite everyone to the Annual Spring "Pop" Concert on Monday, April 28, at 7:00 pm in the Episcopal Collegiate Dining Hall/Auditorium. The Spring Concert will feature music performed by the Wildcat Chorale, Choir 6, Episcopal Chorus (Middle School Choir), the Concert Choir (Upper School Choir), the Men's Glee Club and the Orchestra. Selections include music from "The Greatest Showman", "Into the Woods", Billy Joel, Lady Gaga, Bruno Mars, Coldplay and so much more. Come be a part of this special night of music and celebrate the final Concert of the Year!



A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

This week, our chapels were filled with energy and excitement with the return of the Alleluias! Students sang with joy, making each chapel experience truly special. Another highlight in Chapel was a beautiful performance by the Wildcat Chorale. They then took their show on the road and sang for our Middle and Upper School students, where they received four standing ovations! That has to be a new school record! They later went to PHUMC and sang for the Primetimers group and enjoyed a lovely lunch with them. I'm so proud of these students and grateful to Mrs. Clark for her leadership as they continue to bring joy to our community through music.

A few weeks ago Craig O'Neill visited the Lower School as part of his Reading Road Trip. Check out [this video](#) from his visit with 2nd grade students. It's 5 minutes of fun

that you don't want to miss! Read below to see the exciting things happening in the Lower School in the next few weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

PreK Easter Egg Hunt Pictures

Click [here](#) to view the pictures from our Easter Egg hunt last week. They had an eggcellent time!

Lower School Book Drive - April 28-May 2

The Lower School will be having its annual Book Drive this week! 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.

Book Fair - May 5-9

The 2025 Lower School Book Fair is May 5-9, 2025. Please consider signing up to work a shift. Help is especially needed on Friday, May 2 for decorations and setup. Parent volunteers with students in any division are welcome. See the shift sign up link below.

[Shift Sign Up Link](#)



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@episcopalark.org), and she will have one sent home with your student.

Chapel News

In Godly Play this week we talked about the mystery and joy of Easter!

Next week in Godly Play, we'll talk about the twelve disciples of Jesus Christ.

In PreK and Kindergarten chapels, students talked about the joy of Easter. In Community chapel we heard a wonderful performance by the Wildcat Chorale.

Next week, in PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll watch a video lesson about Jesus and his disciples. In Community chapel we'll hear from Rev. Sam Meadors, Executive Director of Project Transformation Arkansas. PT Arkansas will be the recipient of all donated books during next week's book drive.

Wednesday, April 30

- 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 28-May 2

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:

- Theo Howell
- Vivian Kalkbrenner
- James Kemp
- Mykenna Kloske
- Clayton Lee
- Jett Ludwig
- Stella Mangum

Super Session Highlights

Canva for Kids: This fun, interactive session will teach kids how to use Canva to create eye-catching posters, cards, presentations, and more! Whether beginners or budding graphic designers, students will leave feeling confident and inspired!

Grades: 4th and 5th

Location: LS222

Date: 5/2

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?

Grades: K-3

Location: LS 121

Date: 4/30

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

- 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 Morning News

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Middle School Families,

At Thursday's Morning Meeting, we commended all of our spring sports athletes who were feted at the previous evening's spring sports awards banquet. Mrs. Balcom also recognized some of her academic award winners from the previous month, which she had not been able to do earlier. Her Top Cat for exemplary effort, participation and teamwork in Introduction to Romance Languages was Claudia Lasley. Additionally, she recognized seventh grader Leighton Campbell for outstanding performance, participation, and attitude in Spanish I. Finally, on behalf of French teacher Madame Gammill, Libby Castleberry was lauded for her outstanding class participation, preparation, and citizenship in French I.

From Mrs. Radtke re. [Semester Exams](#)

I also noted that a number of our eighth graders, as well as a couple of seventh grade girls, would be playing lacrosse this weekend - girls at home on Saturday morning, nine and 10:30- and our eighth grade boys would be traveling to NWA to play Fayetteville, Bentonville, and Springdale.

Best wishes for a pleasant weekend!

Chuck McCormick

Semester Exam Schedule - Spring 2025

Thursday, May 15th

- MS Advisory | 8:00 - 8:30
- English | 8:30 - 10:30
- Conflicts | TBD

Monday, May 19th

- MS Advisory | 8:00 - 8:30
- Science | 8:30 – 10:30
- US Advisory/MS Advisory | 10:30 - 11:30
- Lunch | 11:30 - 12:30
- World Languages | 12:30 - 2:30

Tuesday, May 20th

- MS Advisory | 8:00 - 8:30
- History and Social Sciences | 8:30 – 10:30
- Conflicts | TBD

Wednesday, May 21st

- MS Advisory | 8:00 - 8:30
- Math | 8:30 – 10:30
- Conflicts | TBD

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!

We'll have:

- Dunk Tank
- Cake Walk
- DJ spinning tunes
- Photo Booth
- Frozen Treats
- Inflatable Slide
- Games and prizes

Please bring all items for the cake walk Wednesday to drop off in the morning.

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

It's the season of awards and end-of-year celebrations. On Wednesday, we inducted the newest student and faculty members into our School's chapter of the Cum Laude society. That evening, our Athletic Department hosted our Spring Athletics Banquet, at which our spring sports teams (all of which are still competing) and athletes were recognized for their outstanding contributions to their teams and to Episcopal.

Looking ahead to next week, we have the spring Choir Concert on Monday evening, and we will induct new members into our World Language and Speech/Debate Honor Societies next week.

I encourage you to take a look at the AP and End-of-Semester Exam Schedules, as well as the Spring Exam Prep Guide, which outlines effective study strategies for our students.

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.

AP Exam Schedule

[*AM = 8:00-12:00 | PM = 12:00-4:00]

Mon, 5/5	Biology - AM
	European History - PM

Tue, 5/6	Chemistry - AM
Wed, 5/7	English Literature - AM
Thur, 5/8	Statistics - AM World History - PM
Fri, 5/9	US History - AM Art & Design (Portfolio deadline = 8:00 PM)
Mon, 5/12	Calculus AB & BC - AM Seminar - PM
Tue, 5/13	No Exams
Wed, 5/14	English Language - AM Physics C: Mechanics - PM
Thur, 5/15	Spanish Language - AM
Fri, 5/16	Psychology - PM

Spring Semester Exam Schedule

Thur, 5/15	English Exams (8:30-10:30 AM)
Fri, 5/16	No Exams
Mon, 5/19	Science Exams (8:30-10:30 AM) World Language Exams (12:30-2:30 PM) *Students who have a science and world language exam are required to stay on campus between exams. Lunch will be served in the dining hall between exams.

Tue, 5/20	History & Social Sciences Exams (8:30-10:30 AM)
Wed, 5/21	Math Exams (8:30-10:30 AM)

Spring Exam Prep Guide

Check out this helpful resource that guides our students through the exam review process. It was created by Learning Specialist Ms. Paige London and Director of Student Support Services Ms. Catherine Radtke. Closer to exam week, we will hold three advisory study halls during which advisors will review study strategies with students.

Helping Kids Avoid End-of-Year Burnout

[Written by US Learning Specialist Paige London]

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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

Spring Choir Concert

I hope to see many of you at our spring choir concert on Monday, April 28th at 7:00 pm in the dining hall. Under the direction of Mr. Stephen Vano, our singers have rehearsed diligently to put on a great show.

World Language Honor Societies Induction Ceremony

Our World Language Honor Societies Induction Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 29th during chapel. Your child has been notified if they are being inducted, and we welcome parents and friends to attend the induction ceremony.

Family Night

Wednesday, April 30th is our last Family Night of this school year. On Family Night, all school activities end by 5:00 pm, and students will not sit for assessments or turn in homework the next day.

National Forensic League Induction Ceremony

Our National Forensic League Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 1st during chapel. Your child has been notified if they are being inducted, and we parents and friends to attend the ceremony.

College T-Shirt Day & Senior Family Picnic

Friday, May 2nd is College T-Shirt Day. Members of the Class of '25 are invited to wear a t-shirt representing the college or university they will attend next year. During FLEX/Lunch (12:10-1:25), we will hold our annual Senior Family Picnic on the Quad,

which is an awesome opportunity for senior families to be together on campus to celebrate our senior class.

Chapel Schedule

- Mon, 4/28 - Father Rob
- Tue, 4/29 - World Language Honor Societies Induction Ceremonies
- Wed, 4/30 - Reverend Thomas Alexander
- Thu, 5/1 - National Forensic League (Speech/Debate) Induction Ceremony
- Fri, 5/2 - Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration

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, 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!