

May 9, 2025

### **Class Day Ceremony & Baccalaureate Update**

Each spring, we strive to minimize conflicts between the School's culminating celebrations and the schedules for AP exams and postseason athletics. While most events can be planned well in advance, the timing of state tournaments, set by the Arkansas Athletics Association (AAA), is outside of our control. Even so, we remain committed to ensuring that as many students as possible have the opportunity to participate fully in these important traditions.

Due to projected postseason conflicts involving our boys and girls varsity soccer teams, we will make the following adjustments:

- **Class Day** will now be held on Friday, May 16, at 8:30 a.m. in the Championship Gym. This will be a combined Class Day ceremony for Middle and Upper Schools.
- **Baccalaureate** will now take place on Friday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Cathedral.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we work to honor our seniors in the most inclusive and meaningful way possible.

### **A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher**

It's been a fantastic week in the Lower School, filled with excitement and community spirit! From the Book Fair and Capstone Night to our author visit with Kelly Corrigan, there was so much to celebrate. A heartfelt thank you to all the Book Fair volunteers and to the parents and families who joined us for these special events—we're so grateful for your involvement!

I also want to extend a huge thank you to our Teacher Appreciation Committee for showering our faculty with delicious treats throughout the week. And to the parents who stepped in to cover lunch duty on Monday—thank you for giving our teachers the rare gift of a kid-free lunch here at school. Your support means the world to us!

Next week, we look forward to two special events in the Lower School:

- Final Eucharist Celebration – Please join us on Wednesday at 2:15 PM (note the earlier time) for our final chapel service of the year. It's a meaningful moment for our community to come together in reflection and gratitude.
- Wildcat Walkup – On Friday from 8:45–9:30 AM, students will visit their next grade level to get a preview of what's to come. This is a time for curiosity and exploration—not for focusing on teacher assignments, but rather to help students feel excited for the year ahead.

The following week, we'll honor our amazing 5th grade class with a Recognition Ceremony, followed by the much-anticipated Field Day on Wednesday. Be sure to check out the Field Day reminders and volunteer opportunities below—we'd love your help to make it a smooth and memorable day for everyone!

There's still plenty of fun ahead as we wrap up the year.

Sincerely,

Catherine Schuhmacher  
Head of Lower School

### **Field Day is Wednesday, May 21!**

It's one of the most exciting days of the year, and we can't wait to celebrate with our students!

Important Reminders for Parents:

- Please apply sunscreen at home before school.
- Send your child with a towel or a change of clothes—they'll be going down the slip-n-slide!
- Parents are welcome to join their child's class out on the field during Field Day activities.

Grade-Level Field Day Times:

- PreK 3 – 1st Grade: 8:15–9:30 AM
- 2nd – 5th Grade: 9:45–11:45 AM

### **We Need Your Help!**

Field Day can't happen without our amazing volunteers. If you're available, please consider signing up for a volunteer shift [here](#). We ask that volunteers don't bring siblings since we want to make sure volunteers are supervising our students throughout each activity.

Let's make this the best Field Day yet!



2025 ECS Field Day  
[signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)

### **Attention 5th Grade Parents**

Our 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 20 at 1:30pm in the gym. Students should wear Dress Uniform for this ceremony. Following the ceremony, 4th grade parents will host a brief reception in the cafeteria. We hope to see you at this special event where we celebrate our 5th grade students!

### **Library Note from Mrs. Linder**

All student library books are due on Monday, May 12, 2025. If you have a lost or damaged library book, please email Mrs. Linder. Lost or damaged books can be charged to your FACTS account, or you can send cash or check (made to Episcopal Collegiate). Please do not buy replacement copies of the books because Mrs. Linder prefers to purchase library bound copies so they last longer! Happy Reading!

### **Chapel News**

In Godly Play this week, we worked with all the stories we've discussed this semester including Epiphany, Holy Baptism, Parable of the Good Shepherd, Parable of the Good Samaritan, Parable of the Great Pearl, Parable of the Sower, Parable of the Mustard Seed, The Mystery of Easter, The Faces of Easter, and Jesus and the Twelve Disciples.

Next week in Godly Play, we'll talk about our last story of the year - The Mystery of Pentecost.

In PreK and Kindergarten chapels, we talked about prayer and read *When I Pray for You* by Matthew Paul Turner. In Community chapel we heard from middle and upper school percussion students led by Mr. Saoud.

Next week, in PreK and Kindergarten chapels we'll talk about Pentecost. In Community chapel, we'll have our final regular chapel of the school year and celebrate Holy Eucharist. Note the earlier start time!

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

- 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

Grace & Peace,

Michelle Moore  
Interim Lower School Chaplain

### **Pride Patrol - May 12-16**

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:

- Evie Peek
- June Querdibitty
- Barrett Robinson
- Landry Rolston
- Wyatt Sappington
- Nama Scarborough
- Oliver Sherrill

### **Super Session Highlight**

**Pokemon Club** - Did you miss the first Pokémon Adventure? Well we are back with another opportunity to join in on all the fun! 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 and earn special card rankings based on skills. Who will have the mightiest card?

Kinder - 3rd Grade ; Wednesday May 14th ; 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM

**Summer at the E - Make This Summer 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](#)

#### Looking Ahead

- 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,

Yesterday I sent out some important information about year-end activities and exams that I will again link [here](#). At Monday's Morning Meeting, our seventh grade teachers recognized those students, their "Seeking the Summit" winners, who excelled in terms of attitude and effort during the month of April in their different classes. Here are some of the plaudits teachers used to describe their recipients: *both winners improved as students this month; spirit of growth and determination, unwavering dedication to excellence, curiosity; perseverance - these students have not given up; always have a positive attitude and participate well in class.*

- English 7 - Anna Lammers, Francis Maingi
- Science 7 - Anna Katherine Crow, James Davis
- Social Studies - Evie Paul, Lucca Sassoon
- Mathematics - Barclay Blair, Andre Bernard

At Thursday's Morning Meeting, sixth grade teachers commended their April "Top Cats." Some of the commendations teachers made in their nominations of these students included: *The Students have shown tremendous growth over the course of the year; hard work, consistency, and intellectual curiosity; trending upward and finishing strongly, good listeners, respectful.*

- English 6 - Emma-Wiley Davis, Mary Mac Smart
- Marth 6 - Marco Gutierrez, Liam Strother
- Social Studies - Steven Liu, Kathryn Koch

- Science - Amelia Suffridge, Thomas Walker
- Writing - Celine Boyd, Ruby Harrison

Have a great weekend!

Chuck McCormick

### **2025 National Mythology Exam Award Winners**

The Pegasus National Mythology Exam is administered in February of each year in grades 3-8 by the American Classical League to over 6,500 students at over 450 schools across the United States. The focus is on Classical Greek Mythology and this year the special myth theme was on the Greek myths of creation. We had mostly eighth graders taking the exam, but a handful of seventh and sixth graders took it also. Our winners were:

#### National Mythology Exam Cum Laude Certificate

- Lily Gregory
- Isabella Hargrave
- Andrew House
- Ben Grumbles
- Reid Kirkhuff
- Nakiya Owens
- Evelyn Dickinson
- Charlotte Warren
- Soren Kirkhuff
- Lucas Roe
- Sam Coon
- and Woodrow Meaux

#### National Mythology Exam Magna Cum Laude Certificate and Ribbon

- Mary Erwin Bright
- Abby Haselow
- Ellis Ann Whaley
- and Stephen Liu

#### National Mythology Exam Maxima Cum Laude Certificate and Silver Medallion

- Serena Utter
- and Max McGeorge

#### National Mythology Exam Summa Cum Laude Certificate and Gold Medallion

- Evie Paul
- Matsy Leacock
- and Sara Dalvi

Thanks for all the hard work our students put in through the semester!

## **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

## **DEADLINE TODAY, FRIDAY, MAY 9: 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.

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

We have two weeks left in the school year.

Looking ahead to next week...

Our students will spend Monday and Tuesday doing in-class review for their end-of-semester exams. During those exam sessions, teachers will preview exams, invite kids to ask questions, and review study guides. Our rising seniors (the class of 2026) will participate in their Senior Blazer Ceremony on Tuesday afternoon, during which they will receive their senior blazers, marking their official transition to senior year.

Wednesday is Reading Day in Upper School, which means attendance for students is optional. Preparing for exams is the name of the game on Wednesday, and students are encouraged to come to school to read, study, and work with teachers that day. Lunch will be provided in the dining hall.

Upper and Middle School Class Day, our annual end-of-year awards ceremony, will be held on Friday, May 16th at 8:30 am in Championship Gym. Advisors are contacting families of student award recipients, and all US and MS families are invited to attend. On Friday evening at 6:30 pm at Trinity Cathedral, our seniors will have their Baccalaureate at Trinity Cathedral.

And on Saturday morning (May 17) at 9:30 am, we will hold Commencement for the Class of 2025.

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. See here for the [Testing Calendar](#). Additionally, here is a link to the [Room Assignments Calendar](#). Ms. Byrd will send an email the day before an exam indicating testing room assignments and providing reminders and important updates. Please check these as room assignments may change at the last minute.

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. Students need to come to their tests with a fully-charged laptop and charger. Snacks will be provided for students testing.

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](mailto: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.

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## **Senior College T-Shirt Photo**

Seniors, please send your individual college t-shirt photo to [photos@episcopalcollegiate.org](mailto:photos@episcopalcollegiate.org). If you don't have a preferred photo, email us to schedule a time to take one on campus.

## **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.

## **College Counseling News**

### **Princeton Review SAT Course**

Episcopal Collegiate School is pleased to offer a free Princeton Review SAT Test Prep Workshop to rising 11th and 12th grade students this summer in preparation for the August 23rd SAT. 20 hours of in-person instruction will be provided to students using Princeton Review SAT test preparation books and online practice problems in preparation for the digital SAT on August 23. Students will have access to all of

Princeton Review's practice tests and materials. The course is taught by Episcopal Collegiate School faculty trained by Princeton Review.

Monday, July 28 - Friday, August 1

Monday, August 4 - Thursday, August 7

1:00-3:30 pm

Students will have a final review day on Sunday, August 17.

[Register here](#) by today, May 9.

### **Junior College Counseling Meetings & Surveys**

Juniors - if you and your parents would like to hold a year-end meeting with your college counselor to discuss your college list, continued standardized testing, summer plans, or college tours, please make an appointment soon with your college counselor.

### **[Lauren Byrd Sign-Up](#)**

### **[Tricia Morgan Sign-Up](#)**

Also, please help your college counselor and teachers write those valuable letters of recommendation by giving them some additional information in the Student and Parents Surveys in [Scoil](#).

### **Unlock Your Student's Potential This Summer**

Hi Parents,

As I transition from my role as Upper School Counselor to a private practice therapist, I am still offering the [Highlands Ability Battery](#) to Episcopal students in rising 10th-12th grades and alumni at a special discounted rate.

The results from this engaging, research-backed battery offers deep insights into each student's natural abilities, cognitive strengths, work preferences, and potential career paths—guiding smarter decisions about college majors and future careers.

The package includes:

- Comprehensive individual results: student, adult, career, leadership reports, and supplemental insights
- A one-hour personalized debrief
- Lifetime access to results and an extensive career database

Episcopal families receive this full package at a 50% discounted rate compared to public offerings through Odyssey College Prep.

For more information and details on pricing you can contact me at my school email address until May 21st or at [annakteravest@gmail.com](mailto:annakteravest@gmail.com).

It has been a true pleasure working with Episcopal students and their families over the past nine years. I would welcome any opportunity to continue to work with our students in the future.

Warm regards,  
Anna TerAvest, LCSW

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### **Coming up Next Week**

**AP Exams (see the schedule above)**

### **In-Class Review Days**

Monday, May 12th and Tuesday, May 13 will be devoted to in-class exam review in all US classes. Teachers will preview and help students prepare for their upcoming exams in these review sessions.

### **Moving Up Ceremony**

Moving Up Ceremony happens in chapel on Monday, May 12th when each grade level literally moves "up" a row in their chapel seating, and we welcome our rising 6th graders to our Middle School.

## **Rising Senior (Class of '26) Blazer Ceremony**

On Tuesday, May 13th at 2:35 pm, we will hold our annual Rising Senior Blazer Ceremony, during which the Class of 2026 will be officially recognized as rising seniors, and each member of the class will receive their senior blazer. Family and special friends of the class of '26 are invited to attend.

## **Reading Day**

Reading Day caps off our in-school review for end-of-semester exams. Student attendance on reading day is optional. Teachers will be here all day, ready to work with students. We encourage students to consider coming to school to study, read, and work with their teachers. Lunch will be served in the dining hall.

## **End of Q4**

The 4th (and final) quarter of the school year ends on Wednesday.

## **Graduation Rehearsal for Class of '25**

All members of the Class of '25 are required to attend Graduation Rehearsal on Wednesday, May 14, at 10:00am in Championship Gym.

## **English Exams**

English exams for non-AP students in grades 9, 10 & 11 will take place on Thursday, May 15, at 8:30am in the Upper School.

## **US/MS Class Day**

US/MS Class Day will be held on Friday, May 16, at 8:30pm in Championship Gym. Advisors are reaching out to the families of student award recipients, and all families are invited to attend. US and MS will dismiss on Friday at 12:00pm, and lunch will not be served in the dining hall.

## **Baccalaureate**

Baccalaureate will be held on Friday, May 16, at 6:30pm at Trinity Cathedral. Seniors are required to attend this event in dress uniform, and family and friends of the Class of '25 are warmly welcomed to attend.

## **Commencement**

Commencement for the Class of 2025 will take place in the Championship Gym at 9:30 am on Saturday, May 17. All Episcopal families and special friends are invited to attend.

## Chapel Schedule

- Mon, 5/12 - Moving Up Ceremony
- Tue, 5/13 - Rising Senior (Class of '26) Blazer 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)

- 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)

## Natural State Lacrosse League - May 3-4

Natural State Lacrosse League, the state's league for Boys and Girls High School Lacrosse, will hold the state playoffs this weekend, May 3rd and 4th, at Hendrix College in Conway at Young-Wise Memorial Stadium. The girls play Saturday at 1:30 pm and the boys play Saturday at 4:00 pm. Programs from Central and Northwest Arkansas will participate in the playoffs. Please review [this press release](#) for the announcement and schedule.

## Summer Rowing Camps

Join us for our 2025 Summer Rowing Camps! Open to beginners and intermediate rowers, camps run Monday–Thursday mornings near the Two Rivers Bridge beginning in June. Spots are limited to 10 per camp and fill fast! To sign up, contact Coach Ted Riedeburg at rowcoachjax@gmail.com or text 904-553-7557. More information at [this link](#).

## 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!