



LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

July 24, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS: AUGUST

- 7** New Parent Dinner 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Upper School Gym
- 11** Back to School Fair 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- 11** New Parent/Student Orientation 2:00–2:30 p.m. in LS/MS Cafetorium
- 11** Popcorn with the Principals 2:30–3:00 p.m. in LS/MS Cafetorium
- 11** Meet the Teacher 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- 13** First Day of School, Chapel at 9:30 a.m. (*normally at 8:15 a.m.*)
- 15** First Grade Bible Dedication Ceremony 8:30 am in LS/MS Cafetorium
- 20** Lower School: Individual Fall Picture Day!
- 21** Lower School Back to School Night 6:00–7:30 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD: SEPTEMBER

- 1** Labor Day – no school for student, faculty/staff
- 4** Eagle Extravaganza
- 5** Late Arrival 9:00 a.m.
- 12** Pre-K/Kindergarten Fire Truck Visit
- 16** Lower School: Individual Picture Make-up Day
- 19** Pre-K/Kindergarten Tilly the Tooth Visit

- 24** See you at the Cross! More details to follow
- 26** Fort Bend County Fair Day – no school for students, faculty/staff

NOTE FROM MRS. CLAYTON, HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL:

Dear Lower School Families,

I hope you're soaking up the last bit of summer and savoring time with your loved ones. The countdown to the first day of school has officially begun, and we can't wait to see our students' smiling faces back on campus!

Our team has been working hard to create a smooth and joy-filled start to the year. Whether it's preparing classrooms, finalizing carline plans, or refining our communication tools, every detail has been thoughtfully considered with your child in mind.

Next week, we'll be sending a detailed update with important information regarding handbook changes, carline procedures, dress code, and other key details to help you feel prepared for the start of school.

I'm so grateful for your partnership and are always here to support you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there's anything you need.

Let's make this year one to remember. We are praying for your family and are excited to welcome you back very soon!

With Gratitude,
Stephanie Clayton

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August 11: Back-to-School Fair – This will be from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the LS/MS Gym, Cafetorium, etc. It is a fun come-and-go event! You will be able to pick up spirit store gear (if it was purchased before July 9, 2025; orders purchased after July 9 will ship to your home), Taher will have food samples, and you can enjoy a Kona Ice. The following booths will be available in the LS/MS Gym for you to stop by to ask questions: School Nurse, Taher, Extended Care, PTF, Booster Club, Athletics, and Fine Arts.

August 11: New Student/Parent Orientation – 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the LS/MS Cafetorium – New families will be able to meet other new Eagle families, connect with our admin team, learn about Blackbaud, lunch accounts, and Lower School procedures.

August 11: Popcorn with the Principals – 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. in the LS/MS Cafetorium – We'd love for you to join us immediately following the New Student/Parent Orientation to enjoy some popcorn, say hello, and share a bit about your summer with us. We hope to see you there!

August 11: Meet the Teacher – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Each student will receive a back-to-school packet that will consist of carline procedures and carline tags, chapel schedule, lunch menu, nurse information, Extended Care details, etc.

- Class lists will be emailed to you at noon and will be posted outside of the classrooms before you arrive for Meet the Teacher.
- PK/K Parents: Please bring the 1-inch nap mat, so students don't have to carry it on the first day of school.

August 15: First Grade Bible Dedication Ceremony – 8:30 a.m. in the LS/MS Cafetorium – We are thrilled to invite parents and families to join us for this meaningful milestone in your child's spiritual journey. During the ceremony, each first grader will receive a personal Bible as we celebrate their growth in faith. Following the dedication, please stay for light refreshments and a photo opportunity to commemorate this special moment. We look forward to sharing this joyful occasion with you!

August 17: Back to School Night – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the LS/MS Cafetorium

- Parents are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafetorium for a brief welcome and important updates, including handbook highlights, communication procedures, expectations, Raptor check-in, LunchTab, and more.
- At approximately 6:30 p.m., you'll be dismissed to the designated locations listed below to meet your child's teacher, learn more about the curriculum, and hear about daily routines and classroom expectations.

Please note: The side doors near the Gym will open at 5:50 p.m., and families may head directly to the Cafetorium. This allows teachers time to prepare for the evening. We kindly ask that only parents participate in this event.

- After the Cafetorium session (6:00–6:30 p.m.), please proceed to the following locations based on your child's grade level:
 - PK–2nd Grade: Your child's classroom
 - 3rd Grade: Lower School/Middle School Gym
 - 4th Grade: Lower School/Middle School Cafetorium

REMINDERS

Calendars

[2025-2026 Instructional Calendar](#)

[2025-2026 Traditions Calendar](#)

School Times

Pre-K and Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm

1st – 4th Grade: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 pm

Lunch Times

Pre-K, Kindergarten: 10:30 am – 11:00 am

1st Grade, 2nd Grade: 11:00 am – 11:30 am

3rd Grade, 4th Grade: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

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