




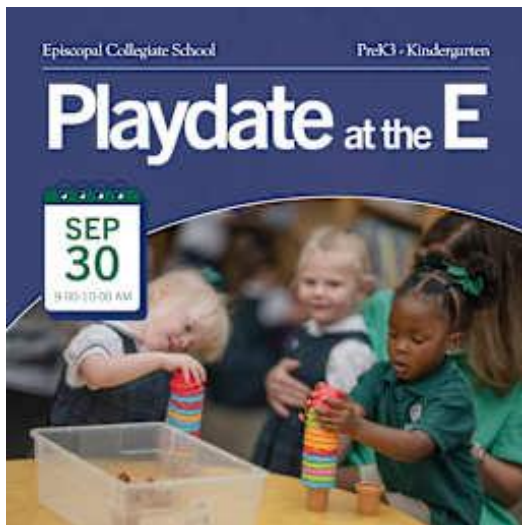
September 26, 2025

Admissions Events: Playdate at the E

Have friends or family interested in Episcopal Collegiate? Students in PreK3–Kindergarten are invited to campus for a fun morning of storytime, activities, and playground adventures to experience what it's like to be a Wildcat! Registration form is [linked here](#).

 Tuesday, September 30, 2025
 Episcopal Collegiate Lower School
 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Please note that this is not a testing day, but an opportunity to explore, play, and discover the Wildcat experience. Space is limited, so register today!



Grandparents & Special Friends Day (October 3)- Important Information for Parents and Students

In anticipation of a wonderful turnout, and due to limited parking space on campus, this day is reserved for grandparents and special friends. All students from PreK through 5th grade will be performing their songs and dances for a special parent preview on September 24 at 8:15 a.m. in the Lower School. The all-school program on October 3 will be live-streamed.

- All students are required to wear their dress uniform on Friday, October 3.
- Upper School student drivers are expected to park in the Dillard's parking lot and a shuttle will provide transportation across Cantrell onto campus in the morning and following dismissal.
- Lower School students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. [Wildcat Club is available by registration.](#)

- Middle / Upper School students will be dismissed at noon. No aftercare will be provided for Middle School students.
- School lunch will not be provided on Friday, October 3.

Please contact Assistant Head of School, Matt Radtke at mradtke@episcopalcollegiate.org or Director of Advancement, Hannah Bryan at hbryan@episcopalcollegiate.org with any questions you may have.

If your child's grandparent or special friend would like to register for the event please [use this link](#). We look forward to celebrating this special day once again!

Wildcat Roundup: Wednesday, October 8, from 4:30-6:00 PM



YEEHAW, Wildcats! Get ready to saddle up on Wednesday, October 8th from 4:30-6pm on the football field and in Wildcat Alley. Wildcat Roundup is the Lower School's fall festival with bounce houses, face painting, games, and more! Contact Elizabeth Daniel, Olivia Ramsey, or Alicia Hughes if you have any questions about this evening of FUN for our Wildcat buckaroos.

- Elizabeth Daniel-ebd@uncbusiness.net
- Olivia Ramsey-oliviahramsey@gmail.com
- Alicia Hughes-ahughes1@episcopalcollegiate.org

Parent volunteers needed- sign up [HERE!](#)

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Concessions and Gate

A BIG thank you to all who have volunteered and made this an extremely, smooth start to fall sports! We are grateful for our parents who love and support our Wildcats. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Signup form is [linked here](#).

Go Wildcats!

Laura (lkschoe@gmail.com) and Mary Margaret (Margaret-mmj48@hotmail.com)

School Pictures Update

Didn't get a chance to turn in your picture order form? No worries! Online order form is [linked here](#) for families who still wish to purchase photos.

Picture Retake Day will be Wednesday, October 22, for all students in PreK–11th grade who missed picture day. Seniors will receive a separate email with their ordering link once their photos are ready (please note: this is a different site than the one used for other grades).

Admission Season is Already Here!

Over the past few years, Episcopal has seen an increase in inquiries and applications, and as a result, we opened the 2025-26 school year with a record enrollment of 842 students.

Episcopal is intentional when it comes to class size, allowing our students to feel known and cherished. Given the increase in applications, we encourage you to [submit an application](#) for any sibling(s) currently not enrolled who plan to attend the upcoming 2026-27 school year. While submitting an application does not guarantee admission, it is an essential step to start the admission process for your child(ren). We are thrilled about the growing interest in our school and want to provide every opportunity for current families to benefit from our programs.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Director of Admissions, Mary Jane Briggs, at mjbriggs@episcopalcollegiate.org, or Associate Director of Admissions, Mahlon Martin, at mmartin@episcopalcollegiate.org.

Thank you for being a valued part of Episcopal Collegiate!

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

We hope you were able to join us for the Parent Preview of the Lower School Grandparents' and Special Friends Program on Wednesday. If you missed it—or if your special guests are unable to attend the event on Friday, October 3—the program will be livestreamed at 9:00 a.m. on the Lower School YouTube channel linked [here](#).

We have an exciting week ahead in the Lower School. On Tuesday, September 30 at 5:00 p.m., second-grade parents are invited to a Math Chat with our math specialist, Ms. Nichols. On Wednesday, October 1, we will celebrate our annual Blessing of the Animals chapel. Students are invited to bring a small stuffed animal (that fits in their backpack) or a photo of a pet to be blessed during the service. No live animals, please.

On Thursday, October 2, at 2:00 p.m., our first-grade monarchs will make their "migration" to Mexico—Quinn Teaching Gardens—as part of our annual Monarch Migration event. All parents and grandparents are invited to join us for this special event.

Then, on Friday, October 3, we will celebrate Grandparents' and Special Friends Day. Students should wear their dress uniforms. After the morning program, guests will join their students in the Lower School for classroom visits. The Lower School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m., and Wildcat Club will remain open until 6:00 p.m. If your child will be leaving early with a guest, please make sure they sign out their student in the classroom.

We're looking forward to a memorable week in the Lower School. Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

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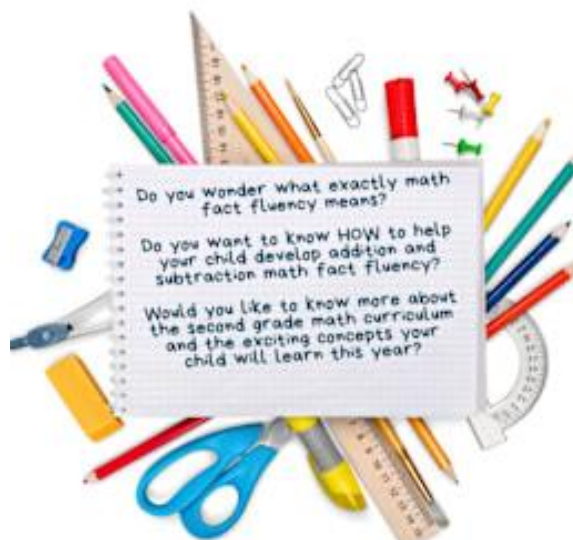
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Math Chat with Ms. Nichols for 2nd Grade Parents



Join our math specialist, Mary Ann Nichols, for a Math Chat for families of Second Graders! Tuesday, Sept. 30th, 5:00 pm in Ms. Shannon's classroom

Parent Securly Session - October 6

Please join us in the Middle School library at 8:15 a.m. to learn how to use Securly Home, the digital safety platform that helps you monitor and manage your child's online activity on school-issued devices. During this session, you'll discover how to:

- View your child's browsing history, searches, and flagged activity.
- Set screen time limits, create schedules, and pause internet access.
- Allow or block specific sites or categories.
- Receive alerts and weekly activity reports to stay informed.

Empower yourself with tools and tips to help keep your child safe and focused online.

Lower School Flu Clinic - Tuesday, October 7, 2025 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library



Everyone in the Episcopal Community is welcome to participate. The Arkansas Department of Health Consent Form is required for each person receiving the vaccine, fill out the front and back of the form. There is no charge for the vaccine, however it is necessary to fill out the section on insurance information, if applicable. If your insurance pays for a flu vaccine then ADH will file paperwork for reimbursement.

Forms will be sent home in your child's backpack this Friday. Flu forms are also available in any Division Office, or using the link below. If you are printing the form off at home try and print on one piece of paper, front and back.

Please turn in your forms to any Division Office or the School Nurse by Friday October 3rd. (This is important for ordering an accurate amount of vaccine and to preview the forms for errors). Always read over the VIS for vaccine information, linked below.

Students will be called out by grade to receive their vaccine. Parents can come at any time, but we would like to recommend that your child receive their vaccine with their classmates.

Please note that if your child displays anxiety or refuses to take the vaccine we will notify you by the number listed on the back of the Flu Consent Form.

If you have any questions please call Nurse Rawn at 501-372-1194 ext. 2304 or email Nurse Rawn at wrawn@episcopalcollegiate.org

- [Flu Vaccine Form](#)
- [VIS Information](#)

Try Lacrosse Day - Saturday, October 11, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Boys and girls in grades 3-8 who have little or no lacrosse experience are invited to a "Try Lacrosse" event sponsored by the Girls' and Boys' Varsity Lacrosse programs and co-sponsored by the Little Rock Lacrosse Club. Sticks and balls will be provided, and students will be introduced to the basics of the game. Registration will open at 9:30am at Episcopal's Blass Field.

Chapel News

In PreK and Kindergarten chapels we read the story of Noah's Ark in the Spark Story Bible. In Community Chapel, we all enjoyed a preview of the Grandparents Day program! Next week, in Community Chapel we will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals in all chapels. Students are invited to bring a small stuffed animal (must be able to fit in their backpack) or pictures of pets they have at home to be blessed by Father Rob Leacock in chapel on Wednesday, October 1.

We hope you can join us for Chapel on Wednesdays. Note the new chapel times (and location for PreK and Kindergarten) this year listed below. You are always welcome!

- 1st-5th: 8:00-8:30pm, Erwin Performance Hall & Gymnasium
- PreK 3: 8:50-9:10am, Godly Play Classroom, Room 142 (next to Library)
- PreK 4: 9:20-9:40am, Godly Play Classroom, Room 142 (next to Library)
- Kindergarten: 10:00-10:20am, Godly Play Classroom, Room 142 (next to Library)

Chapel Duties for Community Chapel on Wednesday, October 1, 2025:

Procession:

- Cross: Annie Smith
- Candle: Clayton Lee
- Candle: Parker Easley

Readers:

- Bonnie McCauley
- Helen Moyers
- Theo Howell

Cantors:

- Adeline Parnell
- Kenzie Cook
- Sterling Harvey

1st Grade Partners:

Alexander Eubanks

- Stella Mangum
- Bradley Suffridge
- Frankie Patton
- Sadie Prater
- Wyatt Hilbun

Grace & Peace,

Michelle Moore
Lower School Chaplain

Pride Patrol: September 29- October 3

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:

- June Querdibitty
- Barrett Robinson
- Preston Robinson
- Landry Rolston
- Vivian Rudofsky
- Wyatt Sappington

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Little Rockers Start Date - Monday, November 3

Registration for the 2025-2026 season of the Little Rockers Kids Marathon program is now open. This after-school activity is available to 1st through 5th grade students and meets on Monday afternoons from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Participants complete 25.1 miles throughout the season and run their final mile during the weekend of the Little Rock Marathon on Saturday, February 28. Please use this [link](#) to sign up. Should you have any questions about the program, please contact **Mr. Alex Daniel**.

PSL Handbook

All 3rd-5th grade parents should have received the PSL Handbook earlier this week. It is linked below if you missed it. Please direct any questions to **Micah Marsh**.

[PSL Handbook](#)

Mark Your Calendars

- September 30 | Math Chat with Ms. Nichols, 2nd grade families, 5:00pm
- October 2 | Monarch Migration, 1st Grade
- October 3 | Grandparents and Special Friends' Day, 11:30am dismissal
- October 6 | Securely Parent Training, Middle School Library, 8:15am-9:00am
- October 8 | Wildcat Roundup, 4:30pm-6:00pm
- October 9-10 | Fall Break
- October 24 | Family/Teacher Conference Day, No School

Quick Links

[Lower School Live Morning News](#)

What's for Lunch?

Our SAGE dining menu is always just a click away! You can find it under the Parent and Student Quick Links dropdown menu on the Episcopal Collegiate website – or view it [directly here](#).

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Hello, Parents,

Yesterday we held a Middle School only Pep Rally to get our community excited about fall sports and supporting our cheer, football, and volleyball teams this evening. Thank you to Bess Fontes from the Parents' Auxiliary for organizing the tailgate event and providing the food, to Coach Carter and Coach Marsh for setting up the tent and grill, and to all of the students, faculty, and families for coming and celebrating our fall teams!

Last week, students in all advisory groups began to look at their study/organization/time management habits and skills through both self-assessments and advisory discussions around executive functioning skills. While we have always worked with our students on these skills, we are excited about doing more so intentionally and in all grades this year!

MS Athletes of the Week: Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country

From Girls' Coach Kara Lenfestey: This season in Girls Cross Country, we've got an awesome crew of 16 runners who know how to work hard, race hard, and sprinkle in some fun along the way. I'm so proud of everything they've put in this year, and I can't wait to see how strong, fast, and unstoppable they'll become as the seasons go on.

A big shoutout goes to our Cross Country Athlete of the Week! She may not always be crossing the finish line first, but she's definitely leading the pack when it comes to effort and attitude. She's the one who shows up first, gives 100% every single practice, and keeps pushing even when her brain whispers, "I just want to walk." But guess what? She never does! And that grit is what makes her shine. Congratulations Matsy Leacock!

From Boys' Coach Scott Lien: Lots of great runs from our 7th- and 8th-graders, so I'm proud of the entire team. They work together and train together and compete together! Andrew Saoud crossed the line first among our MS runners, so let's give him a shout out for being fast and fearless! Congratulations Andrew!

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Attendance and Participation in Sports/Activities/Dances/Socials

Per our athletic handbook, students are ineligible to practice or play after school sports/activities, or attend school-related social events, if they have been absent from school that day. Students must be at school for a half day or more to be eligible to take part in after school events.

Community Service Requirement

All middle school students are required to complete five hours of community service each year. This requirement can be met by working in the concessions area with a parent or via myriad off-campus activities such as volunteering at the Arkansas Food Bank.

Dropping Your Child Off in the Morning

If you drop your child off prior to 7:30am, please drop them off at the entrance across from the Wildcat Statue. They are able to enter that part of the building and be supervised in the dining hall until the middle school building officially opens at 7:30.

Message to 6th Grade/PSL Families from Athletic Director Micah Marsh

Dear Wildcat Parents,

Attached you will find the updated [PSL sports handbook](#) for the 2025-26 school year. This resource was developed to increase transparency and address many of the questions and issues that have come up as the Private School League continues to grow.

Inside, you will find important information about how the league operates in the sports of flag football, tackle football, volleyball, cheer, and basketball. The handbook also outlines key details on eligibility, expectations, scheduling, and communication.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to review the handbook so that you are familiar with the guidelines in the seasons ahead.

We are excited for what promises to be a great year of competition and growth, and we are grateful for your support as our athletes represent our school with pride.

Sincerely,
Micah Marsh

A Note from Dr. Graham

With two weeks left in the first quarter, we are focused on finishing the marking period strong, while we move into one of the school year's most dynamic, fun-filled stretches. On Friday, we will welcome Grandparents and Special Friends to campus for our annual Grandparents' Day celebration. The first quarter ends the following week, on Wednesday, October 8th, and, after that, we go on Fall Break. When we return on Monday, October 13th, it will be Homecoming Week! Please check out below for more information about HoCo special dress days and ordering t-shirts.

Earlier this week, I emailed you directions for signing up for your child's Fall Conference on Friday, October 24th. You can read my note about conferences here. Our team is excited to see you on conference day.

Thank you for continued collaboration. Please keep reading to learn more about what's happening in Upper School.

Kellen

Updates, Reminders, and Action Items

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Homecoming 2025 (October 13 - October 18th)

The Upper School student council is excited to announce 'Mission: Homecoming,' an out-of-this-world spirit week that is just around the corner. Order your spirit shirt [here](#) - orders are due by Tuesday September 30th at 4:00 pm. Here are our spirit week dress up days:

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We will review dress guidelines with our students in the days leading up to HoCo Week. Start planning your outfits and get ready for a week of fun!

Costa Rica 2026: Adventure, Service, and Spanish Immersion!

Students currently in grades 8-12 are invited to participate in a school trip to Costa Rica next summer, June 6th-16th. Students will experience adventurous excursions in the beautifully biodiverse jungles of the country, serve the local community, and stay with host families specially trained to provide a meaningful Spanish-immersion experience (regardless of their current proficiency level). There will be an interest meeting for students and families on Thursday, October 2nd, at 6pm in US 215. Please email Señora Balcom at jbalcom@episcopalcollegiate.org with questions.

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, you must 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 a detailed message or email Ruth Waldon at rwaldon@episcopalcollegiate.org. Upper School students are expected to communicate any known absences in advance with their teachers, coaches, and advisor.

College Counseling Notes

College Rep visits for Juniors & Seniors have begun. In order to attend a college visit, students must grab a green slip from College Counseling and get your teacher to sign it before the class period.

Upcoming Visits:

Today, Friday, 9/26 - 1:25 PM - Johns Hopkins University

Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD is the nation's first research university. They have a 6:1 student to faculty ratio and the average class size is 21. Johns Hopkins has about 6,000 undergraduate students and popular majors include: Cellular/ Molecular Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Computer Science, and Public Health. A yearly tradition at JHU includes "Blue Jay Day" which kicks off the beginning of the academic year with a campus wide tailgate. The Blue Jays compete in the NCAA DIII, except Men's and Women's Lacrosse which are DI.

Monday, 9/29 - 10:00 AM - Sewanee: The University of the South

Sewanee: The University of the South is a small, liberal arts college with 1,700 students located in Sewanee, Tennessee. Sewanee is located on 13,000 acres on the Cumberland Plateau and is known as "the mountain." Sewanee is known for its undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative work available for students. Sewanee has an incredible writing program and has a strong focus on developing writing skills in students. Sewanee competes in DIII athletics. Go Tigers!

Excused Absences

College Excused Absences can be obtained for juniors and seniors through the college counselors. Here's how:

- A parent should forward the confirmation email of the college tour to one of the college counselors at least a week before the scheduled visit.
- You must get the form signed by teachers, return the form to Ms. Waldon, and turn in any work due that day before you depart.
- Students may not be excused to visit the same college twice in a year.

Winter 2026 College Trips:

We are excited to announce that we are providing two college tours for interested 10th and 11th graders over the Winter Break - to the New York City area and the Los Angeles area! Both trips

will take place from Wednesday, February 11 - Saturday, February 14. Information sessions and tours of each college, hotel accommodations, airfare and bus transportation, one evening of entertainment, and all meals except in the airport are included in the cost.

NYC Area Colleges Included:

Fordham University; Rutgers University; Columbia University or Barnard College; Marist University; Vassar College; New York University or The New School. Please see the [NYC area itinerary](#) for more information.

Los Angeles Area Colleges Included:

Loyola Marymount University; Claremont-McKenna College, Pomona College, Harvey Mudd College, Scripps College, or Pitzer College; University of Redlands; Occidental College; University of California Los Angeles; University of Southern California. Please see the [Los Angeles area itinerary](#) for more information.

Cost:

New York City Area:

- \$1850 based on a minimum of 28 students and 3 chaperones
- \$2000 based on a minimum of 20 students and 3 chaperones

Los Angeles Area:

- \$2000 based on a minimum of 28 students and 3 chaperones
- \$2100 based on a minimum of 20 students and 3 chaperones

NOTE: Equivalent financial aid is available for all students receiving financial assistance for ECS tuition. Please contact Tricia Morgan if interested in receiving financial assistance for the trip.

How to register:

Registration will open on Tuesday at 8:00 am. A registration link will be sent to 10th and 11th graders and their families directly. Each trip will be capped at 29 students.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Byrd (lbyrd@episcopalcollegiate.org) or Tricia Morgan (tmorgan@episcopalcollegiate.org).

Coming up Next Week

Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day - Friday, October 3

We look forward to welcoming our grandparents' and special friends to campus on Friday morning. Our Grandparents' Day program will include performances by our Upper and Middle School choral, orchestra, and percussion groups, as well as a special performance by our senior class and their kindergarten buddies. School will run on a half-day schedule, with dismissal at noon.

Chapel Schedule

- Today, Friday, 9/26 - Koen Perry '26
- Monday, 9/29 - Laney Marsh '26
- Tuesday, 9/30 - Orchestra Performance
- Wednesday, 10/1 - Episcopom Performance
- Thursday, 10/2 - Juliana Neesvig '26

Beyond Next Week (Mark Your Calendars)

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CAPS College Fair - Monday, October 6

The annual CAPS College Fair will be held at UALR, in the Stephens Center, from 6:00-8:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for students to meet representatives from many colleges and universities.

End of Quarter 1 - Wednesday, October 8

The first quarter (marking period) ends on Wednesday, October 8.

Fall Break - Thursday, October 9 - Sunday, October 12

School will be closed for Fall Break.

Homecoming & Spirit Week - Monday, October 13 - Saturday, October 18

More details coming soon.

Fall Conference Day - Friday, October 24

Athletics Schedule

[Athletics Schedule](#) - Let's go, Wildcats!

Student-Athlete Recognition Updates

Dear Parents,

I hope your family is off to a great start this school year. I want to share an update regarding how we will recognize and celebrate our student-athletes moving forward. Beginning this year, athletic recognitions will take place during the school day in special assemblies, replacing the traditional evening sports banquets.

We believe this new format will create a more meaningful and spirited experience for the students, and here's why:

- **Improved Attendance:** Holding the event during the school day ensures that all student-athletes are present.
- **Celebrated by Their Peers:** Recognizing our teams and athletes in front of classmates allows the entire student body to share in their accomplishments.
- **Fewer Conflicts:** Moving away from evening events reduces scheduling challenges with family obligations, extracurricular activities, and other school commitments.

Each season will have its own recognition assembly for the Fall, Winter, and Spring, celebrating our athletes in grades 7-12. While the setting has changed, the level of recognition for our students remains the same, and the focus will be on making the experience spirited, inclusive, and student-centered.

Our Fall Athletics Assembly will take place on Wednesday, November 12. Additional details will be shared prior to the assembly in the Wildcat Weekly.

Thank you for your continued support of our athletic program and student-athletes. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Go Wildcats!

Micah Marsh

Digital Ticketing System

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to share an important update regarding our digital ticketing system for athletic events.

Beginning this school year, we will be transitioning to GoFan as our exclusive platform for purchasing tickets to all home athletic events. This change is part of our ongoing efforts to improve the game-day experience for our families and fans.

Here's why we're making the switch:

- **User-Friendly:** GoFan offers a more streamlined and user friendly experience for purchasing and accessing tickets.
- **Widespread Adoption:** Over 90% of schools using digital ticketing in Arkansas currently use GoFan, making it easier for families to use one platform for both home and away games.

- Consistency with AAA: The Arkansas Activities Association (AAA) utilizes GoFan for all postseason events, so aligning with this system creates a consistent experience throughout the season and into playoffs

[Season Tickets and events](#) are ready to purchase when you are ready. You'll receive step-by-step instructions on how to access and use GoFan with your purchase. We're confident this transition will benefit everyone involved and we appreciate your continued support.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Please note [this link](#) also includes individual game tickets.

GoFan Ticket Link

Go Wildcats!

Micah Marsh, Director of Athletics

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!

Grandparents Day Updates

We are so excited to welcome all of our families and friends to campus for a wonderful day of creating memories! If you need childcare following the GP presentation, please RSVP as soon as possible. Our WCC staff will be available from 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM. To RSVP, please use [this link](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to ijackson@episcopalcollegiate.org.

Reminders

Daily use of carpool signs is required – this is crucial for the safety and security of our students. We must be able to quickly and clearly identify every vehicle in the line. Please see the "Pickup Protocols" section below for additional information.

As we continue to fine-tune our program, here are a few important reminders for the weeks ahead:

Monday Pick-Ups - Cheer practice is held every Monday and ends at 5:00 PM. On Mondays only, all WCC pick-ups will take place at the front office doors. Cheerleaders will be picked up at the gym entrance.

Tuesday Pick-Ups - On Tuesdays, we share our carpool lane with Chorale students, who are released at 4:15 PM. Please be mindful as we merge both groups.

Homework Time in WCC - Each day, we dedicate 20–30 minutes to homework, adjusting based on grade level and student needs. We also stay in touch with homeroom teachers to help reinforce any focus areas from class. Soon, a few of our middle and upper school Wildcats will also be joining us to lend a hand — another layer of support we're excited to roll out!

We are so excited for all that's to come this year and deeply appreciate your partnership as we grow together. Be sure to check out a few photos from our STEAM marble run activity below!

Coming Up Next Week

STEAM: To honor the start of fall, our WCC Teacher Ms. Cindy will do a special art experiment with the students where we combine the unpredictability of science with art to create something magical!

Fun Friday: Due to Grandparents & Special Friends Day, there will be no Fun Friday on Friday, October 3.

Here's What's Happening this Year

STEAM Fun Every Week

Each week, we'll dive into an exciting, hands-on project that sparks curiosity and creativity.

Monthly Big Events

One Friday each month, we'll go big with an interactive, themed event for all students to enjoy.

Fun Fridays

Every Friday we'll celebrate the week's hard work and positive behavior with a sweet treat. (We will have alternative options for students who have allergies or dietary restrictions)

Supersessions Coming Soon

Supersessions are now LIVE! Sign up via [Homeroom](#).

Pick-Up for Super Sessions

Should you have a student in a session please park and walk up to the LS Main Office Entrance for pick-up. We kindly ask that session pick-ups do not sit in the carpool lane in order to avoid congesting the lane for WCC pick-ups. Should you need a student early from a session please then call (501)-804-6649, notify what session your student is attending and a member from our team will go get them.

For our Busy Bees in Activities

If your child participates in sports, dance, gymnastics, baseball, or any other extracurriculars that require them to change clothes and head out promptly, please let us know their schedule in advance. When we have those details ahead of time, we can make transitions smoother and help ensure our students arrive on time and ready to shine.

Pickup Protocols

For any and all pick-ups please call the WCC phone number located on either entrance of the Lower School, (501)-804-6649, notify the team of who you are picking up and wait at the door for our arrival.

- Daily use of carpool signs is required – this is crucial for the safety and security of our students. We must be able to quickly and clearly identify every vehicle in the line.
- PK–1st Grade: Picked up at the Main Entrance.
- 2nd–5th Grade: Picked up at the Gym Entrance.
- Siblings in Multiple Grades: All siblings will be picked up at the Main Office Entrance for convenience.