

## October 17, 2025

### Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally- (Today) October 17, at 2:00 PM

Parents,

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Let's fill the stands and the sidewalks—wear your best Episcopal gear and show your Wildcat pride!

### Save the Date- Parents' Auxiliary Meeting



Please save the date for our next Parents' Auxiliary Meeting

- Friday, November 14
- 12:00 noon
- Upper School 215

### Highlights with Academic Dean, Dr. House

This week, I spotted third graders leaning toward their “elbow partners” as they wrestled with the idea that fish lay eggs and leave their young, while humans stay and raise theirs. In 7th and 8th grade math, I saw students standing in groups of three, solving riddles with missing digits using only mathematical clues. In 9th grade English, students prepared for a Socratic seminar, ready to dive into a conversation that could head in any number of directions.

At first glance, these activities may look like simple conversations, riddles, or discussions. But what do they all have in common—and how do they prepare students not only for standardized tests, but for college and beyond?

Although I would argue that test scores and college admissions should not be the ultimate goal of education, experiences like these do raise performance on both. More importantly, they cultivate the lifelong skills of communication, empathy, reasoning, and problem-solving that matter most.

There is evidence to support this. A study from the University of Montana found that when students participated in structured discussions—questions intentionally designed to elicit reasoning at multiple levels of understanding—their scores on the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program increased significantly compared to students who primarily received lecture- and reading-based instruction. Likewise, a 2021 U.S. Department of Education study led by Oklahoma researchers found a strong, long-term correlation between the amount of class participation and students' standardized test performance. In other words, the quality of student-talk in class measurably influences achievement on assessments that, ironically, require no talking at all.

Consider the third-grade discussion about fish and humans. At first, students reacted with surprise: “Wait—fish never meet their mothers?” But that simple moment of astonishment quickly turned into reasoning. In just a few minutes, students formed hypotheses, tested their ideas with peers, and refined their conclusions—essentially walking through a miniature version of the scientific method. They connected facts, recognized cause and effect, and drew inferences that weren't directly stated in the lesson.

Now imagine that same student ten years later, sitting for the SAT. They encounter a question with unfamiliar content (and it's not about fish). But, just as they did years earlier, they identify the pieces they do know, build a tentative explanation, test it against other options, and refine their conclusion until the most logical answer emerges. The parallel is striking: the habits of mind developed in a short, lively classroom conversation become the very tools needed to succeed on a high-stakes test.

So often, it looks like kids are simply having fun or “just talking.” But behind the scenes, each of these experiences is carefully designed to build a scaffold of reasoning and problem-solving. Each rung of that ladder prepares students for the next. And that's why the small classroom moments you see today are deeply connected to the big outcomes we all care about tomorrow.

### **Grandparents & Special Friends Day Photos**

Grandparents & Special Friends Day Photos are [linked here](#) within our school's Flickr album.

### **Parent Roundtables Are Back!**

Parenting can be both rewarding and challenging, and it's always easier when we support one another. We're excited to relaunch our Parent Roundtable series, a space where parents can connect, share experiences, and problem-solve tough parenting issues together. Alumni parents have spoken passionately about how previous roundtable discussions were invaluable to navigating challenging parenting issues and the benefits of the shared group experience.

This year's series will be moderated by Rebecca Webber and Justin Buck of the Wolfe Street Youth Empowerment Program, bringing fresh insights and a supportive framework to guide your conversations. This also provides a level of confidentiality, so you can bring your parenting concerns and speak freely about your experiences.

The first session, November 5th, will focus on “Empowered Parenting at Every Stage”, providing a framework for understanding what parenting looks like at the Lower, Middle, and Upper School level. Together, you'll explore strategies for raising confident, resilient children, while also building camaraderie among parents.

There will be 3–4 subsequent roundtables and parents will have the opportunity to shape future topics and discussions based on what matters most to them.

Please [RSVP at this link](#) if you are able to join the group November 5 at 8:00 am in the Middle School Library.

### **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). All students should wear their dress uniforms, including dress uniform shoes, on Wednesday, October 22.

*We will take both class pictures and individual retakes. Photo packets were sent home with students earlier this week. Question about pictures? [Contact Wingard Photography.](#)*

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

We hope you will join us this afternoon for the Homecoming parade and pep rally. The fun starts at 2pm! If you are planning to check your child out to enjoy the parade and pep rally with them, please email your child's teacher. This will serve as your child's check out for the day. If your child is in PreK and you are planning to check them out, please let your child's teacher know early in the day so we can plan and avoid disruptions to naptime for students not going. Also, the Lower School carpool line will be closed until the parade is over, so parents will not be able to line up until approximately 2:20pm.

Next week, all students should wear dress uniforms, including dress uniform shoes, for our class pictures and retakes on Wednesday. I've provided more information, along with a contact for picture orders, below for your convenience.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher  
Head of Lower School

### **Lower School Health Screenings**

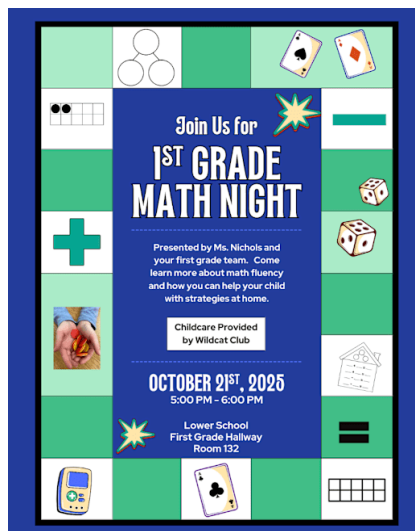
Starting October 20, through Thanksgiving break we will be conducting health screenings in the lower school. PK-4, K, 1st, 2nd, and 4th grade screenings will include: Height, Weight, Vision, and Hearing. 4th graders will also get their blood pressure measured. New students will be screened for height, weight, vision, hearing, and blood pressure if they are in 4th grade.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Nurse Rawn at [wrawn@episcopalcollegiate.org](mailto:wrawn@episcopalcollegiate.org) or 501-372-1194 Ext 2304.

**Attention 1st Grade Parents - Math Night with Ms. Nichols on Tuesday, October 21**

Families of first graders are invited to join Ms. Nichols and the 1st grade team for an engaging evening of math fun on Tuesday, October 21, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm in Room 132, First Grade Hallway (Lower School).

Learn about math fluency and discover simple strategies to support your child's learning at home.  
(Childcare will be provided by Wildcat Club.)



### **Class Pictures and Individual Retakes | Wednesday, October 22**

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### **Halloween in the Lower School**

We're excited for Halloween in the Lower School and can't wait to see the creative costumes students have chosen! To make sure everyone has a fun and safe celebration, here are a few reminders:

- No weapons – Please leave toy swords, knives, guns, or anything similar at home.
- Keep it friendly – Avoid scary costumes, including ones with creepy masks or characters that might frighten others.
- Masks and makeup – Masks are not allowed during school. You can use a little face paint, but your wonderful smile should still shine through!
- School-appropriate costumes – Make sure your costume is comfortable and safe to wear all day, including recess, PE, and in the classroom. Students will be asked to change if their costumes impede learning.

Our annual Halloween parade will begin at 8:15 am. Students in PreK through 1st grade will parade through the first floor hallways and end in the Erwin Hall Performance Center and Gymnasium. Kindergarten students will parade with their Senior Buddies. Students in 2nd through 5th grades will sit in the gym to watch the parade. Parents are welcome to watch from the Atrium, Simpson Commons, or the

hall leading down to the gym. The parade should conclude by 8:30 am. Class parties will then take place at different times throughout the day based on grade level.

### **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](#).

### **Chapel News**

This week in Community Chapel we enjoyed a presentation from the ECS Honor Council reminding us about the importance of telling the truth, being kind and having integrity. Next week, in Community Chapel we will hear about the importance of being in service to others with guest speakers Rev. Susan Sims Smith, Founder of both the Arkansas House of Prayer and the Interfaith Center of Arkansas, and Lama Tenzin, Tibetan monk and Founder of Himalayan Children. In PreK and Kinder chapels we will talk about the Ten Commandments.

We hope you can join us for Chapel on Wednesdays. 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 22, 2025:

#### Procession:

- Cross: Will Marshall
- Candle: Hank Adams
- Candle: Oliver Sherrill

#### Readers:

- June Querdibitty
- Kennedy Smith

#### Cantors:

- Emma K Baker
- Magnolia Cunningham
- Merritt Holcomb

#### 1st Grade Partners:

- Bonnie McCauley
- Clayton Lee
- Ellie Daniel
- Jack Chatham
- Parker Easley
- Theo Howell

Grace & Peace,

Michelle Moore  
Lower School Chaplain

### **Pride Patrol: October 20 - 24**

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:

- George Wright
- George Carvelli
- William Dare
- Charlotte Davis
- Darina Dementyeva
- Jonas Goree
- Nathan Green
- Alice Guthrie

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- October 22 | Class Picture/Individual Retake Day
- October 24 | Family/Teacher Conference Day, No School
- October 31 | Halloween Parade, PreK - Kinder, 8:15am
- November 4 | Chapel Day for LS, rather than Wednesday
- November 24-28 | Thanksgiving Break

### **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**

Dear Families,

We have had a terrific Spirit Week and Homecoming this week and are looking forward to an awesome Parade and Pep Rally this afternoon!!! I am sure that we will see some of you on campus this weekend.

If you have yet to sign up for a conference with your child's advisor, please do so asap. These are valuable opportunities for your child to reflect on their first quarter progress in a supportive environment with their advisor and parents and set goals for the remainder of the semester and academic year. Ultimately, my hope for our children is to grow comfortable with having these conversations in middle school so that by the time they are in high school and college, they are strong and thoughtful self-advocates. This conference is a building block to raising an adult.

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Let's fill the stands and the sidewalks—wear your best Episcopal gear and show your Wildcat pride!

### Health Screenings

Health Screenings will begin October 20, 2025, and run until Thanksgiving break. We will screen for vision, hearing, height, weight for PK4, K, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th grades and all new students to Episcopal Collegiate this year. In addition, 4th grade will be screened for blood pressure, and 6th and 8th grade girls and 8th grade boys for scoliosis. If time permits, 6th grade boys will be screened for scoliosis. If you do not want your child screened, or if your child is already followed by a physician for scoliosis please inform [lhopkins@episcopaclcollegiate.org](mailto:lhopkins@episcopaclcollegiate.org). For more information check the school website or contact Nurse Hopkins.

### Wednesday, October 22, is Class Picture Day:

All middle school students will need to wear their dress uniforms for class pictures this coming Wednesday.

### Virtual Book Talk #2:

We will have our second virtual book talk on the book *10 to 25: The Science of Motivating Young People* by David Yeager, PhD, this coming Tuesday, October 21. All parents are welcome to attend, including those who have not read the book! This session will occur from 8:15-9:00am at the following Google Meet link: [meet.google.com/cfy-rkqf-dxo](https://meet.google.com/cfy-rkqf-dxo)

Dial in: (US)+1 252-665-6568 PIN: 738 192 219#

### 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.

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

Raise your hand if you're proud to be a Wildcat.

It's been an outstanding Homecoming Week, and there's more fun in store today and tomorrow. We hope to see you this afternoon, starting at 2:00 pm, for our Homecoming Parade, followed immediately by our all-school Pep Rally. Come for the Parade and stay for the Pep Rally. It's an awesome chance to show off your Wildcat spirit and (re)-connect with friends.

I'm proud of how our students, faculty, and staff have balanced fun and school business this week. As we head into what is always a busy, memorable weekend for our kids, I want to stress the importance of our students' safety and wellbeing. Please know where your kids plan to be this weekend, and remind them the importance of making good choices. My teammates and I are excited to see many of our students at tomorrow evening's Homecoming Dance, which starts at 8:00 pm here on campus.

Huge shoutout to our BOYS 4A STATE CHAMPION TENNIS TEAM! Our boys took home the hardware on Tuesday. It's a testament to their hard work and dedication.

Next Friday—October 24th—is Fall Conference Day. We are excited to see you here on campus that day. There are no classes on Friday. Conference Day gives you, your child, and your child's faculty advisor the opportunity to pause and reflect on the first quarter of the school year.

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

See you out there,

Kellen

### **Updates, Reminders, and Action Items**

#### Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally - Today, Friday, October 17

We will hold a HOMECOMING PARADE today, Friday, October 17th, starting at 2:00 pm here on campus. We invite ALL Episcopal families to attend the parade! Rock your green and white! The more, the merrier! Our Fall Varsity athletes and Homecoming Court will be recognized during the Parade, and immediately after the parade we will all march into Championship Gym for our Homecoming Pep Rally.

#### Homecoming Dance - Saturday, October 18th

We will host our annual Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 18th from 8:00-10:00 pm in the Dining Hall. All students must arrive no later than 8:30 pm and must stay until 10:00 pm. Please buy your tickets

[here](#). Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday, October 17th. We are not selling tickets at the door. Students who wish to bring a guest from another high school must [complete a guest form](#). Students may bring one guest. Guests must be enrolled in another high school and in good standing, as determined by their principal.

#### School Picture Retakes - Wednesday, October 22

Students who plan to sit for school picture retakes on Wednesday, October 22nd should wear dress uniforms for individual picture retakes and class pictures. If you are getting retakes (and you ordered the original pictures), please bring those packets to give to the photographer. Order forms for class pictures should also be delivered directly to the photographer on picture day.

#### Family Night - Wednesday, October 22

Wednesday evening is our next scheduled Family Night. That means no homework that evening or assessments on Thursday for our students. All school-related activities will shut down by 5:30 pm. We encourage your children to take advantage of a "night off" from school.

#### PSAT Day for 11th Graders - Thursday, October 23

Eleventh-grade students will take the PSAT/NMSQT standardized test on Thursday, October 23rd starting at 8:00 a.m. Students should arrive at school by 7:45 a.m. and go straight to their testing room (no advisory). Students will receive information regarding room locations closer to the testing date. Plan to get plenty of sleep the night before and eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test. Students will only need to bring a calculator, number two pencils, water, and a snack! Please refer to the email that was sent to parents and students for additional information.

#### Fall Conference Day - Friday, October 24

Fall Conference Day is set for Friday, October 24th. All students are expected to attend their 30-minute conference, along with their faculty advisor and at least one parent/guardian. Contact me directly if you have questions about how to sign up for a conference on Veracross.

#### Hands-only CPR

This is for all Juniors and those Seniors who couldn't attend last year's training.

We will conduct our CPR Hands-only training during your study hall on October 29 starting with period 1 at 8:15 and finishing up on October 30 after period 7. Meet in room 215.

#### 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 Selby Boyd at [sboyd@episcopalcollegiate.org](mailto:sboyd@episcopalcollegiate.org). Upper School students are expected to communicate any known absences in advance with their teachers, coaches, and advisor.

## Coming up Next Week...

Chapel Schedule:

- Monday, 10/20- 6th Grade Religion
- Tuesday, 10/21 - Graham Manzella '26
- Wednesday, 10/22 - Virginia Brantley '26
- Thursday, 10/23 - Senior-Kinder Buddy Chapel

## Athletics Schedule

Let's go, Wildcats!

## 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 College Visits:

SENIORS - Please remember that college applications need to be submitted at least one week before the application deadline. November 1st is quickly approaching. Come see us with essays and questions!

### Monday, 10/20 - 11:05 AM - University of Rochester:

The University of Rochester is a private research university with about 7,000 undergraduate students, located in Rochester, NY. This university is known for its great research opportunities and its strong majors in Biological and Biomedical Sciences, Engineering, and Social Sciences. University of Rochester is known for its acapella groups, a campus radio station, and a student body with a high degree of political diversity.

### Tuesday, 10/21 - 12:10 PM - University of Central Arkansas:

University of Central Arkansas is home to about 10,000 undergraduate students and is located in Conway, Arkansas. UCA's most popular majors include Psychology, Business, Exercise Science, and Nursing. UCA has over 200 student clubs and organizations, including Greek life, service opportunities, and more. One example is the Bear Den, which is a special student-led sports and school spirit organization that organizes pep rallies, tailgates, homecoming and more. UCA competes at the NCAA Division I level. Go Bears!

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. Selby, and turn in any work due that day before you depart.

## 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](mailto:lbyrd@episcopalcollegiate.org)) or Tricia Morgan ([tmorgan@episcopalcollegiate.org](mailto:tmorgan@episcopalcollegiate.org)).

### **Beyond Next Week (Mark Your Calendars)**

- Halloween - Friday, October 31 - Students are invited to wear Halloween costumes to school.
- Senior Recognition for Fall Sports Teams - Friday, November 7

- Upper School/Middle School Fall Play - Thursday, November 13 - Saturday, November 15
- Thanksgiving Break - Monday, November 24 - Friday, November 28

### **Athletics Schedule and Notes**

We're thrilled to share that Alice McCormick will be competing this Sunday, October 19, at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston – the largest and most prestigious rowing event in the world!

Alice will race in the single sculls division marking a historic first as the first competitor in Arkansas to participate in this event. Despite being a last-minute addition and seeded 46th, Alice is expected to make an impressive showing on the water.

You can cheer her on from home – her race begins at 7:00 a.m. (CT) this Sunday, October 19, and will be livestreamed at the link below:

 [Head of the Charles Regatta Livestream](#)

We're so proud of Alice for representing Episcopal Collegiate and the state of Arkansas on such an incredible stage.

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

### **Wildcats Basketball Team Store- Now Open!**

Wildcat Community,

The Wildcats Basketball 2026 Team Store is now open!

- There is spiritwear available for your family and friends.
- Hoodies, Trucker hats, T Shirt Hoodies, Dri fit Ts, Polos....

Check out the shop details below.

[OUR SHOP LINK](#) - Store Open From: October 13 - October 27, 2025

### **Dinner on the Diamond | Junior Deputy Baseball**

In celebration of our long-term agreement with Junior Deputy Baseball, we are excited to invite you to Dinner on the Diamond! Our partnership with Junior Deputy affords our teams priority scheduling and we are proud to work together to support improvements to the fields and facilities. Dinner on the Diamond will be a special evening of food, fun, and community in support of Junior Deputy Baseball and many of our young athletes.

- Thursday, October 30, 2025
- Junior Deputy Baseball Park, Loftis Field
- 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Enjoy dinner, live music, and a silent auction – all under the lights!

To purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

## **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!

### **Faculty Members**

Want to meet this year's 2025-26 Wildcat Club Faculty Members? [Check out the full list right here!](#)

### **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**

- Candy Bar
- STEAM: Spooky Experiments!!

### **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.