

October 24, 2025



Concessions and Gate

As our fall sports wrap up, we'd like to say thank you to all of our volunteers for getting us off to a great start this year. Be on the lookout for basketball concessions and gate shifts soon with our 7th and 8th graders kicking off the season at home on November 10th. Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you,
Laura Schnakenberg

Save the Date: Parents' Auxiliary Meeting

Please save the date for our next Parents' Auxiliary Meeting.

- Friday, November 14
- 12:00 PM
- Upper School, Room 215



2025 Homecoming Photos

2025 Homecoming Photos are [linked here](#) within our school's Flickr album.

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.

Save the Date: Wild Game Dinner - March 14, 2026

Please save the date for our upcoming annual Wild Game Dinner! We can't wait to see you there!

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

We will celebrate Halloween in the Lower School on Friday! Students are welcome to wear a costume using the guidelines noted below. If costumes are not appropriate for school or students are not able to participate in the way they do on a typical day, they will be asked to change into regular school clothes. Students in PreK through 1st will walk in our annual Halloween parade beginning at 8:15 that morning. I provided more details about that event below as well. We hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

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 guidelines:

- 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 would 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.

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 or 501-372-1194 Ext 2304.

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 guest speakers Rev. Susan Sims Smith, Founder of both the Arkansas House of Prayer and the Interfaith Center of Arkansas, and Lama Tenzin, Buddhist monk and Founder of Himalayan Children. Next week, in Community Chapel we will hear from Errin Stranger, Founder and CEO of Providence Park. In PreK and Kinder chapels we will talk about the story of Moses and the Tent of Meeting.

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 29, 2025:

Procession

- Cross: Aaron Virani
- Candle: Alexander Eubanks
- Candle: Jennings Owens

Readers

- Landry Rolston
- Nama Scarborough

Cantors

- Bradley Suffridge
- Evie Peek
- Molly Hyde

1st Grade Partners

- John Allen
- Kayleigh Dillett
- Kenzie Cook
- Louisa Young
- Mykenna Kloske
- Vivian Kalkbrenner

You can view the schedule of chapel duties for the remainder of the school year using the link [here](#) or on the Godly Play Canvas page.

Grace & Peace,

Michelle Moore
Lower School Chaplain

Pride Patrol: October 27-31

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 Hall
- Sterling Harvey
- Tommy Hogate
- Merritt Holcomb
- Molly Hyde
- Jasmine Jones

Mark Your Calendars

- 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 look forward to seeing many of you on campus today for our student-family-advisor conferences and I urge you to encourage your child about the importance of these and of practicing self-advocacy. Other places I would love to see middle school families, in addition to sporting events, would be registering and attending some of our parent programming.

On Tuesday, there is an evening online program with the renowned Jonathan Haidt, author of the bestselling book *Anxious Generation*. This is a not to be missed opportunity and I would encourage you to register through the link [here](#).

This Wednesday, in the morning, from 8:15-9:00 AM, I will be hosting online book talk #2 on the book *10 to 25*. The link to join this discussion is: meet.google.com/cfy-rkqf-dxo Dial in: (US)+1 252-665-6568 PIN: 738 192 219#.

MS Athlete of the Week - 7th Grade Cheer and Coach Melissa Baker

It's hard to believe that our football season comes to an end tonight for our 7th Grade Cheerleaders. This group has worked hard beginning with camp this summer, learning new cheers and performances, and cheering the 7th grade football team onto victories. That is why it was very difficult to select just one Athlete of the Week.

This 7th Grade Cheerleader has been a true leader since she showed up for camp in July and has continued throughout the season. She always has a smile on her face and gives more than 100% in everything that she does. You can tell that she LOVES cheering and is always ready to step in any role she is given. I'm excited to see that same energy and enthusiasm continue into basketball season. Congratulations, Ryan Harrelson.

Wildcat Club is Now Accepting Volunteers!

Looking for a fun way to get involved on campus? WildCat Club is now accepting volunteers! We have several opportunities available — from helping during after-school activities to supporting special events.

Take a moment to explore the form below to learn more about how you can get involved. If you have any questions, please reach out to Izzy Jackson via email at ijackson@episcopalcollegiate.org.

[Sign Up Here!](#)

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. For more information check the school website or contact Nurse Hopkins.

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 7:30 AM, 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 AM.

A Note from Dr. Graham

Today is Fall Conference Day, and we are a quarter of the way through the school year. Thank you for taking the time to sit down with your child and your child's faculty advisor today. Self-reflection is a vital part of the learning process. Your child's conference provides them—and you—the chance to reflect on their “wins,” growth areas, and goals for the rest of the year. When I served as a faculty advisor, I always felt that Conference Day boosted my relationship with my advisees and their families. I hope you find that to be true.

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

See you out there,
Kellen

Updates, Reminders, and Action Items

Fall Conference Day - TODAY, Friday, October 24

All students are expected to attend their 30-minute conference, along with their faculty advisor and at least one parent/guardian. Contact us directly if you have questions about how to sign up for a conference on Veracross.

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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. Upper School students are expected to communicate any known absences in advance with their teachers, coaches, and advisor.

Coming up Next Week...

CPR Training for 11th graders

Nurse Lenna Hopkins will lead our 11th graders in CPR training on Wednesday, October 29th and Thursday, October 30th during their study halls or during FLEX.

Halloween

Students are invited to wear Halloween costumes to school. As usual, we ask that students refrain from wearing anything offensive, political, or inappropriate for our Pre-K-12 school community; in addition, leggings, tank tops, shorts, and skirts are not allowed. Students are encouraged to contact Ms. Self or me with costume-related questions.

Our seniors will once again join their Kindergarten buddies in the annual Lower School Halloween Parade on Friday morning at 8:15 AM.

Chapel Schedule:

- Monday, 10/27- Wolfe Street Youth Empowerment Program
- Tuesday, 10/28 - Mia Jacks '26
- Wednesday, 10/29 - Oliver Wippo '26
- Thursday, 10/30 - Finn Kirkhuff '26
- Friday, 10/31 - All Saints/Souls Eucharist

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!

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) or Tricia Morgan (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

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

Varsity Athlete Letterman Jacket Orders

Parents and Athletes,

Here is the order form for varsity athletes to order letterman jackets for all fall and winter athletes. These jackets are optional and you should be able to customize them on the website. [Letterman's Jacket Link](#)

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

Fun Friday Activity: Spooky Scavenger Hunt!

STEAM: Glow in the Dark Slime!

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.