

# October 31, 2025

## Halloween Varsity Football Game (Tonight) - Friday, October 31



### 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



### 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 hope everyone had a wonderful time at our annual Halloween Parade this morning! It’s always such a joy to see the creativity and enthusiasm our students bring to their costumes each year. Good luck as well to our RoboCats, who are competing today in the Spooksbots Showdown VIQRC Elementary Tournament! It’s sure to be a full day of teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving as they take part in both the Skills Challenge and Qualification Matches. Go, RoboCats!

Looking ahead, we invite you to join us next Wednesday for our first Parent Roundtable of the year. Our opening session, “*Empowered Parenting at Every Stage*,” will offer a framework for understanding how parenting evolves across the Lower, Middle, and Upper School years. We will explore practical strategies for nurturing confidence and resilience in children, while also connecting and sharing experiences with fellow parents.

We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. in the Middle School Library.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Schuhmacher  
Head of Lower School

### **New Digital Learning Tool in 4th and 5th Grades**

We’re excited to share that our 4th - 6th grade reading and math classes will be using a new digital tool during the 2nd quarter. The Wild Zebra program will help teachers use our ERB data to create differentiated practice for students for a few minutes each week. This is a pilot program we’re using for a period of 8-9 weeks, and it will allow teachers to offer more individualized and structured practice of skills. We chose this tool because it directly supports what students are learning in their math and reading classes and is informed by testing data. If

you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Academic Dean, **Kathleen House**. And if you hear your child mention wild zebras, don't worry—it's just the name of our new online learning resource!

### **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**

During our Community Chapel last week, students heard from a Buddhist monk named Lama Tenzin. He brought several gifts with him from Tibet, including prayer flags for each of our 1st-5th grade students, which were sent home this week. These miniature flags are traditionally hung as a way for prayers to be blown by the wind up to heaven.

This week in Community Chapel we enjoyed a presentation from Errin Stanger, the Founder and CEO of Providence Park, a community in Little Rock where individuals experiencing chronic homelessness can gain support, resources, and community to help them get back on their feet.

Next week, in Community Chapel we will hear from Moriah Sitz, the Development Project Coordinator for the Arkansas Food Bank, in preparation for our food drive that will begin soon. In PreK and Kinder chapels we will read the book *My Love, God is Everywhere* by Victoria Robb Powers and Cameron Mason Vickery.

We hope you can join us for Chapel next week. PLEASE NOTE ALL CHAPELS WILL BE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4!

- 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 Tuesday, November 4, 2025:

#### Procession

- Cross: Annalise Hargrave
- Candle: Preston Robinson
- Candle: Cole Irwin

### Readers

- Sawyer Murphy
- Wyatt Hilbun

### Cantors

- June Querdibitty
- Parker Easley
- Becca Leacock

### 1st Grade Partners

- Barrett Robinson
- Eva McNally
- Helen Moyers
- Jett Ludwig
- Vivian Rudofsky
- Willa Dalvi

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 11/3-11/7**

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:

- Rush Jones
- Caroline Kilgroe
- Kennedy King
- Becca Leacock
- Sully Lee
- Brady Makris

### **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.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- November 4 | Chapel Day for LS, rather than Wednesday
- November 24-28 | Thanksgiving Break
- December 17 | Christmas Programs, PreK - 1 at 9am, 2nd-5th at 1:30pm
- December 18 | Sing Along at 10am, Early Dismissal at 11:30am

### **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, Families,

We have managed to have lots of fun this week, participating in a pumpkin decorating contest in our advisory groups, having advisory Halloween parties, and holding our annual middle school costume parade in the Championship Gym, complete with unbiased outside judges! Conservatively, approximately 85% of our students chose to wear costumes this year, which I think was an all-time high! At the same time, students continue to work on projects and essays, take assessments, and overall practice their scholarly crafts. With just a few weeks until Thanksgiving, this is the time to buckle down or, in the phrase du jour, “lock in.”

This week in chapel we were treated to inspiring chapel talks from seniors Mia Jacks, Oliver Wippo, and Finn Kirkhuff who shared lessons on being your authentic self and living in the moment versus always looking ahead and the benefits of failing and persevering after a failure.

Additionally, members of our wonderful Parents' Auxiliary Spirit Committee treated middle school students and faculty to cookie cake on Thursday in celebration of a very successful fall sports season, highlighted by our seventh grade football team going undefeated.

Have a wonderful weekend, and remember Daylight savings time starts this Sunday!

Stay well,

Chuck McCormick

### New Digital Tool for 6th Grade Reading and Math Classes

We're excited to share that our 4th - 6th grade reading and math classes will be using a new digital tool during the 2nd quarter. The Wild Zebra program will help teachers use our ERB data to create differentiated practice for students for a few minutes each week. This is a pilot program we're using for a period of 8-9 weeks, and it will allow teachers to offer more individualized and structured practice of skills. We chose this tool because it directly supports what students are learning in their math and reading classes and is informed by testing data. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Academic Dean, **Kathleen House**. And if you hear your child mention wild zebras, don't worry—it's just the name of our new online learning resource!

### 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](mailto: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@episcopalcollegiate.org](mailto:lhopkins@episcopalcollegiate.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**

Happy Halloween! It's fun to see so many students, faculty, and staff decked out in costumes. This afternoon at lunch, EpiscoPep, our student-led school-spirit club, will host a dance competition set to Michael Jackson's classic track, "Thriller," and a costume contest. And this morning, our seniors marched with their kindergarten buddies in the annual Lower School Halloween Parade.

Watching our varsity volleyball team compete in their state tournament on Tuesday and Wednesday at Central Arkansas Christian was a highlight of my week. Our team's loss in the semifinals does not overshadow the team's incredible season. I am proud of the way our girls battled—and I'm also proud of the joy with which they play the game. Shoutout to all the parents, family members, and students who packed the stands at CAC to cheer on our kids. The atmosphere was electric! Congratulations to Coach Gantar and the entire program for an outstanding season.

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

Kellen

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

#### 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.

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### **Coming Up Next Week...**

#### Senior Student-Athlete Recognition

Our fall senior athletes will be recognized at halftime of Friday night's football game (on Friday, November 7th). Collectively, this fall has been one of our most successful athletic seasons ever, thanks largely to this senior group. Come out and cheer on our senior athletes for their dedication to their teams and our athletic program.

## Chapel Schedule

- Monday, 11/3 - Allison Tuite '26
- Tuesday, 11/4 - Julia Krowski '26
- Wednesday, 11/5 - Father Rob
- Thursday, 11/6 - Percussion performance
- Friday, 11/7 - Canned Food Drive

## Athletics Schedule

Let's go, Wildcats!

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

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

## **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:

All juniors and seniors are invited to attend the college meetings on our campus. Sign up for these meetings in [\*\*SCOIR\*\*](#) under "Visits & Deadlines" & bring your Green College Visit Permission Slip to the College Counseling Office.

Thursday, 11/6 - 11:05 AM - University of Mississippi

The University of Mississippi, better known as Ole Miss, is a large public research university with about 18,000 undergraduate students in Oxford, Mississippi. The Princeton Review has named Ole Miss' campus "The Most Beautiful Campus." The most popular majors at Ole Miss include: Nursing, Digital Communications, Accounting, Business, and Psychology. The University of Mississippi competes in the NCAA D1. Hotty Toddy!

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

## **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](#)

## **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

- STEAM Wednesday: Rainbow Reactions!
- FUN Friday: Carnival Style Games and Door Prizes!

## 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.