

November 7, 2025

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



Pumpkin Bread for Faculty & Staff

Dear Parents and Special Friends,

Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, and we have so much to be thankful for right here in our school! Our amazing teachers work tirelessly every day to educate, inspire, and support our children. Now it's our turn to show our thanks to them! The Parents' Auxiliary is hosting a special "Thanks-for-Giving" Fundraiser to treat our incredible educators.

We're collecting donations to provide delicious, homemade-style pumpkin bread from Boulevard Bakery, for our deserving teachers to enjoy over the holiday break. It's the perfect way to share some holiday cheer, and directly impact our school community. Gratitude of any Magnitude is appreciated! [Click on the sign up genius link here](#) for convenient pre-set levels of giving, or select "any giving level" to customize your contribution. Delivery Date: Bread will be delivered to teachers on Wednesday, November 19th.

Thank you for your support and generosity. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Catherine Love

Co-Chair Teacher Appreciation Committee

Concessions & Gate

Thanks so much to all of our volunteers for Concessions/Gate in October! We are so grateful for your help!

Sydney Blackmon, Tonya & Jeff Franzetti, Aimee Shelby, Bess Fontes, Mollie Campbell, Shannon Kalkwarf, Robyn Stewart, Amanda Groce, Amy Brantley, Liza Wright, Jens Boyd, Maureen Griffin, EYona Mitchell, Mary Margaret Marks, Jerrilyn Jones, Amber Bagley, Kim Koch, Lindsey Chance, Helen Brown, Leslie Bright, Emily Kilgroe, Brian & Angelique Oaks, Sherri Stacks, Toga Tuite, Travis & Courtney Black, Gavin & Renee McGraw, Katie Robinson, Chase Carmichael, Frances Mitchell, Riley Adams, Meredith Linder, Lindsey Chance, Theresa Glover, Jessica Lasley, Amy Delgado, Nikki Parnell, Marcy Saoud, Sarah Bronni, Karen

VanSteenberg, Tracy Harrelson, Niysha Baker, Prescott Family (John, Kim, MK & Somaya), Allison Hester, Anna Rojas, Eve & Ming Norman, Jane Anne Bailey, Jodiane Tritt, Ginger Blackmon, Valerie Erkman, Elizabeth Griffin, and Wendy Foster

With gratitude,

Laura Schnackenberg and Mary Margaret Wippo

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

This biennial outdoor cooking event raises funds towards enhancements for our Fine Arts and Athletics programs at Episcopal Collegiate. Please mark your calendars to join our community on The Quad to support our Wildcat artists and athletes while enjoying delicious wild game dishes and great live entertainment.

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

The Lower School will host our annual ArCANsas Food Drive supporting the Arkansas Food Bank throughout the week of November 17 through November 21. Students heard from Moriah Sitz, the Development Project Coordinator for the Arkansas Food Bank, to learn how they could help. Students are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items such as rice and pasta, canned vegetables and beans, and peanut butter during that week. Our goal is to raise 2025 cans!

Our varsity football team plays their last home game tonight against Yellville Summit. Kickoff is at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there! Go, Wildcats!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher

Head of Lower School

RoboCats Results

Episcopal Collegiate's [RoboCats teams 90125A and 90125B](#) competed last Friday, October 31, at the Spookbots Showdown held at Henderson Middle School, taking on this year's VEX IQ Mix & Match Challenge. Team 90125A placed ninth overall in Skills with a combined score of 11 (Driver 7, Programming 4) and advanced to the Teamwork Finals, while Team 90125B earned 11th place with a total score of 10 (Driver 10, Programming 0). Though no awards were earned, both teams showed impressive growth, creative engineering, and teamwork as they continue preparing for future competitions.

Chapel News

This week in Community Chapel we enjoyed a presentation from Moriah Sitz, the Development Project Coordinator for the Arkansas Food Bank, in preparation for our food drive that will be November 17-21. Next week, in Community Chapel we will hear from our 4th grade class as they make a presentation about what it means to be kind. In PreK and Kinder chapels we will read the book Gathered at the Table by Glenys Nellist.

We hope you can join us for Chapel next week.

- 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, November 12, 2025:

Procession

- Cross: Vivian Kalkbrenner
- Candle: Frankie Patton
- Candle: Jennings Owens

Readers

- Annie Smith
- Thomas Utter

Cantors

- Oliver Sherrill
- Sawyer Murphy
- Charlotte Rudofsky

1st Grade Partners

- Carter Cummings
- Hank Adams
- James Kemp
- Landry Rolston
- Magnolia Cunningham
- Rowan Gaillard

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 - 11/10 - 11/14

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:

- Brady Makris
- Howard Marks
- Klayton Montgomery
- Charley Moore
- Molly Painter
- Adeline Parnell

Mark Your Calendars

- 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, No Wildcat Club

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, MS Families,

This week, our seventh and eighth grade teachers presented their awards in the different disciplines for exemplary effort during the month of October. Things that were mentioned by the eighth grade teachers included: consistency and commitment, especially as content gets more challenging; students who bring a true joy to learning and choose to be engaged; showing up for work, asking questions, mature enough to handle sensitive material; stands out for their work ethic, respectful, engaged, not afraid to fail, drive and determination; attention to detail and interest in material; students taking time out of their class time to help other classmates; two students who are always trying to dig deeper and better understand what they are learning and demonstrate a love of the language.

Eighth Grade Top Cats

- Math - Harper Fields, Anderson King
- English - Mabel Whitley, Whitman Holsclaw
- Social Studies - Patrick Snowden, Emma Stubenrach
- Physical Science - Piper Hodson, Beckett Blair
- Latin - Ridley Brown, Connor Lemoir
- Exploratory Design - Parker Round
- Spanish 2 - Leighton Campbell, Sloane LaFrance

Seventh Grade Seeking the Summit

Superlative comments mentioned by the seventh grade teachers when speaking about their nominees included: *consistent effort, did not let October's distractions get to them; above and beyond every day, engaged, curious, ask thoughtful questions/share great insights, wonderful sense of humor, leadership; dedication, perseverance, completes assignments on time, positive attitude turns frustration into progress - determined and works hard, makes math lab part of her regular routine; good teamwork, quick thinking and team leadership in our debate, sharp listening skills; draws inferences from two different things and asks questions that take the lesson deeper.*

- English - Katherine Brantley, Jack Mitchell
- Science - - Matthew Shelby, Matsy Leacock
- Math - - Isabel Wood, Jersei Garrett
- Social Studies - Kaitlyn Lafayette, Stephen Liu
- Exploratory Design - Athena Johnson

Fall Athletics Recognition Assembly

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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.

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Congratulations to these talented and inspiring students!

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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!](#)

A Note from Dr. Graham

This morning, led by Dean of Students Grace Self, we are hosting a Canned Food Auction to raise donations for the Arkansas Food Bank. Members of our community have offered up auction items to be bid on with canned food donations. After the auction, winners will be asked to bring their canned goods to school by Thursday, November 20th.

Tonight is Senior Recognition Night for our senior fall athletes. Our football players will be recognized before the game, and the rest of our senior fall athletes will be recognized at halftime. Come on out and honor our student-athletes for their hard work and myriad accomplishments.

Speaking of athletics, the regular season for basketball, winter cheer, and dance, starts up next week. Let's go, Wildcats!

Looking ahead to next week, our theater department will proudly present *Twelve Angry Jurors*, a class play that will highlight the talents of our incredible student-actors and stage technicians. Pro tip: check out the show on Opening Night, which is Thursday, November 13th, at 7:00 pm in the US/MS Dining Hall. You can't beat the energy and excitement of opening night.

Thank you for supporting our efforts on behalf of your kids.

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

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Episcopal Theater Department Presents...Twelve Angry Jurors

The Episcopal Theater Department is proud to present Twelve Angry Jurors, a timeless and timely play sure to inspire and delight us. The show opens on Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 pm in the US/MS Dining Hall. Performances will also run at 7:00 pm on Friday and Saturday evenings. I hope to see you at the show!

Chapel Schedule

- Monday, 11/10 - Andrew Thompson '26
- Tuesday, 11/11 - Mrs. Toga Tuite (Veterans' Day Commemoration)
- Wednesday, 11/12 - Fall Athletics Recognition Ceremony (@ 2:25 pm)
- Thursday, 11/13 - Twelve Angry Jurors preview
- Friday, 11/14 - Cameron Albert

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
- Christmas Concert (Choir & Orchestra) - Monday, December 8, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- End of 2nd Quarter - Thursday, December 11
- Reading Day for Upper School Students - Friday, December 12
- Fall Semester Exams - Monday, December 15 - Thursday, December 18
- Christmas Break - Friday, December 19 - Monday, January 5

Last Chance for a Costa Rican Adventure!

Upper Schoolers and 8th grade students are invited to join Señora Balcom, Profe Pérez, and our Costa Rica partners (via Zoom) for the final interest meeting on Tuesday, December 2, at 6:00 p.m. in Upper School 215. We'll answer all your questions before sign-ups close! We are looking for 12-20 students to commit by the end of December in order for the trip to happen—so bring your amigos and come learn more!

If you are unable to attend, please send Señora Balcom an email at jbalcom@episcopalcollegiate.org.

College Counseling Notes

Upcoming Fall Parent Program - College Talk: What to Do When - 11/17 - 5:30 PM

- When should my child take the ACT or SAT?
- When should he begin visiting colleges?
- When should she start applying to college?

9th, 10th, and 11th grade parents are invited to join the college counselors on Monday, November 17th at 5:30 pm in Upper School Room 215 to learn “What to Do When” as your child prepares for college applications. We will walk through the ideal action steps for each grade level, so you and your child feel prepared and ready when it is time to apply to college. This will be especially helpful for parents going through the process for the first time.

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 official 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.

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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.

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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.

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 : Learn How to DIY Lava Lamps
- Fun Friday: PK-K Glow Dance Party
- 1st-5th Kids Choice (students will choose from 3 options provided by their teachers)

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.

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- 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.