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Philosophy

Fearless - We confront challenges with courage - not the absence of fear, but the decision to move forward
anyway.

Outwork - We commit to doing more - more effort, more intention, more consistency.

Commitment - We stay locked in on the mission, the reps, and the standard - even when motivation fades.

Unity - We lift each other, communicate honestly, and align as one team with one purpose.

Synergy - Every individual strength becomes a collective advantage. We move with flow, cohesion, and trust.

Efficiency - We train smart, execute clean, and eliminate wasted motion - physically, mentally, emotionally.

Discipline - We operate with standards, not feelings. Discipline wins when pressure rises.

FOCUSED is a lifestyle standard rooted in Fearlessness, Outwork, Commitment, Unity, Synergy, Efficiency, and Discipline. We face challenges with courage, outwork yesterday, honor the process, stand together, communicate with synergy, train with efficiency, and live with unwavering discipline.

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Season Preview

Village Mindset Fuels St. Andrew's Girls Basketball Season

St. Andrew's enters the 2025-2026 season grounded in the philosophy of its signature Basketball Village, an approach built on collective commitment and shared purpose. The program emphasizes that sustained success comes from alignment across the entire community - athletes, coaches, and supporters - all contributing to an environment that nurtures growth, resilience, and excellence. Individual development remains central to the program's identity, with the belief that when each athlete progresses in a healthy and intentional way, the team strengthens as a whole and continues its steady rise toward long-term powerhouse potential.

The program's core principles continue to shape its competitive and developmental framework. Effort is the bedrock of the culture, with athletes expected to bring full intensity to every practice, warm-up, and game. St. Andrew's also maintains a strong team-first identity, blending diverse skill sets and playing styles into a cohesive system while still honoring each athlete's strengths and aspirations. The program values joy and connection as competitive advantages, encouraging players to be energetic, vocal, and deeply supportive of one another. Skill development remains a top priority, with fundamentals - ball-handling, shooting, defending, decision-making, and basketball IQ - serving as the foundation for advancement. The emphasis on returning to the basics aligns with the program's long-term player-development model.

The coaching staff continues to foster a positive, empowering atmosphere where athletes are challenged to expand their capabilities and explore leadership roles. The Village philosophy guides the team environment, creating a space built on trust, communication, and shared responsibility. Practices and games are structured to encourage freedom, confidence, and growth, while the coaching staff remains focused on cultivating a culture that supports athletes both on and off the court.

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The program's seasonal objectives - Learn, Improve, Thrive-capture its developmental mission. The JV and Varsity structures are intentionally designed to support players from 8th through 11th grade, offering age-appropriate roles and opportunities. Some athletes will benefit from extended game exposure through the six-quarter rule, allowing them to gain valuable experience that aligns with their development path. Preseason participation played a meaningful role in early-season readiness, offering athletes clarity on how offseason preparation influences their in-season progression.

Recruitment education continues to be a key component of the St. Andrew's basketball experience. The coaching staff provides insight into modern evaluation criteria, emphasizing intangible qualities such as attitude, competitiveness, motor, defensive ability, skill versatility, and basketball IQ. The program aims to ensure its athletes understand the far-reaching factors that shape opportunities at the next level, supported by real-world examples and current trends.

With a clear vision, established cultural pillars, and a unified community behind it, St. Andrew's Girls Basketball enters the 2025–2026 season poised for meaningful growth. The blend of high standards, player development, and a connected team environment positions the program to continue evolving - and to do so with purpose, identity, and pride.

2024-2025 Record: 6-18, 1-7

Key returning players
Maren Wrieden - Guard / Forward (2026)
Coco Carnahan - Forward (2026)
Avery Nein - Guard (2027)
Grace Dare - Guard (2027)
Valerie Ward - Guard (2028)

Key additions
PJ Benson - Guard (2027)
Janiyah Johnson - Guard / Forward (2028)
Aubri Rutledge - Guard (2029)

Key losses
Gray Holmes - Guard
Addi Yates - Guard

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Roster

Varsity

#	Name	Position	Grade
1	Aubri Rutledge	G	9th
2	Valerie Ward	G	10th
3	PJ Benson	G	11th
5	Janiyah Johnson	G/F	10th
10	Lyleigh Bradshaw	G/F	10th
11	Avery Nein	G	11th
12	Grace Dare	G	11th
15	Coco Carnahan	F	12th
21	Zyona Edwards	G	8th
22	Maren Wrieden	G/F	12th
23	Kate Jackson	F	9th
24	Emma Taylor	G/F	9th

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Roster

Junior Varsity

#	Name	Position	Grade
1	Aubri Rutledge	G	9th
2	Valerie Ward	G	10th
5	Janiyah Johnson	G/F	10th
10	Lyleigh Bradshaw	G/F	10th
11	Simone Wilcox	G/F	8th
12	Zyona Edwards	G	8th
14	Tallulah Walz	F	8th
15	Annabeth Polite	F	10th
21	Grace Donaldson	G/F	9th
22	Macy Barksdale	G/F	9th
23	Kate Jackson	F	9th
24	Emma Taylor	G/F	9th
32	Paisey Thompson	F	9th
35	Sophia Lewis	F	11th

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Coaches



Daniel Jackson joins St. Andrew’s School as the new head coach of the varsity girls basketball team, bringing more than a decade of experience developing competitive, disciplined, high-performing programs. He most recently led the varsity girls team at Calvary Day School, guiding the program to a 2023–24 region championship and Sweet 16 appearance in the GHSA state tournament, followed by an Elite Eight run and region runner-up finish in 2024–25. A Coach of the Year honoree and recipient of the Greg Oliver Memorial Award, Jackson earned recognition for his impact, leadership, and the strong culture he built. Known for emphasizing consistency, discipline, and defensive intensity, his teams regularly drew attention for their toughness and postseason success, and he now brings that same vision to St. Andrew’s—committed to elevating the girls basketball program through team-first principles, accountability, and a culture that prioritizes growth on and off the court.



Tranise Edwards brings a strong blend of playing experience, player development expertise, and coaching leadership to St. Andrew’s, now entering her second season with the program. A former collegiate athlete at Northeastern Oklahoma College, Edwards has spent six years coaching AAU and recreational basketball, earning a reputation as a trusted development coach who emphasizes fundamentals, confidence, and skill growth. She currently works at Colonial Oil while remaining deeply committed to mentoring young athletes. Edwards is also the proud mother of three standout players: Zyere Edwards ’23, now competing at Savannah State; Zayden Edwards ’25, currently playing at North Greenville University; and Zyona Edwards, an eighth-grade student-athlete already rostered at St. Andrew’s. Her experience, energy, and family’s strong connection to the game continue to elevate the program’s culture and development.



Jeff Wheelock started his college career at the College of Marin before moving on to Dominican University of California, where he continued competing at the Division II level and deepened his love for the game. After spending seven years in the military, he found his calling in coaching, blending discipline, communication, and genuine connection with athletes. Originally from California, Wheelock has spent twelve years on the sidelines at St. Andrew’s - ten of them within the girls program, including eight seasons as a varsity assistant and two at the middle school level. He’s become known for his steady presence, his commitment to player development, and his passion for helping athletes grow not just in their skill, but in their confidence and mindset.

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2025-26 Girls Basketball Schedule

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11.18 vs South Effingham
11.20 vs St. Vincents Academy
11.21 vs Bradwell Institute
11.25 at May River Highschool
12.2 at Hilton Head Highschool
12.3 at South East Bulloch
12.9 at South Effingham
12.10 vs South East Bulloch
12.12 vs Hilton Head Prep
12.19 - 12.20 - SCPS Invitation
12.27 - 12.30 - Carolina Invitational
1.7 at John Paul II
1.9 at Pinewood Christian
1.10 at Woodville Thompkins
1.13 vs Frederica Academy
1.16 at Westminster Schools
1.20 vs Bulloch Academy
1.22 at John Paul II
1.27 vs Westminster Schools
1.30 vs Pinewood Christian
1.31 at Bradwell Institute
2.3 at Frederica Academy
2.6 at Bulloch Academy

- Home
- Away
- Tournament