

November 14, 2025

Save the Date: Parents' Auxiliary Meeting

Please save the date for today's Parents' Auxiliary Meeting.

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



Pumpkin Bread for Faculty & Staff

There is still time to sign up to provide pumpkin bread to our faculty and staff on November 19. [Use this link](#) to sign up to show how truly grateful we are for our incredible teachers, coaches, and staff.

Let's Give Thanks,
Catherine Love

Wildcat Tip Off - November 18



Save the Date: Parent Roundtable - December 4, 2025

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.

We hope you will join us for our next session on Thursday, December 4, at 8:00 am in the Middle School Library. Additional details to follow.

Concessions

Basketball season is here! Parents, if you have a winter athlete (basketball, dance, cheer, or PSL basketball), we ask that you [sign up for two shifts during the season](#). Parents, if you don't have a winter athlete, we will gladly take your help too. More dates will be added for PSL basketball. Please keep checking so we can make sure our shifts are covered. We appreciate all the help and support of our Episcopal families.

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

Next week, we will celebrate Holy Eucharist in our community chapel. All students should wear their dress uniforms; however, tennis shoes may be worn instead of dress shoes. We hope you can join us for this special celebration of thanksgiving on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. Please note that this service will be slightly longer than usual and will conclude at 8:45 a.m.

The following week we will be out of school for Thanksgiving. For those on the 12-month program, we will be open on November 24 and 25. Please contact [Izzy Jackson](#), Director of Auxiliary Programs, with any questions about those days.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

ArCANsas Food Drive: November 17 - December 5

The Episcopal Collegiate community is excited to begin our 2025 ArCANsas Food Drive in partnership with the [Arkansas Food Bank](#) to help eliminate hunger in our state. All three divisions - Lower, Middle, and Upper schools will be working together to collect non-perishable items. We will set a collection goal of 2,025 items. Please use this [link](#) to learn about suggested items to donate.

Collection bins will be provided in the Lower, Middle, and Upper schools. The Drive will begin on November 17th and run through December 5th. Please be on the lookout for more specific information about the Drive in future Wildcat Weekly editions.

Chapel News

This week in Community Chapel we enjoyed a presentation from the 4th grade class on the character trait kindness. Next week, in Community Chapel Father Rob Leacock will preside over our first Lower School Holy Eucharist. 1st-5th graders should wear their dress uniform, but can wear tennis shoes. In PreK and Kinder chapels we will read the book *Nothing Can Separate You from God's Love* by Natalee Creech.

We hope you can join us for Chapel next week.

- 1st-5th: 8:00-8:45pm, 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 19, 2025:

Procession

- Cross: Stella Mangum
- Candle: Bonnie McCauley
- Candle: Kennedy Smith
- Eucharist Helper: Barrett Robinson
- Eucharist Helper: Channing Chase

Readers

- Ming-An Chen
- Vivian Rudofsky

Cantors

- Aaron Virani
- Brinkley Mitchell
- Adeline Parnell
- Clark Tucker

1st Grade Partners

- Alexander Eubanks
- Ford Fontes
- Jennings Owens
- Max Gutierrez
- Oliver Sherrill
- Will Marshall

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: 11/17-11/21

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:

- Dakota Phillips
- Scarlett Ray
- Harvey Rhodes
- Charlotte Rudofsky
- Hendrix Shively
- Evie Slabaugh

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

Lower School Health Screenings

Lower School Health Screenings Started October 20, and will continue through Thanksgiving break. 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 rrawn@episcopalcollegiate.org or 501-372-1194 Ext 2304.

Helpful Links

[Lower School Live Morning News](#)

[Wildcat Parent Hub](#)

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Families,

I encourage each and every one of our families to come to campus this Friday or Saturday night to see the Upper School's production of Twelve Angry Jurors. We saw a preview in Chapel on Thursday, and it was very intense!

This week, we recognized our Sixth Grade Top Cats in the various academic disciplines for the month of October. Here are some highlights from teachers' commendations of these students: great self-advocates, don't let social pressures deter them from asking questions; raise hand every time a question is asked; read full books; use their time wisely; first-class citizens - reverence, respect, and responsibility in the classroom; students bring focus, curiosity, and care to everything that they do

Math:

- Evelyn Bumpass
- Nicholas Makris

English:

- Susan Grace Mitchell
- Henry Hargraves

Life Science:

- Peyton McMillian
- Madison Nixon

Writing:

- Lilly Glover
- Londyn Landers

Social Studies:

- Hattie Cowles
- Calvin Kemp

Reminder - ArCANSas Food Drive Begins Next Week

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In Middle School, we would like to do a food box domino configuration, either in the Middle School building or on the quad, but we need 1000 boxed food items to make this work! Here is a video demonstrating what we mean <https://youtu.be/kcxOAY6TPI0?si=02Ecgr0YD1YbgJw8>.

Basketball Event (From our Parents' Auxiliary Spirit Committee) Next Tuesday

The Spirit Committee is hosting a fun night for students and families for the opening tip-off of the Jr High and Varsity basketball season next Tuesday, November 18. The theme will be Jersey Night, so all students are encouraged to wear their favorite jerseys. We will be grilling and providing free hamburgers or hot dogs for all students and there will be fun spirit wear giveaways thrown to the student section. The games start at 4pm, but the burgers and hot dogs will be ready during the Varsity Girls' game at 6pm. Hopefully we'll even get to see a performance of our dance team's state routine at both varsity halftimes.

Health Screenings

Health Screenings will began 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. For more information check the school website or contact Nurse Hopkins.

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!](#)

A Note from Dr. Graham

As we look ahead to a well-earned Thanksgiving Break, I want to share some highlights from this past week in Upper School:

All week, our students have been bringing in canned food donations to support The Arkansas Food Bank. Here is a PDF from the Arkansas Food Bank listing their [most needed items](#). Kids are welcome and encouraged to keep donating cans through the end of next week.

On Tuesday during Chapel, Mrs. Toga Tuite, Episcopal parent and 11-year veteran of the United States Air Force and the Arkansas Air National Guard, delivered an inspiring address to our Middle and Upper School community about her own military service, and about how all of us can honor U.S. veterans.

That evening, our boys and girls varsity basketball teams opened their respective seasons with wins about Bauxite. Go, Wildcats!

On Wednesday, we held our fall athletics recognition ceremony at the end of the school day, at which we celebrated our student-athletes accomplishments alongside their classmates and several parents.

And last night was the Opening Night of our theater department's presentation of Twelve Angry Jurors. Seeing our student-actors and stage technicians bring the show to life—after weeks of dedicated rehearsal—was a treat, and a reminder that the stage is a veritable classroom.

My teammates and I appreciate your collaboration, and we feel blessed to work with your children every day.

See you out there,
Kellen

Updates, Reminders, & Action Items

Canned Food Drive Continues Next Week

If a student won a prize at the auction, please remember that they are responsible for bringing in their canned food donation. Prizes cannot be claimed until the donation has been turned in.

You do not need to have won an item at the auction to participate! Everyone is encouraged to contribute to support our food bank. Please bring quality, nutritious foods. See [here](#) for the food bank's most-needed items.

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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...

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...

- 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 - @ 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

College Counseling Notes

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.

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!

Upcoming 12-Month Days for Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 24th and Tuesday, November 25th.

If you plan to attend either of these days please fill **this form** out! If you have any additional questions or concerns please reach out to Izzy Jackson via email.

Coming Up Next Week

- STEAM :
 - PK & K- Oobleck Sensory Bin
 - 1st - 5th- Lava Lamps (continued)

- Fun Friday:
 - Arcade Games & Cotton Candy!

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!

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.