

November 21, 2025

Save the Date: Parent Roundtable (Supporting Autonomy/Strategic Risk-Taking/Failing Up) - 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.

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

As Thanksgiving break approaches, I want to take a moment to share my sincere appreciation for our parent community. Thank you for trusting us with your children and for partnering with us in their growth and learning. Your support helps create a positive and nurturing environment for all. Wishing you a memorable Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends.

With sincere gratitude,
Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

ArCANSas Food Drive - One more week!

The Episcopal Collegiate community has begun 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 are working together to collect non-perishable items. We are well on our way towards our collection goal of 2,025 items. Let's all continue to pitch in to help us reach our goal.

Please use this [link](#) to learn about suggested items to donate.

Collection bins will remain in the Lower, Middle, and Upper schools. The Drive will run through December 5.

Chess Tournament Results

On Saturday, [November 15, 2025](#) (photos), the Episcopal Collegiate ChessCats competed in their second Central AR CPR & LR Knights Chess tournament hosted by the Episcopal Collegiate Lower School. Leading our ChessCats in the beginners Division I were Lincoln Wirges, followed by Ross Nadeau, Harvey Stephens, and Thomas McNulty. Leading beginners: Division II were Willa Dalvi, followed by Vivian Rudofsky. Winning intermediate Division III was 9th grader Sam Coon who was undefeated, followed by Mark Dementyev. It was an outstanding turnout by our Episcopal ChessCats team, who all worked hard to compete in this tournament. Please congratulate as well, Johnny Gardner, Hayes Causey, Miller Moll, Preston Robinson, and Graham Newbolt. Together, our ChessCats demonstrated problem-solving, skill, focus, and genuine sportsmanship, all while exemplifying the respect, reverence, and responsibility we encourage every day. We are proud of every student who represented Episcopal Collegiate so well, and we look forward to watching their continued growth at future tournaments. Stay tuned for our next tournament to be held in January 2026.

Chapel News

This week in Community Chapel we shared in the sacrament of Holy Eucharist with Father Rod Leacock presiding. When we return from the break we will have our annual Lessons & Carols service in chapel on December 3. Join us for scripture readings and songs as we hear the story of Christmas! In PreK and Kinder chapels we will read the book Room for a Little One by Jason Cockcroft.

We hope you can join us for Chapel on December 3:

- 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, December 3, 2025:

Procession:

- Cross: Bonnie McCauley
- Candle: Emma K Baker
- Candle: Theo Howell
- Advent Candle: Helen Moyers

Readers:

- Eva McNally
- Kayleigh Dillett

- Kenzie Cook
- Sadie Prater
- Townley Steadman
- Preston Robinson

Cantors:

- Annie Smith
- Ellie Daniel
- Jennings Owens
- Evie Slabaugh

1st Grade Partners:

- Annalise Hargrave
- Cole Irwin
- Louisa Young
- Nama Scarborough
- Parker Easley
- Wyatt Sappington

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: 12/1-12/5

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:

- William Staley
- Max Stiles
- Clark Tucker
- Layla Tucker
- Everett Weirich
- David Wells

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

Helpful Links

[Lower School Live Morning News](#)

[Wildcat Parent Hub](#)

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Hello, Middle School Families,

It is amazing to think that we are already at Thanksgiving Break! I hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. This week, at Monday's Morning Meeting, our Video Production students showed us their first episode of ECTV in the Middle. You can watch it at [this link](#). The segment on trends is particularly entertaining!

Food Drive

Our Food Drive in support of the Arkansas Food Bank's efforts began on Monday, November 17, and continues through Friday, December 5. Thus far, our community has collected 197 boxes and various canned goods. Our middle school goal is to collect one thousand boxes (cereal/mashed potatoes/etc., so we have a way to go to make this happen). We appreciate your donations!

Virtual Meeting (For parents of sixth graders and those new to ECS): How to Support Your Middle Schooler in Preparing for Semester Exams, Tuesday, 12/2, 8:15-9:00am.

Please join us to hear Catherine Radtke and Chuck McCormick share strategies they will provide to our middle schoolers, including a study calendar and a helpful timeline, to help them prepare for the initial round of semester exams.

- <https://meet.google.com/jff-kduq-tfs>
- Dial-in: (US) +1 314-474-3163
- PIN: 106 144 865#

Semester Exams

The Learning Specialists are available to support students as they prepare for semester exams. Students can schedule individual check-ins or small group check-ins for help with organization, study strategies, and content planning. A detailed Exam Prep Timeline will also be shared, offering step-by-step guidance to keep studying

manageable and on track. Using these tools together can help students feel more confident and prepared going into exam week. Please reach out anytime for support.

- Director of Student Support Services: Catherine Radtke cradtke@episcopalcollegiate.org
- Middle School Learning Specialist: Melissa Wilson mwilson@episcopalcollegiate.org

MS Athlete of the Week (From Seventh Grade Boys' BBall Coach, Kim Adams)

Wright Richey has really stood out over the last two weeks, not just with his play on the court, but with the work he puts in every day at practice. His effort, focus, and strong work ethic set the tone for the rest of the team and make him a true leader in our program.

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

My teammates and I wish you and your families a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. We encourage our students to rest, relax, and recharge next week. When we return on Monday, December 1st, there are two weeks until end-of-semester exams and Christmas Break. Take a look below at the exam schedule, along with a helpful exam prep timeline crafted by our learning support team.

Shoutout to our boys and girls varsity basketball and cheer teams for a strong start to the season! Please keep reading to learn more about what's happening in Upper School.

Thank you,

Kellen

Updates, Reminders, and Action Items

[End-of-Semester Exam Schedule](#)

The above link shows you our end-of-semester exam schedule. Each day, students who do not have an afternoon exam will be dismissed from school at 10:30 am, after their morning exam.

End-of-Semester Exam Prep/Support

The Learning Specialists are available to support students as they prepare for final exams. Students can schedule individual check-ins or small group check-ins for help with organization, study strategies, and content planning. This detailed [Exam Prep Timeline](#) has also been shared, offering step-by-step guidance to keep studying manageable and on track. Using these tools together can help students feel more confident and prepared going into exam week. Please reach out anytime for support:

- Director of Student Support Services: [Catherine Radtke](#).
- Middle School Learning Specialist: [Melissa Wilson](#).
- Upper School Learning Specialist: [Paige London](#).

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...

Class of '26 Christmas Tree-Trimming

Senior parents are invited to join their seniors on Thursday, December 4th at 12:15 pm in the Commons for our annual Senior Tree-Trimming event. Thanks to those senior parents who are catering lunch for this event!

Chapel Schedule

- Monday, 12/1 - Orchestra performance
- Tuesday, 12/2 - Madison Zamilpa '26
- Wednesday, 12/3 - Ms. Michelle Dowell
- Thursday, 12/4 - Nadia Walker '26
- Friday, 12/5 - Nijah Walker '26

Athletics Schedule

Let's go, Wildcats!

Beyond Next Week...

- 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

SENIORS - All admissions applications must be submitted by Wednesday, December 3rd. Please use your break to finish up supplemental essays and be ready to send in your remaining applications. Scholarship applications can be completed after this deadline through the spring.

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!

Fall Sports Recognition Photos:

Link to photo gallery for the 2025 Fall Sports Recognition assembly can be found here:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCBf6V>

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.

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.