

## January 30, 2026

### Re-enrollment for the 2026-27 School Year is Here!

This is a friendly reminder for families who still need to complete re-enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year. You may access your student(s) re-enrollment contract through the [Online Enrollment link](#). We look forward to another outstanding school year together. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to **contact us**.

### Education Freedom Account - 3rd Quarter Funding

Those families with Education Freedom Accounts for their student(s) the 3rd quarter funding deposit of \$1,716 per student to be deposited in their ClassWallet account on February 3rd.

Your prompt response to the Payment Request in ClassWallet is appreciated.

It is important to know that the school does not receive these tuition voucher funds directly from the Department of Education. The school only receives payment when you authorize your tuition voucher funds to be used to pay Episcopal Collegiate School via ClassWallet.

Thank you!

*This video walkthrough will show how to respond to a payment request in ClassWallet:*

<https://classwallet.storylane.io/share/jpmp1kb7jct>

*Step by Step Instructions:*

1. Log into your ClassWallet account at : [ClassWallet :: Login](#)
2. Go to Payment Requests in the Link Vendor tile of the dashboard (there should be a red button showing the number of requests in your queue)
3. Select the Episcopal Collegiate School listing under the “Action” column using the eye icon.
4. Review the request and click “Accept”
5. Select the “Expense Category” .... It will always be Tuition and Fees for Episcopal Collegiate School.
6. It is not necessary to upload any documentation.
7. Make sure the amount approved equals the amount of the Payment Request. Usually \$1,716.00 per quarter.
8. Click “Submit”

### Parent Programming- February 10, 2026, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm: The Science of Motivating Young People

Young people have an innate need to be respected and admired. But few parents understand how to harness it. David Yeager can help. An expert on the psychology of grit and persistence, Yeager has spent years researching how to motivate and equip young people for success. He can show us why our conventional methods of

communicating with young people aged 10 to 25 tend to leave everyone frustrated, and he can teach us a better way of ensuring the younger generation feels inspired, enthusiastic, and empowered to do their best work. Learn how to adopt what he calls the “mentor mindset,” a leadership style that taps into young people’s desire for respect. He offers highly effective and surprisingly easy-to-learn practices: like being transparent about your goals rather than expecting your children to read your mind or holding them to high standards rather than coddling them. This is crucial for anyone who wants to be a more effective parent.

Signup for this virtual event [using this link](#).

### **February 12- Parent Roundtable: Rebecca Webber of the Wolfe Street Foundation**

Our next Parent Roundtable on Thursday February 12, 2026, will feature Rebecca Webber of the Wolfe Street Foundation and will focus on how parents can help manage high-dopamine influences such as social media, substances, gaming, and gambling. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how to continue conversations with your students who have been doing drug and alcohol education this month. This event will take place at 8:00 am on the 12th in the Middle School Erwin Library. [Please RSVP here](#).

### **Pancake Supper (Support the Class of 2027) - Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

The Junior Class is gearing up for the annual Pancake Supper! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 17, 2026 from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased from any 11th grader or from [this Google Form](#). The event will take place in the Middle/Upper School Dining Hall. Looking forward to fellowship and flapjacks!

### **Parents' Auxiliary Meeting- Friday, February 20, at 8:00 am**

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our next Parents' Auxiliary Meeting on Friday, February 20, at 8:00 am, in the Upper School Simpson Library.

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

Join us for a night outdoors full of delicious food, live music with the band Dial Up, and even better company on March 14, 2026, for the Wild Game Dinner! Every other year, the Episcopal Collegiate community gathers for this fun and casual event to raise money to support enhancements for the School’s outstanding fine arts and athletic programs.

## **A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher**

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to campus on Monday morning. When we return, we’ll jump right into Winter Spirit Week! Students are invited to dress in the daily themes listed below, or they can wear their regular school uniforms. We will end the week with an all-school pep rally on Friday, February 6, at 2:30pm in the Championship Gym.

Please remember to label all outerwear!

Stay warm!

Catherine Schuhmacher  
Head of Lower School

### **Winter Spirit Week - February 2 through 6**

We will celebrate our Winter Spirit Week with daily dress-up themes and an all-school pep rally on Friday, February 6. Students are invited to dress for each day's theme or wear their regular school uniform. Please make sure students are dressed appropriately for school and wear tennis shoes to participate in PE and recess.

- Monday: Pajama Day, no slippers
- Tuesday: Jersey Day
- Wednesday: Beach/Tropical Day
- Thursday: Color Wars - Please note \*these match last year's Field Day shirt colors by grade level—hopefully making planning a little easier.
  - PreK 3 - White
  - PreK 4 - Orange
  - Kinder - Light Blue
  - 1st Grade - Green
  - 2nd Grade - Yellow
  - 3rd Grade - Red
  - 4th Grade - Purple
  - 5th Grade - Navy
- Friday: Sock Hop or Spirit Day

### **Attention 5th Grade Parents - Picture Needs**

We need two pictures for upcoming projects involving our 5th grade students. The deadline to submit these pictures is today, Friday, January 30. Please read the letter [linked here](#) for specific details about what is needed.

### **Chapel News**

In Community Chapel last week we heard from storyteller, educator, philanthropist, and trailblazer, Dr. Sybil Hampton about the importance of being kind to everyone. In PreK and Kinder chapels we read Who is My Neighbor? by Amy-Jane Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso. Although we were not able to have chapel this week, we're excited to return to Community Chapel next week, when we will hear a presentation about what it means to be a curious learner from our third grade class. In PreK and Kinder chapels next week, we'll read The Precious Pearl by Bob Hartman.

We hope you can join us for Chapel on February 4:

- 1st-5th: 8:00-8:30am, 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, February 4, 2026

Procession

- Cross: Brinkley Mitchell
- Candle: Jett Ludwig
- Candle: Louisa Young

Readers

- George Wright
- Parker Easley

Cantors

- Aaron Virani
- Kenzie Cook
- Dakota Phillips

1st Grade Partners

- Ellie Daniel
- Hank Adams
- Henry Dake
- John Allen
- Kayleight Dillett
- Oliver Sherill

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 - February 2-6**

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:

- James Kemp
- Mykenna Kloske
- Clayton Lee

- Jett Ludwig
- Stella Mangum
- Will Marshall

\*Please note that if temperatures are below freezing, students are not expected to do Pride Patrol that day.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

- February 13-16 | Mid-Winter Break, No School
- March 6 | 3rd Quarter Ends
- March 13 | Parent/Teacher Conference Day, No School
- March 23-27 | Spring Break, No School

### **Helpful Links**

[Lower School Live Morning News](#)

[Wildcat Parent Hub](#)

## **A Note from Dr. McCormick**

Hello, MS Families,

I hope that your families have satisfactorily navigated weather and AMI this week, and we can all be thankful that we are not in Nashville without power or with trees down. I got two snow shoveling sessions in and would pit my driveway against anyone else's in the neighborhood! That said, I have missed our students, my colleagues, and our amazing community and look forward to returning to in-person teaching and learning, Chapel, clubs, sports, and our Middle School Play, which will take place next Wednesday and Thursday. While next week promises to be busy as everything ramps back up, I encourage you to bring your family to support our Middle School Thespians. They essentially have "two games" to showcase all of their hard work, and I know that they would appreciate full houses for both!

Next week is also Spirit Week! Because this may not be at the top of mind, here again are our dress themes and guidelines for dress consistent with our upper school friends.

Spirit Dress Up Days:

- Monday: Pajama Day
- Tuesday: Jersey Day
- Wednesday: Beach/Tropical Day
- Thursday: Color Wars: 6th grade wears white; 7th grade wears blue; 8th grade wears green; faculty wear black
- Friday: Spirit Day

Students are expected to either dress according to the theme or wear their standard uniform. Those dressing up should follow these guidelines:

- No tank tops or swimsuits
- Skirts / shorter shorts may only be worn with leggings/tights underneath
- Leggings are not permitted unless they are under shorts or skirts
- Board shorts or longer, khaki-style or gym shorts may be worn
- No offensive, political, or inappropriate costumes or clothing items

Have a great weekend, and stay safe!

Chuck McCormick

### Nothin' But Net Night - Monday, February 2

The Middle School is excited to once again host the iconic Nothin' But Net Night on Monday evening, February 2. This is an evening to come out and support our middle school basketball players and cheerleaders. First game begins at 4:00pm and last game starts at 6pm. There will be food raffles, games, and plenty of Wildcat Spirit! Please come and bring your family!

### 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!](#)

## **A Note from Dr. Graham**

My teammates and I appreciate your collaboration during this icy and highly unusual week! Our students, faculty, and staff made the best of the situation, and we are excited to get back to our in-person school routines.

Next week is Winter Spirit Week, which features fun, special dress themes each day. Information about those dress themes appears below. Spirit Week culminates with an all-school Pep Rally on Friday, February 6th, at 2:30 pm in Championship Gym. All Episcopal families are welcome to attend the Pep Rally.

On Saturday night February 7th, we will host our annual Winter Dance, from 8:00 to 10:00 pm in the Dining Hall. Students must arrive at the dance by 8:30 pm and stay until 10:00 pm. Students should purchase tickets using the Google Form sent to them via email. [Guest forms](#) should be turned into the Main Office by Wednesday, February 4th.

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

See you out there,  
Kellen

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

### Winter Spirit Week - Special Dress Days (February 2 through February 6)

The Upper School Student Council is excited to announce ‘Winter Spirit Week: Sock Hop’ a retro-inspired spirit week that is coming up the first week of February. Here are our spirit week dress up days:

- Monday, February 2: Rock’n’Roll Outta Bed (Pajama Day) Come to school in your pajamas or most comfortable clothes.
- Tuesday, February 3: Varsity Vibes (Jersey Day) Wear your jerseys, your varsity jackets, all things athletic!
- Wednesday, February 4: Surfin’ USA (Tropical/Beach Day) Channel your inner Beach Boys with your tropical or beach themed attire.
- Thursday, February 5: Dream Job Jive (Career Day) Show off your professional aspirations by dressing in the garb of your dream career.
- Friday, February 6: Sock Hop Spirit (Spirit Day/Sock Hop Gear) Dust off those poodle skirts and leather jackets for the final day of spirit week. Come in your best sock hop 50s themed outfit or wear your typical Friday Wildcat spirit day gear.

Students are expected either to dress according to the theme or wear their standard uniform. For each day, students should please follow these guidelines:

- No tank tops, shorts, skirts, swimsuits, or leggings.
- No offensive, political, or inappropriate costumes or clothing items

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## **College Counseling:**

### College Admissions Case Studies Workshop - Cancelled

[Written by Tricia Moran, Director of College Counseling]

In an abundance of caution for your safety and the safety of our admission deans traveling from across the country, we are canceling our College Admissions Case Studies Workshop scheduled for this Saturday, January 31. We know many of you were looking forward to this event as there is no better way to get an inside

perspective on the college admission process, so we will keep you posted as soon as we know if we can reschedule the workshop.

### 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.

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

#### All-School Pep Rally

We are hosting—and you are invited to—an All-School Pep Rally on Friday, February 6th at 2:30 pm in Championship Gym. Don your Green & White and show your Wildcat Spirit!

#### Chapel Schedule

- Monday, 2/2 - Father Rob
- Tuesday, 2/3 - Turner Harbour '26
- Wednesday, 2/4 - 3rd Grade Character Virtue
- Thursday, 2/5 - Italy Trip Reflection
- Friday, 2/6 - Tori Roeder '26

### **Beyond Next Week...**

- Winter Spirit Week - Monday, February 2 - Friday, February 6
- Winter Dance - Saturday, February 7
- College Trips (to New York & Los Angeles) - Wednesday, February 11 - Saturday, Feb. 14
- Class of '26 Valentine's Day Lunch - Thursday, February 12
- Mid-Winter Break (No School) - Friday, February 13 - Monday, February 16
- Pancake Supper (sponsored by Class of '27) - Tuesday, February 17
- Choir/Orchestra Concert - Monday, March 2
- End of Quarter 3 - Friday, March 6
- Spring Conference Day (No Classes) - Friday, March 13

### **Athletics Schedule and Notes**

[Athletics Schedule](#) - Let's go, Wildcats!

## New Athletics App!

We're excited to introduce our new Athletics App, a convenient, mobile-friendly way to stay connected to Wildcat athletics. Designed to complement our website and existing communications, the app puts schedules, scores, team information, and athletics news all in one place. Users can also opt in to push notifications for weather delays, game changes, and important reminders—so you never miss a moment.

We encourage all athletes, parents, and community members to download the app and start using it today. Instructions are included below.

**DON'T MISS ANOTHER SCORE, SET, GOAL OR RUN!**  
The Episcopal Wildcats App is the best source for the latest news, schedules, scores and rosters. Follow every team and club in one mobile app!

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**START USING THE EPISCOPAL WILDCATS APP TODAY!**

**STEP 1:**  
Download the app by visiting the Apple or Google Play app store and search "Episcopal Wildcats".  
**Make sure you Allow/Enable Push Notifications**

**STEP 2:**  
Sign in with your 10-digit mobile number for login code to access the app...only have to do this once!



**STEP 3:**  
Browse through NEWS, TEAMS and the SCHEDULE. Click on TEAMS and scroll through the list. Tap on the bell icon to follow a team.

**STEP 4:**  
Tap on teams to view their NEWS, SCHEDULE, SCORES and ROSTER. Select the bell in the top right corner to manage notifications.

## Concessions

Parents, please check the sign up and grab your spot(s) to help support our winter sports. We still have lots of opportunities to volunteer for gate or concessions that we would love to fill. If your middle or high schooler needs service hours, bring them along. Thank you in advance! Also, a huge thank you to all of our December volunteers! ([Volunteer Sign-up](#))

Thank you.

Laura Schnackenberg and Mary Margaret Wippo

## 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. 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](#)

### **Winter Break Update- February 13 and February 16**

Wildcat Club will be open and providing childcare on Friday, February 13, and Monday, February 16, of the Winter Break for those families enrolled in Episcopal's 12-month program.

### **Summer at the E**

The countdown to Summer 2026 has officially begun! Enrollment opened on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Please head to our [Summer at the E webpage](#) for additional information.

### **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:

*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.