

February 27, 2026

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Wildcat First Pitch- Tuesday, March 3, at 5:00 PM at Junior Deputy :

It's time to play ball! Join us (Lower, Middle, and Upper School) for the Wildcats' season opener. A special thank you to the Parents' Auxiliary Spirit Committee and Town Pump for sponsoring this fun-filled evening. Enjoy burgers, ice cream, and a bounce house, and be sure to wear your Wildcat spirit wear! Lower School students are invited to run the bases between the JV and Varsity games. We can't wait to see you there!



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 excited to share that 30 Lower School students are participating in Little Rockers this year and will run their final mile this Saturday, February 28, at 11:00 a.m. Over the past several months, these students have trained every Monday afternoon with the goal of completing 25.2 miles leading up to the Final Mile. Please join me in congratulating them on their dedication, perseverance, and a job well done! Click [here](#) for more information about the Kids Marathon.

Looking ahead, Family/Teacher Conference Day will take place on Friday, March 13. School will not be in session; however, students are welcome to attend Wildcat Club during your scheduled conference time.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

Chapel News

In Community Chapel this week we heard a great message about having "an attitude of gratitude" from our Head of School, Dr. Jamie Griffin. In PreK and Kinder chapels next week, we'll watch a video lesson about Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem and how Psalm Sunday is celebrated during the Lenten season.

We hope you can join us for Chapel on March 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, March 4, 2026:

Procession

- Cross: Evie Peek
- Candle: Townley Steadman
- Candle: Vivian Rudofsky

Readers

- Alexander Eubanks
- Annalise Hargrave
- Barrett Robinson

Cantors

- Eva McNally
- Mykenna Kloske
- Alice Guthrie
- Landry Rolston

1st Grade Partners

- Annie Smith
- Brinkley Mitchell
- Clayton Lee

- Helen Moyers
- Henry Dake
- Jennings Owens

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 - March 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:

- Annie Smith
- Kennedy Smith
- Townley Steadman
- Bradley Suffridge
- Thomas Utter
- Aaron Virani

Mark Your Calendars

- March 6 | 3rd Quarter Ends
- March 13 | Parent/Teacher Conference Day, No School
- March 23-27 | Spring Break, No School
- April 3-6 | Easter Break, No School

Lower School Live Morning News

Wildcat Parent Hub

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Families,

The warming weather has buoyed our collective spirits, as has being outside for spring sport practices and recess. (For comparison's sake, I talked to my parents this week, who live 45 minutes south of Boston, and they just received 36 inches of snow!). Additionally, rehearsals are taking place for Shrek the Musical, which everyone is excited about. Today at morning meeting, I encouraged our students to use their time wisely during activity time, e.g., visit with teachers for extra help or to complete work that is owed and complete their student portfolios to be ready to present during student-led conferences next week. Our goal is for all of our students to finish the quarter as strongly as possible. The quarter ends on Friday, March 6.

We hope to see all parents at our student-teacher-advisor conferences on Friday, March 13. Please read my [earlier note](#) about the purpose of these meetings and how you can support your child while doing them.

Middle School STEAM Expo: March 12, 5:30-7:00pm

All seventh and eighth grade students will be presenting/displaying science projects at our STEAM Expo on the first floor of the Middle School on the evening of March 12. This event is mandatory for seventh and eighth grade students, who also need to be in Dress Uniform for the occasion. Sixth grade students are welcome to volunteer to help run the event, and they can earn service hours for doing this. Sixth graders interested in participating should see Mrs. Bridges. Priority will be given to students in need of service hours. We look forward to seeing many family members join us!

Reminder: Community Service Hours

Every middle school student needs to complete five hours of community service prior to the conclusion of each school year. These hours need to be documented on a Community Service Form (where the organization sponsor signs to verify participation) and turned in to Mrs. Britt in the Middle School office by April 15. Students who need ideas about how to complete their service hours should consult their advisors or Dr. McCormick.

Reminder: Procedure for Obtaining an Excused Absence

If your child has to miss a full day of school or more, their adults need to email Dr. McCormick requesting the given time off and do so at least one week in advance. After this has been approved, the student will collect a Planned Absence Form from the Middle School Office, take it around to their teachers whose classes they will be missing for their signatures, and then bring it back to the Middle School office for Dr. McCormick's signature. They will also be given a copy to take with them.

Have a great weekend!
Chuck McCormick

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Middle School Conference Day- March 13

Parents—You should have received an email on Thursday, February 19 at 12:00 p.m. about the upcoming student-led conference day. If you did not receive it, please contact your child's advisor.

Reminder: Community Service Hours completed by May 1

Every middle school student needs to complete five community service hours and document them on a community service form by May 1, 2026.

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 approach the end of the third quarter and the homestretch of the school year, our students are “locked in” and focused on finishing strong. The third quarter ends on Friday, March 6th; Q3 grades will be available on Veracross on Wednesday, March 11th, right in time for Conference Day. Please see my note below about signing up for your child’s spring conference on Friday, March 13th.

Shoutout to our girls’ and boys’ varsity basketball and cheer teams for competing in the state regional tournament this week in Jessieville. Both boys’ and girls’ teams faced Harmony Grove in the first round: our girls won convincingly, while our boys lost a close one.

This week in Advisory, our students prepared for their upcoming conferences by responding to a series of self-reflection questions that invite them to identify their academic, social, and personal “wins” along with areas of growth.

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

See you out there,
Kellen

Updates, Reminders, and Action Items

Spring Conference Signups

Spring Conference Day is set for Friday, March 13th. More info about Conference Day, including how to sign up for your child’s conference, is linked [here](#). All 9th-, 10th-, and 11th-graders are expected to attend their conference, along with their faculty advisor and at least one parent/guardian. Classes will not be held on Conference Day.

End of Quarter 3 & Q3 Grades

The 3rd Quarter ends on Friday, and report cards will be published on Wednesday, March 11.

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Mini College Fair - Tuesday, March 3rd, 7:50-8:15 AM - Upper School Commons

We will have a mini college fair with college representatives from across the country in the Upper School Commons before school on Tuesday, March 3rd. Colleges visiting will include: University of Alabama, University of Alaska, American University, Mississippi State, University of Mississippi, University of Missouri, Samford University, University of Tulsa, and more! This event is open to all Upper School students and we highly encourage stopping by to learn more information about colleges attending!

Thanksgiving Italy Trip Interest Meeting - Wednesday, March 4, 2026 [From Ms. Self, US Dean of Students]

This November, students will travel to Rome for an immersive experience that brings history, art, and culture to life in unforgettable ways - from the Colosseum and the Vatican to day trips to Florence, Tivoli, and Ostia Antica. This trip is open to current 8th–11th graders.

Join us for an interest meeting in the US Simpson Library on Wednesday, March 4th at 5:30 pm, and check out our [website](#) for full details and registration information.

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 inform their teachers, coaches, and advisor of any known absences in advance.

Coming Up Next Week...

Choir/Orchestra Concert

I hope to see many of you at the Choir/Orchestra Concert on Monday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm at St. Margaret Episcopal Church. The evening will feature musical performances from Middle and Upper School students. It will be a fabulous show!

Chapel Schedule

- Monday, 3/2 - Ms. Michelle Moore
- Tuesday, 3/3 - Diana Jiménez '26
- Wednesday, 3/4 - Storm Wilson '26

- Thursday, 3/5 - Celebration of International Women's Day
- Friday, 3/6 - Emma Schnackenberg '26

Athletics Schedule

Beyond this Week...

- Spring Conference Day (No Classes) - Friday, March 13
- Wild Game Dinner - Saturday, March 14
- Spring Break - Saturday, March 21 - Sunday, March 29
- Easter Break - Friday, April 3 - Monday, April 6

Athletics Recognition Ceremony

Our Athletics Recognition Ceremony will be Tuesday, 3/10 at 2:25pm in the Championship gym.

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!

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 ID-light 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 ball 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](#) The Hudl Fan App is supported by Roku TV, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, and Android TV.

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.

New Spring Supersessions Now Available!!

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.

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)

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.