

March 6, 2026

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



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Concessions and Gate Duty

Parent volunteers are needed to help with concessions and gate duty. Please sign up by clicking [this link](#).

Thanks so much to all of our volunteers for Gate/Concessions in February! We are so grateful for your help!

Aimee Shelby, Mollie Campbell, Margaret Staley, Lindsey Gray, Ashley Anderson, Jyvaya Braden, Christie Cobb, Renee & Gavin McGraw, Naima Turner, Aubrey Morehead, Ford Gill, Miles Windel, Cash Lee, Lauren Dake, Jeannie & Rob Guthrie, Nikki Parnell, Amber Bagley, Jill & James Davis, Andrew Thompson, Eyona Mitchell, Tracye Mosley, Clark Wild, Koen Perry, Emily Martin, Mary Carol Daugherty, Hadley Black, Lisa Jones, Leslie & Richard Bright

Laura Schnackenberg
Mary Margaret Wippo

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

We had much to celebrate in the Lower School this week! During Wednesday's Chapel, we recognized our February Wildcat WOW award recipients and also celebrated the nearly 30 students who participated in Little Rockers this year. After months of running together on Monday afternoons, these students completed their final mile as part of the Little Rock Marathon events last Saturday—an impressive accomplishment!

We are also grateful to a group of local Eagle Scouts, led by Henry Wallace, a current sophomore, who recently constructed a digging box for our PreK and Kindergarten students in the Quinn Teaching Gardens. Their time, energy, and thoughtful planning have created a wonderful addition to our outdoor learning space, and we look forward to the many hands-on learning opportunities it will provide for our youngest Wildcats.

We look forward to seeing you next week for conferences. As a reminder, Wildcat Club is available for students while parents are in their scheduled conferences on Friday. Report cards will be available on Veracross by 4pm on Wednesday, March 11.

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School



Author Visit - Tuesday, March 10

We are excited to welcome [author Minh Lê](#) to the Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Lower School Library on Tuesday, March 10, 2026! Mr. Lê is the author of 7 picture books and 3 graphic novels. Parents are always welcome to attend! The schedule is as follows:

- 8:30-8:50- PreK3 and PreK4
- 9:15-9:50- Kinder and 1st
- 10:15-11:15- 4th and 5th
- 11:30-12:30- 2nd and 3rd

Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

Episcopal Collegiate Lower School Book Fair is coming up May 4-8! Preparations for Book Fair will get really busy after Spring Break, and the Book Fair Committee could use your help. Please take a moment and let us know your interest in helping Mrs. Linder and the committee with our prep this year. This sign-up is to help us find volunteers interested in helping with prep ahead of the week of Book Fair. The sign-up for volunteer shifts for the week of Book Fair, including shifts to help with classroom shopping, will be sent out at a later date.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Chapel News

In Community Chapel this week we heard a great message about meditation and reflection from Rev. Susan Sims Smith. In PreK and Kinder chapels next week, we'll watch a video lesson about the Last Supper.

We hope you can join us for Chapel on March 11:

- 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 11, 2026:

Procession

- Cross: Emma K Baker
- Candle: Ellie Daniel
- Candle: Rowan Gaillard

Readers

- Bradley Suffridge
- Carter Cummings
- George Wright

Cantors

- Evie Peek
- Jack Chatham
- Becca Leacock
- Max Stiles

1st Grade Partners

- June Querdibitty
- Louisa Young
- Magnolia Cunningham
- Sawyer Murphy
- Theo Howell
- 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 - March 9-12

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:

- Jane Bright
- Margaret Bronni
- Coleman Carter
- George Carvelli
- William Dare
- George Wright
- Louisa Young

Mark Your Calendars

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

- May 4-8 | Book Fair
- May 6 | Capstone Night @ the E! 4-6pm
- May 19 | 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony
- May 20 | Field Day, ½ Day Dismissal, No Wildcat Club

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Helpful Links

[Lower School Live Morning News](#)

[Wildcat Parent Hub](#)

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Families,

Has spring sprung in Arkansas? As many of my relatives in the northeast brace for yet another snowstorm, we here are enjoying 60-70 degree temperatures and blessed sunlight! Yes, weather is a big reason I moved south! This week, we are busy wrapping up the quarter - taking final assessments, making up work missed from our snow week or illness, and in seventh and eighth grade science classes concluding research and creating tri-fold presentations for next Tuesday's Steam Expo. I hope that you will join us on the first floor of the middle school from 5:30-7:00 to see our seventh and eighth grade students' showcasing their science projects.

Seventh and eighth grade families have received instructions about the STEAM Expo and should contact their child's teacher with questions.

Eighth Grade Over the Top Awards

During Thursday's Morning Meeting, eighth grade teachers commended students for exemplary work ethic, perseverance, self-accountability, leadership, and teamwork during the month of February. Here are the students recognized, as well as blurbs from the teachers.

Math: Steady, focused, doing what they need to do to be successful, on task, best effort - consistency, built good habits for themselves, takes discipline: Olivia Sewell, Bryce Blackshaw, Harry Clark

Science: Looking for students who asked a lot of questions when we had a guest presenter, answered a lot of questions, gave nonverbal communication, showing that they're listening to create a positive classroom environment: Harper Fields, Leighton Campbell

English: working really hard on analysis and pushing commentary deeper, what is the text showing us about people and humanity, not easy and takes a lot of focus and effort, consistently engaged with that challenge, one student set a goal to participate in class more, contribute thoughtfully, strong model annotations that show real thinking happening on the page: Tucker Moore, Vivie Embry

Latin: how well people have done on vocabulary quizzes, which is preparation, and how much effort people are putting into annotations, prepared really well for quizzes: Parker Rownd, Somaya Prescott

Exploratory Design: bigger challenges and more materials, they started struggling more but stuck with it and never got frustrated, really admired that sort of effort to better themselves: Nico Erkman

History: done research, writing, quizzes, projects. Strong work ethic, consistent, kindness for others, keeping track of work when absent. Strong writing, going above and beyond: Chloe Hooks, James Davis

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!

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.

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7th Grade Vaccine Reminder

This is a reminder that when kids enter 7th grade they are required to have a meningococcal vaccine (Usually called Menactra, MENVEO, or MemACYW). Most students get both meningococcal and Tdap vaccines when they turn 11. If you are unsure if your kids had the vaccine, reach out to their pediatrician or Nurse Hopkins to see if they are up to date.



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.

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

This week's events schedule captured what makes our Upper School awesome: Our choir and orchestra groups gave a rousing concert on Monday night at St. Margaret's Episcopal church. On Tuesday, our varsity baseball team won its home opener against Atkins; the crowd and atmosphere at Junior Deputy were electric. Our students continued preparing for their spring conferences during Advisory on Wednesday. As I write, our girls varsity basketball and cheer teams prepare for the state tournament in Osceola, and our boys and girls varsity soccer and lacrosse teams are in action today and this weekend.

Today marks the end of the 3rd quarter. Q3 grades will be viewable on Canvas on Wednesday, March 11th. Spring Conference Day is set for Friday, March 13th. My teammates and I look forward to seeing many of you on Friday.

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

See you out there,
Kellen

Updates, Reminders, & 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.

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.

Candy Needed for Annual Easter Egg Hunt

[Written by Paige London, US Learning Specialist]

Episcopop is excited to host the 3rd annual Upper School Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 1st! In order to make this event a success, we need candy...a lot of candy. Students are encouraged to bring in individually wrapped candy to Ms. Gammill or Ms. Paige by Friday, March 20th. Thank you so much, and happy Easter!

SWEET 16 - Check-up and Vaccine Requirement Reminder

[Written by Nurse Lenna]

This is a reminder, that as your kids are turning 16 years old, don't forget to make their 16 y/o check-up with their pediatrician. At this visit they will get their second meningococcal (booster) dose that is required for students who are 16 years of age or older on or after September 1, 2025. This meningococcal vaccine goes by names like: Menactra, MENVEO, or MemACYW.

Coming up Next Week...

Spring Conference Day

Spring Conference Day is Friday, March 13th. Classes are cancelled on Friday to accommodate conference. Please reach out to your child's faculty advisor or me if you have any questions about your child's conference. We are excited to see many of you on Friday.

Chapel Schedule

- Monday, 3/9 - Wolfe Street Foundation
- Tuesday, 3/10 - Winter Sports Recognition (Championship Gym)
- Wednesday, 3/11 - Alex Seebree '26

- Thursday, 3/12 - Leslie Wallace '26

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Athletics Schedule

Let's go, Wildcats!

Beyond this Week...

- 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 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.

Micah Marsh, Director of Athletics

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.

Wildcat Club Conference Day (March 13) Coverage

Please **fill out this form** if you plan to utilize WildCat Club during your conference on Friday, March 13th. (Please read all of the information carefully.)

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.