

March 13, 2026

TOMORROW (March 14, 2026) Wild Game Dinner



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.

2026-2027 Planning Calendar Update

The updated 2026–2027 Master Calendar is [linked here](#) for easy reference.

Please note that while this calendar reflects the most current schedule, dates are subject to change as school programs, activities, and events continue to develop throughout the year. We encourage families to refer back to the calendar periodically for the latest updates.

Episcopal Education Freedom Accounts for 2026-2027

The application window for Education Freedom Accounts (Tuition Vouchers) for the 2026/27 school year is now open and expected to remain open only through June 1, 2026. *The Department of Education is encouraging families to complete the renewal survey as soon as possible to help ensure their place in the program for the upcoming school year.*

Students that participated this year and want to renew their application to participate next year must complete this process through their ClassWallet account. Parents will have the opportunity to update any contact information and will need to complete a few satisfaction survey questions.

Students that are new to the program will complete their application at <http://arkansasefa.com>. New applicants will be asked to provide documentation of the following:

- Arkansas Residency: One form of verification matching the physical address and name of the applicant (parent) as listed on the application, for example a current Arkansas Driver's License.
- Student Age Verification: One form of legal documentation for the student's date of birth. The document must match the student's name as listed on the application, for example a Birth Certificate or a Passport.

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

We had a wonderful week in the Lower School, beginning with our author visit on Tuesday followed by an incredibly uplifting chapel presentation from our second-grade students on Wednesday. I hope your parent-teacher conferences have been informative and meaningful. We are truly grateful for the time you take to schedule and attend these important conversations about your children's growth and learning.

I would like to recognize our RoboCats, who placed 3rd in the State Championship on Monday. Please join me in congratulating the following students for their hard work and dedication: Lucia Gutierrez, Max Gutierrez, Tommy Hogate, Alex Kuperman, Landry Tracy, Everett Weirich, Sam Williams, Margaret Bronni, Bonnie McCauley, Kennedy Smith, Theo Howell, Frankie Patton, and Charlotte Rudofsky.

Additionally, I'm pleased to celebrate one more Wildcat Wow winner for the month of February. Scarlett Ray was selected in Mr. Daniel's class for consistently demonstrating the qualities of the Wildcat Pledge in her daily actions. Congratulations, Scarlett!

Next week, students are invited to enjoy an extra Spirit Day and wear lots of green for St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17!

Hope to see you at Wild Game Dinner on Saturday night!

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

Attention Parents of Students in both Lower and Middle Schools

Following Lower School dismissal, if you are waiting for your Middle School students in the parking lot near the track or along the sidewalk leading to the quad, to the right of the dumpsters. Middle and Upper School classes remain in session until 3:35 p.m., and noise in that area can be disruptive. Additionally, materials outside Mr. O'Connell's classroom were recently damaged. We appreciate your help in keeping these areas quiet and clear during this time.

Standardized Testing, Grades 3-5, April 7-10

Students in grades 3-5 will take ERB CTP-V standardized testing April 7-10. This testing will run from approximately 8:00 am to 10:30am each day. Please make sure students arrive at school on time and minimize appointments during those testing times.

Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

ECS 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!](#)

Capstone Date Change - Thursday, May 7

Capstone at the E will take place on Thursday, May 7, from 4:00–6:00 p.m. This special event gives students in Kindergarten through 5th grade the opportunity to showcase their learning from the year—not only from their homeroom classrooms, but also from their co-curricular classes. The Book Fair will be open, and food trucks will be on site for families to enjoy. We hope you’ll join us for this celebration of our students’ hard work and creativity—you won’t want to miss it!

Chapel News

In Community Chapel this week we heard a great message about being a dependable friend from the 2nd grade class. Next week in Community chapel we will hear a performance from the middle and upper school students in Percussion II and III. In PreK and Kinder chapels we watched a video lesson about the Last Supper and next week we’ll watch a video about Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane.

We hope you can join us for Chapel on March 18:

- 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 18, 2026:

Procession

- Cross: Preston Robinson
- Candle: Stella Mangum
- Candle: Thomas Utter

Readers

- Emma K Baker
- Jack Chatham
- Wyatt Hilbun

Cantors

- Kayleigh Dillett
- Kennedy Smith
- Caroline Kilgroe
- Kennedy King

1st Grade Partners

- Barrett Robinson
- Bradley Suffridge
- Eva McNally
- James Kemp
- Mykenna Kloske
- Townley Steadman

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 16-20

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:

- Charlotte Davis
- Darina Dementyeva
- Jonas Goree
- Nathan Green
- Alice Guthrie
- George Hall

Mark Your Calendars

- March 23-27 | Spring Break, No School
- April 3-6 | Easter Break, No School
- May 4-8 | Book Fair
- May 7 | Capstone Night @ the E! 4-6pm
- May 19 | 5th Grade Recognition Ceremony, 1:30pm
- May 20 | Field Day, ½ Day Dismissal, No Wildcat Club

Helpful Links

[Lower School Live Morning News](#)

[Wildcat Parent Hub](#)

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Families,

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of going to the Food Bank with our seventh grade students and teachers to do some service. This is a trip that Ms. Lewis and Ms. Chaney organized last year, and it was so successful that we wanted to replicate it this year. During our time at the Food Bank, we learned that Arkansas has the dubious distinction of ranking number one in food insecurity, and this, in itself, motivated our group to work hard during our three hours. Altogether, we bagged 3880 pounds of beans in one -pound bags and boxed up 2200 pounds of candy and 750 pounds of snacks.

For the past couple of weeks, seventh and eighth grade scientists have been researching, conducting experiments, and creating visuals for their tri-fold boards that were showcased at last night's STEAM Expo. I am really proud of our students and science teachers, not to mention Ms. Agee, Mrs. Hargrave, and Mrs. Hyde, who jumped in from time to time to help particular students or student groups with research or materials gathering, for their efforts to "do science" and present their findings to our greater community. We know that young people

appreciate and are energized when their audience is more than just a teacher or a class, so we hope that this Expo has done just that.

All students, too, have been working on their portfolios to showcase their work, passions, and areas for growth in student-led conferences today. I look forward to seeing many of you in the middle school, and I think that you will find that if your student has appropriately prepared their portfolio that these will be informative experiences for families and confidence-builders for our students.

ERB Testing - 6th and 7th Grade Students

6th and 7th grade students will take ERB CTP-V standardized testing April 13th-15th. This testing will run from approximately 8:00am to 12:10pm each day. Please make sure students arrive to school on time and minimize appointments during those testing times. Missed testing will not be made up.

PSAT for 8th Graders

Students in grades 8-10 will take PSAT 8/9 & PSAT10 on Thursday, April 16th. This testing will run from approximately 8:00 am to 11:00. Please make sure students arrive on time on those days and minimize appointments during those testing times.

Have a great weekend!

Chuck McCormick

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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.

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

Thanks to those of you who are here today for your child's conference. We are glad to connect and collaborate with you. If you have any questions about your child's course schedule for next year, please contact your child's faculty advisor next week. Our hope is to finalize schedules by Friday, May 20th. If you need more time, please let me know.

On Tuesday, we capped off the winter sports season with a recognition assembly in Championship Gym. Our spring teams are in full swing. Shoutout to our boys and girls varsity lacrosse teams for notching big wins on Wednesday night!

Folks from The Wolfe Street Foundation will return to campus next week to educate our kids on positive decision making, the science of addiction, and developing personal values.

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

See you out there,
Kellen

Updates, Reminders, & Action 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 inform their teachers, coaches, and advisor of any known absences in advance.

9th Grade Spring Service Project

9th Graders are invited to participate in a spring service project on Monday, April 6th at the St. Francis House. The St. Francis House is an organization established in January 1970 as a social outreach of the Episcopal Church to the State of Arkansas.

This project will take place on the Monday of Easter Break. Students will be working on a project in the morning for a few hours. The work the students do will be determined by how many sign up for it so please RSVP in the poll that was posted on the Class of 2029 GroupMe. If you are not on the GroupMe, please email Monica Warren with your child's name to: monica_mullens@yahoo.com.

Candy Needed for Annual Easter Egg Hunt [Written by Paige London, US Learning Specialist]

Episcopep 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...

Upcoming College Visits

10th & 11th graders are welcome to join these meetings in College Counseling. Sign up in SCOIR under "Visits & Deadlines" & bring your Green College Visit Permission Slip both to your teacher to sign before class and to the visit. These slips can be picked up in the College Counseling Office.

Tuesday, 3/17, 8:15 AM - Southeast Missouri State University

Wednesday, 3/18 - 2:30 PM - Oklahoma State University

Thursday, 3/19, 2:30 PM - Louisiana Tech University

Thursday, 3/19 - 8:15 AM - University of Tulsa

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Week

Next week is our Drug and Alcohol Awareness week, and I'm excited to announce that this year the Upper School is once again partnering with the [Wolfe Street Foundation](#) for this programming.

Our friends at Wolfe Street have developed a comprehensive drug prevention program called "Youth Empowerment Project" (YEP). Next week during FLEX, each grade-level will meet with an addiction specialist for education on the science of addiction, positive decision making, value development and other prevention strategies.

Chapel Schedule

- Monday, 3/16 - DJ Johnson '26
- Tuesday, 3/17 - Mr. Jeremy Rhodes
- Wednesday, 3/18 - 2nd Grade Character Virtue
- Thursday, 3/19 - Hannah Crank
- Friday, 3/20 - 6th Grade Religion

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

PSL Youth Football OTA Camp (Grades 2-5)

All 2nd–5th grade students are invited to attend the PSL Youth Football OTA Camp on Saturday, March 14, from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM at Mourot Stadium. This camp is open to any Episcopal student interested in being part of the PSL football program.

Led by Coach Sam Olajubutu and Coach Tye Forte, the camp will include footwork and agility drills, position-specific skill development, and fun competitions designed to help players improve and enjoy time on the field.

This is a great opportunity for young athletes to build skills, learn more about the program, and kick off the season together.

To RSVP: **Please email student name and grade.**

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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.

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.

Spring Break Childcare:

Please fill this form out if you plan to utilize WildCat Club during Spring Break. Please note this coverage is for 12-Month Families only.

- **Spring Break Child Care 2026**

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.