

April 10, 2026

Mark Your Calendars (TODAY) - Parents' Auxiliary Meeting: Friday, April 10

Join us for the final Parents' Auxiliary meeting of the school year on Friday, April 10, at 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Upper School Room 215. We hope to see you there!

Parent Webinar April 15: Laurie Santos - Happier Parenting: Evidence-based Strategies for Improving Parent Happiness

Dear Parents:

We are excited that the 5th ISACS Parent Webinar Series will be available April 15th at 6:30 P.M. with Laurie Santos- Happier Parenting: Evidence-based Strategies for Improving Parent Happiness. Dr. Santos is a Professor of Psychology at Yale University and host of the podcast *The Happiness Lab*. This webinar will tackle topics like rethinking time management, dealing with feelings of guilt and frustration, navigating your child's academic stress and screen time, and how to avoid the trap of overparenting.

Each person who plans to attend the live webinars or watch the recordings MUST pre-register for each webinar on Zoom to receive their event ticket. You may pre-register for the webinar [here](#).

Important Deadlines for Tuition Affordability Assistance

Education Freedom Accounts for 2026/27: Deadline June 1

The application window for Education Freedom Accounts (Tuition Vouchers) for the 2026/27 school year will remain open only through June 1, 2026. The Department of Education is encouraging families to complete the renewal process 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. Students that are new to the program will complete their application at <http://arkansasefa.com>.

ACE Scholarships: Deadline April 15

ACE Scholarships is a privately funded program that can provide partial scholarships to attend private school and is based on a family's financial situation. Family household income may not exceed 350% of the federal poverty level for a household of their size. Standard ACE award amounts are \$3,000 for grades K-8 and \$4,000 for grades 9 – 12.

For more information, and to submit an ACE Scholarship application, go to ACE Scholarships - Arkansas. Applications will be accepted only through April 15.

Episcopal Collegiate School Financial Aid

Episcopal Collegiate School will again use Clarity Financial Aid as the platform for financial assistance applications for the 2026/27 school year. Clarity is now open for applications for the 2026/27 school year. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible.

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.

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

Congratulations to our Wildcat Wow award recipients for the month of March! These students demonstrate the values outlined in the Wildcat Pledge on a daily basis and contribute greatly to our school community. Please join me in celebrating the following students: Kiran Orcutt, Caroline Ray, Wells Maranto, Virginia Jones, Winston Carter, Thomas McNulty, Callie Nevin, Ragon Clifford, Charlie Rawn, Tommy Hogate, Rush Jones, Jackson Gray, Ming-An Chen, Stella Mangum, and Barrett Robinson.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School



Book Fair Volunteers Needed!

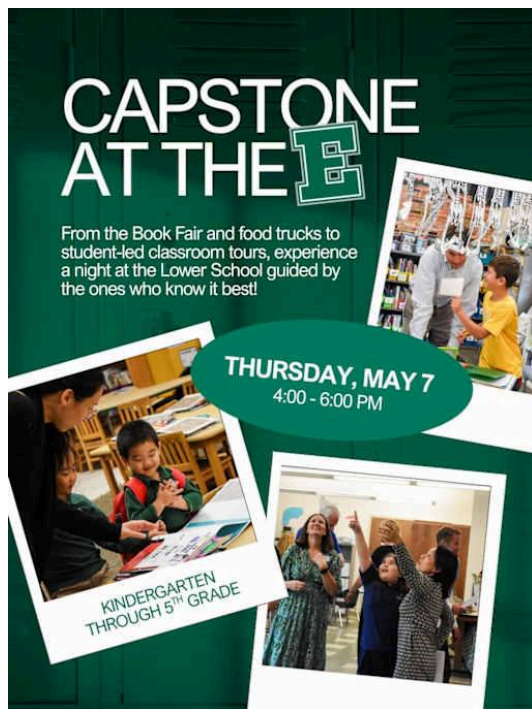
Episcopal Collegiate's Lower School Book Fair is coming up May 4-8! Preparations for Book Fair will get really busy after Spring Break, and the Book Fair Committee could use your help. Please take a moment and let us know your interest in helping Mrs. Linder and the committee with our prep this year. 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!](#)

Save the Date - Annual Book Drive

The Lower School will soon begin its annual Book Drive during the weeks of April 20 - May 1. Families are encouraged to donate new or gently used books to support the efforts of the Arkansas Chapter of Project Transformation, a service organization that empowers young adults to build relationships with children and youth within their communities. This is a perfect opportunity to get ready for new books from the Book Fair.

Donation boxes will be placed by the main doorway as well as the cafeteria entrance to the Lower School. Please use this [link](#) to learn more about Project Transformation.

Save the Date - Capstone Night at the E!



Chapel

In Community Chapel this week we heard from Lower School Art Teacher, Ms. McSpadden about “Finding the Rainbow.” Next week, we’ll hear from Rev. Sam Meadors, Executive Director of [Project Transformation Arkansas](#) in preparation for our Lower School Book Drive that will run for 2 weeks beginning April 20.

We hope you can join us for Chapel on April 15:

- 1st-5th: 8:00-8:45am, 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, April 15, 2026:

Procession

- Cross: Jennings Owens
- Candle: Ellie Daniel
- Candle: George Wright

Readers

- Vivian Rudofsky
- Mykenna Kloske

Cantors

- Bonnie McCauley
- Magnolia Cunningham
- Dakota Phillips
- Merritt Holcomb

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 - April 13-17

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:

- Klayton Montgomery
- Charley Moore
- Molly Painter
- Adeline Parnell
- Dakota Phillips
- Scarlett Ray

Mark Your Calendars

- 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, 11:45am Dismissal, No Wildcat Club

Helpful Links

[Lower School Live Morning News](#) [Wildcat Parent Hub](#)

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Middle School Families,

At the conclusion of last week, eighth grade teachers recognized students in their various disciplines for outstanding effort and owning their work, kindness to and respect for others, teamwork, and attitude throughout the month of March. Below please find the names of those who received special recognition:

- Algebra 1: Lottie Davis and Andrew Saoud
- Spanish 2: Beckett Blair
- History: Francis Maingi, Mabel Whitley
- Physical Science: Pierce Gaillard, Parker Rownd
- English: Winters McGeorge, Zoe Allen
- Latin 1: Helen Crow, Jazzy Patel

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.

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.

Middle School Madness

Now in its third year, this fun community event for students will take place on Friday, April 24, from 3:30-5:00pm, in the quad.

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: 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

Happy Friday. We are excited to host a Pep Rally this afternoon at 12:15 pm in Championship Gym to celebrate the members of this year's Prom Court, along with our spring student-athletes and the cast and crew of Shrek the Musical. If you can make it to today's Pep Rally, we'd love to see you.

Prom is tomorrow night at the Dreamland Ballroom, from 6:30-9:30 pm. This morning, I talked with our students about making safe choices this weekend, and I encourage you to deepen that conversation at home. We want this to be a fun, memorable weekend for our kids.

Highlights from earlier this week included last night's lacrosse senior night and yesterday's induction of our newest members into our chapter of the National Honor Society.

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

See you out there.

Kellen

Updates, Reminders, & Action Items

Prom Pep Rally

The Upper School will hold a Pep Rally on Friday, April 10th, during FLEX (12:10-12:40 pm) in the Championship Gym, at which this year's Prom Court will be announced and formally recognized. Parents and family friends are always welcome to attend Pep Rallies.

Junior and Senior Prom - Saturday, April 11th

The Junior Class is excited to host this year's prom, A Night on the Bayou, on Saturday, April 11th at Dreamland Ballroom for juniors and seniors. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with dinner from Boulevard served at 7:00, and the event will end at 9:30.

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.

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 Athletes College Signing Ceremony

On Tuesday, April 14th, we will formally recognize those senior student-athletes who will go on to play their sport in college. The signing ceremony is open to everyone in our community and will be held in the Championship Gym at 12:15 pm.

PSAT Day (9th & 10th Graders)

All 9th- and 10th-graders will take the PSAT on the morning of Thursday, April 16th. The PSAT is a practice exam that prepares kids for the SAT. Scores are not shared with colleges, but scores will be shared with our students and families.

Shrek the Musical

After weeks of rehearsing and set-building, the Episcopal Collegiate Theater Department will proudly present Shrek the Musical next week. The show opens on Thursday, April 16, at 7:00 pm in the US/MS Dining Hall and will also run at 7:00 pm on Friday, April 17th, and Saturday, April 18th. This is a family-friendly show that you don't want to miss!

Chapel Schedule

- Monday, 4/13 - Father Rob
- Tuesday, 4/14 - Dr. Griffin
- Wednesday, 4/15 - Father Rob
- Thursday, 4/16 - Preview of Shrek the Musical
- Friday, 4/17 - Ms. Hogate

Athletics Schedule

Beyond this Week...

- Percussion Concert in the Quad - Tuesday, April 21

- Cum Laude Induction Ceremony - Thursday, April 23
- Spring Choir/Orchestra Concert - Monday, April 27
- World Language Honor Societies Induction Ceremony - Tuesday, April 28
- Fine Arts Awards & Performances - Wednesday, April 29
- Spring Athletics Recognition Assembly - Wednesday, April 29
- National Forensic League Induction Ceremony - Thursday, April 30
- College T-Shirt Day & Senior Picnic - Friday, May 1
- AP Exams - Monday, May 4 - Thursday, May 14
- Last Day of School for Seniors - Wednesday, May 6
- Handshake Farewell Ceremony - Wednesday, May 6
- Senior Exams - Thursday, May 7 & Friday, May 8
- In-Class Exam Review Days - Monday, May 11 & Tuesday, May 12
- Rising Senior Blazer Ceremony - Tuesday, May 12
- End of Quarter 4 - Wednesday, May 13
- Reading Day - Wednesday, May 13
- Graduation Rehearsal - Wednesday, May 13
- End-of-Semester Exams - Thursday, May 14/Monday, May 18 - Wednesday, May 20
- Class Day - Friday, May 15
- Baccalaureate - Friday, May 15
- Last Day of School for Students (9th, 10th, 11th Grades) - Wednesday, May 20

Rowing Summer Camp!

WILDCAT ROWING		SUMMER CAMPS!
Beginner & Intermediate Sessions Available!		
<u>Beginner</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	
June 22 - 25	June 29 - July 2	
July 20 - 23	July 27 - 30	
Monday - Thursday, 7:45 am to 10:00 am		
\$200/session, \$350 for 2 sessions		
		
Email for more info: rowcoachjax@gmail.com		

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.

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.

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.