



LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

June 25, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS: AUGUST

- 6** New Parent Dinner 6:00–8:00 p.m. in Upper School Gym
- 10** Back to School Fair 1:00–4:00 p.m.
- 10** New Eagle Families Orientation 2:00–2:30 p.m.
- 10** Meet the Teacher 3:00–5:00 p.m.
- 12** First Day of School, Chapel at 9:30 a.m. (*normally at 8:15 a.m.*)
- 14** First Grade Bible Dedication Ceremony 8:30 a.m. in LS/MS Cafetorium
- 20** Lower School: Individual Picture Day!
- 20** Lower School: Back to School Night 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- 28** Junior Cheer/Tailgate at Eagles Varsity Football Game

LOOKING AHEAD: SEPTEMBER

- 4** Late Arrival 9:00 a.m.
- 7** Labor Day – no school for students, faculty/staff
- 11** Pre-K/Kindergarten Fire Truck Visit
- 15** Lower School: Individual Picture Make-up Day
- 18** Pre-K/Kindergarten: Tilly the Tooth Visit
- 23** See you at the Cross! More details to follow
- 25** Fort Bend County Fair Day – no school for students, faculty/staff

NOTE FROM MRS. CLAYTON, HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL:

Dear Lower School Families,

Happy summer! I hope these days have been restful ones for your family, with lots of time to slow down and simply be together.

Things may look quiet around campus right now, but there's a lot happening behind the scenes as we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year. In the Lower School this year, we're leaning into Hebrews 12:1–2 as our guiding verse, "Run the Race. Fix Our Eyes on Jesus." It's such a hopeful picture of how we want to walk through the year with your children, encouraging them to keep going when things get hard, to run alongside friends, and to look to Jesus through it all. We've been praying over how this will take root in our classrooms, and we can't wait to experience it together with you.

In the meantime, here are a few things to have on your radar: our Back-to-School Fair, Meet the Teacher, and New Eagle Families Orientation. Please plan to see more updates in our July 23rd newsletter to help your family feel well prepared for day one.

A few details to keep in mind:

- Summer office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- We'll be closed the week of July 6th through 10th for the July 4th holiday.

I pray you are soaking up every bit of summer with your family. We'll be counting the days until campus is full of Eagles again!

With gratitude,
Stephanie Clayton

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Summer Packets – Students received their summer packet the last week of school. We wanted to provide an opportunity for students to reinforce skills they've learned this year as well as introduce concepts they will be learning. New families – If you have not picked up your packets, please stop by the front office at your earliest convenience.

Back-to-School Fair – This will be from 1:00–4:00 p.m. in the LS/MS Gym, Cafetorium, etc. It is a fun come-and-go event! Taher will have food samples, and you can enjoy a Kona Ice. The following booths will be available in the LS/MS Gym for you to stop by to ask questions: School Nurse, Taher, Extended Care, PTF, Booster Club, Athletics, and Fine Arts.

New Eagle Families Orientation – 2:00–2:30 p.m. in the LS/MS Cafetorium – New families will be able to meet other new Eagle families, connect with our admin team, learn about Blackbaud, lunch accounts, and Lower School procedures. We'd love for you to join us for Popsicles with the Principals at 2:30 p.m. immediately following. We hope to see you there!

Meet the Teacher – 3:00–5:00 p.m. – Each student will receive a back-to-school packet that will consist of carline procedures and carline tags, chapel schedule, lunch menu, nurse information, Extended Care details, etc.

- Class lists will be posted outside the classrooms at 3:00 p.m.
- PK/K Parents: Please bring the 1-inch nap mat, so students don't have to carry it on the first day of school.

Calendars

[2026–2027 Instructional Calendar](#)

[2026–2027 Traditions Calendar](#)

School Times

Pre-K and Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1st – 4th Grade: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Lunch Times

Pre-K, Kindergarten: 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

1st Grade, 2nd Grade: 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

3rd Grade, 4th Grade: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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