September 25, 2026

Parent Education Webinar Series:

We are excited that our first webinar in the ISACS Parent Education Webinar Series will be this coming Tuesday, September 29, at 6:30 pm with **Sarah Ward-School Readiness: Executive Function Needed to "Do School."** You may register for the webinar at this **link**.

Save the Date: Grandparents & Special Friends Day

We look forward to welcoming grandparents and special friends to campus on **Friday, October 2**, for one of our favorite traditions! Families are encouraged to share the date with their special guests now so they can plan to join us.

Please note that **October 2 will be a half day of school**. For Lower School families needing afternoon childcare, **Wildcat Club will be available until 6:00 p.m.**

Lower, Middle, and Upper School parents should have received an email with additional details.

Wildcat Warehouse Sidewalk Sale

- Wednesday, October 7th
- Quad weather permitting
- 7:30 - 9:30 am and 2:30- 5:30 pm

Admission Season is Already Here!

Over the past several years, Episcopal Collegiate has experienced continued growth in both inquiries and applications. At the same time, we remain intentional about class size so that our students are known, supported, and able to fully engage in all that an Episcopal education offers. With that in mind, we encourage current families considering Episcopal for a sibling in the 2027–28 school year to begin the admission process early. Submitting an application is an important first step and allows our Admission team to work alongside your family as we move into our fall observation and shadow season.

Upcoming Admission Dates:

- Kindergarten Observations: November 2–5
- Pre-K4 Observations: November 9–12
- Pre-K3 Observations: November 17 & 19
- Grades 1–12 Shadow Visits: Beginning after October 23
- Early Admission Decisions: November 20

While an application does not guarantee admission, we want to make sure our current families are aware of the timeline and have every opportunity to complete the process as interest in Episcopal continues to grow.

We are grateful to have your family as part of the Episcopal Collegiate community and would be delighted to help you explore Episcopal for another child in your family. If you have any questions or would like guidance on next steps, please contact Director of Admissions Mary Jane Briggs at **mjbriggs@episcopalcollegiate.org** or Associate Director of Admissions Mahlon Martin at **mmartin@episcopalcollegiate.org**.

Check Out What's New for the Week on the Parent Playlist!

As we head into the final weeks of the quarter, we are focusing on brain science and learning and how that can inform smart study strategies. Take a listen on the playlist this week to learn more about retrieval practice and flashcards. Listen to the playlist at this **link.**

The Parent Playlist can also be found anytime **on our website** under Parent Resources or scan the QR code below.

Save the Date: Fly Me to the Moon Auction

Save the Date for the 2027 Parents' Auxiliary Auction on **Saturday, February 20, 2027**. Get ready to play among the stars...more details coming soon!

Wildcat Warehouse Hours

- Tuesday 12:00 - 2:00 pm
- Wednesday 12:00 - 2:00 pm
- Thursday-12:00 - 2:00 pm

The Warehouse will also be open during each home football game.

A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher

We have a special week ahead in the Lower School with Wildcat Roundup on Thursday and Grandparents & Special Friends Day on Friday!

Thursday, October 1 – Wildcat Roundup & Parent Preview

Students are invited to wear their western attire to school on Thursday in celebration of Wildcat Roundup. Please save the boots and cowboy hats for the main event that afternoon!

Parents who would like to see the Lower School Grandparents & Special Friends Day performance are invited to a parent preview on Thursday at 8:15 a.m. in the Championship Gym, **NOT** the Lower School Gym. All Lower School students will perform their songs and dances. Please note that Kindergarten students will perform with their Kindergarten friends rather than their Senior buddies during the preview. We encourage parents to attend the Thursday morning preview because parking and seating are very limited on Friday.

Friday, October 2 – Grandparents & Special Friends Day

All Lower School students should wear their dress uniforms on Friday.

Following the performance in the Championship Gym, grandparents and special friends will join their students in their homeroom classrooms. Students are welcome to leave with their guests directly from the classroom. If a student is leaving with a guest, the guest should sign the student out with the teacher.

Students who are not leaving with a guest will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Wildcat Club will be available that day for families

who need care. Please register **here**.

Good luck to our PSL flag and tackle teams this weekend! Episcopal Green plays CAC Purple at 8:00 a.m. and Episcopal White plays Catholic White at 9:00 a.m. at CAC. Our tackle team plays LRCA Green at 9:00 a.m. here at Episcopal. Go, Wildcats!

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

Reminder: Senior Spirit Event with Kindergarten Buddies - Friday, September 25

Ahead of Fall Senior Night, our Kindergarten Wildcats will join their Senior Buddies and the Upper School for a special afternoon of Wildcat spirit today (Friday, September 25) from 12:10 to 12:45 pm! Together, they'll recognize our fall senior athletes with spirited games and activities while sharing a fun tradition that brings some of our youngest and oldest Wildcats together.
Kindergarten parents are welcome to join us and cheer on the fun!

Homecoming Spirit Shirts

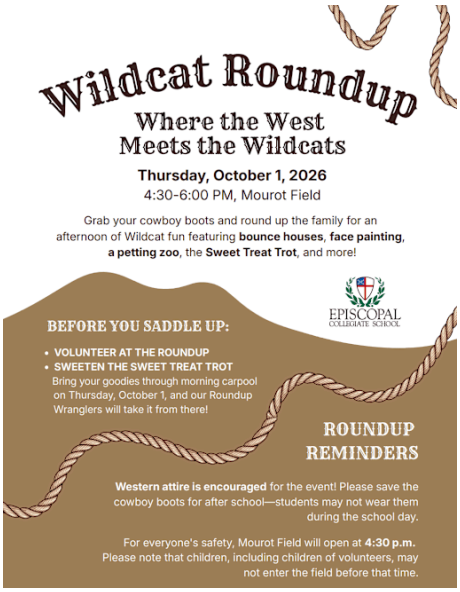
Order your Homecoming 2026 spirit shirt **here**. Orders will close on Monday, October 5th at midnight. Shirts will be delivered to the classroom of your oldest Episcopal student during Homecoming week. **Contact Grace Self** with any questions.

Lunch Visit Guidelines

Parents are always welcome to join their children during their designated lunch time. If you would like to bring a special lunch for your child, we simply ask that you bring it only for your child. When lunches are brought for multiple students, it can unintentionally lead to hurt feelings for those who are not included and can also create concerns related to food allergies. Thank you for helping us make lunchtime a welcoming and inclusive experience for all of our students, while also helping us keep their safety in mind.

Wildcat Roundup

Parents, we'd love your help- volunteer signup form **linked here**!



Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally - Friday, October 23 at 2:00 PM

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Little Rockers Registration

The Little Rockers Kids Marathon Program will begin on Monday, November 2nd. This program will run from November 2nd through the Final Mile on Saturday, March 6th. This program is open to students in grades 1-5. Each student will set a goal to complete 25.1 miles prior to running the Final Mile. Participants will run/walk on Monday afternoons on the ECS track from 3:30 to 4:15. To sign up for the program, please use this **link**. For more information about the program, please contact Mr. Alex Daniel at adaniel@episcopalcollegiate.org.

Pride Patrol: September 28-October 2

Pride Patrol is a leadership opportunity for our 4th and 5th grade students. These students should arrive by 7:30 am to help open car doors, welcome students, and walk our youngest Wildcats to their classrooms. Pride Patrol student leaders next week include:

- Layla Turner
- William Wells
- Jaeger Whaley
- Sam Williams
- Grayson Williams
- Willow Woolley

Chapel News

This week, we enjoyed a beautiful morning as the entire Lower School gathered for the blessing and dedication of the P. Allen Smith Learning Garden. Next week, in PreK and Kindergarten chapels talk about the story of Abraham and Sarah. In Community Chapel, we'll hear from Erick Saoud, Middle and Upper School Percussion Instructor. Looking ahead to chapel on Wednesday, October 7, we will celebrate the Feast Day of Francis of Assisi with a Blessing of the Animals in all chapels. Students are invited to bring a small stuffed animal (must be able to fit in their backpack) or pictures of pets they have at home to be blessed.

We hope you can join us for Chapel this Wednesday, September 30. You are always welcome!

- 1st-5th: 8:00-8:30pm, 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, September 30, 2026:

Procession

- Cross: Ian Kintz
- Candle: Harvey Rhodes
- Candle: William Staley

Readers

- Hank Cowles
- Sam Williams

Cantors (for September 30, October 7, October 14 and October 21)

- Jane Bright
- Kennedy King
- Arden Stephens
- Layla Turner

1st Grade Partners

- Charlotte Davis
- Jonas Goree
- George Hall
- Hayleigh Herrera
- Jasmine Jones
- Sammy Kemp

You can view the schedule of chapel duties for the remainder of the school year using the links below or on the Godly Play Canvas page.

- **Chapel Assignments for 5th Grade**
- **Cantor Assignments for 4th and 5th Grade**

Grace & Peace,
Michelle Moore
Lower School Chaplain

Lower School Flu Clinic - Wednesday, October 7, 2026 from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Everyone in the Episcopal Community is welcome to participate. The Arkansas Department of Health Consent Form is required for each person receiving the vaccine. Please remember to fill out the front and back of the form. There is no charge for the vaccine, however it is necessary to fill out the section on insurance information, if applicable. If your insurance pays for a flu vaccine then ADH will file paperwork for reimbursement. Forms will be sent home in your child's backpack this Friday. Flu forms are also available in any Division Office, or using the link below. If you are printing the form off at home try and print on one piece of paper, front and back. Please turn in your forms to the Lower School Division Office or the School Nurse by **Monday, October 5th.** (This is important for ordering an accurate amount of vaccine and to preview the forms for errors). Always read over the VIS for vaccine information, linked below. Students will be called out by grade to receive their vaccine. Parents can come at any time, but we would like to recommend that your child receive their vaccine with their classmates. Please note that if your child displays anxiety or refuses to take the vaccine we will notify you by the number listed on the back of the Flu Consent Form.

If you have any questions please call Nurse Rawn at **501-372-1194 Ext 2304** or email Nurse Rawn at **wrawn@episcopalcollegiate.org**

- **Flu Vaccine Form**
- **VIS Information**

Mark Your Calendars

- Thursday, October 1 | GP Parent Preview, Championship Gym, 8:15am

- Thursday, October 1 | Wildcat Roundup, 4:30-6pm
- Friday, October 2 | Grandparents & Special Friends Day, 11:30am Dismissal
- Wednesday, October 7 | Lower School Flu Clinic
- October 8-9 | Fall Break (No school)
- Friday, October 16 | Family/Teacher Conferences (No school for students, WCC available all day for 12-month & semester pay)
- Monday, Oct. 19 - Friday, October 23 | Fall Spirit Week, Daily Themes TBD
- Friday, October 23 | Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally, 2pm
- October 28 | Class Pictures and Retakes
- October 30 | Halloween Parade at 8:10am
- November 6 | Monarch Migration

Helpful Links

- **Absentee Reporting Form Link**
- **Lower School Live Morning News**
- **Wildcat Parent Hub**

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Families,

At Monday's Morning Meeting, Middle School Librarian Jennifer Agee talked with our community about the author, Andrea Rogers, who will join us on November 6 and lead writing workshops with students in each grade level. Thereafter, seventh grade representatives from each house came up on stage to compete in a trivia game called, "How well do you know your faculty?" Teams of three were challenged to answer or guess answers to questions about their seventh grade teachers. No team missed more than one question. We repeated the same activity with sixth grade house representatives at Thursday's morning meeting and learned quite a few interesting things about our teachers!

MS Athlete of the Week: Eighth grade volleyball player, Kendall Vargas:

From Coach Vargas: This week, in 8th Grade Volleyball, we want to recognize Kendall Vargas. She is a dynamic and versatile athlete who makes an impact on both sides of the court. She is a strong offensive player with confidence, aggression, and consistency. Kendall brings energy and hustle to every play, as you will see her diving for each and every ball, both in practice and game day. She is hardworking, competitive, and a dependable teammate. Kendall has a strong work ethic on the court, and brings encouragement and positivity to the team. Congratulations Kendall!

From Mrs. Higgins in the MS Art Room. . .

We have some exciting news from the Middle School Art Room!

Sofia M's artwork won the artist of the month competition due to all of the votes she received over the course of several days. Thanks to all who voted and voted each day to help make this happen!

Eighth Grade Urban Hike (Service learning) - Saturday, October 3, Allsop Park

Mr. Stalls and Dr. McCormick are leading a cleanup of Allsop Park and we will also be educated on some history of the park and that area of Hillcrest. The event will conclude with an optional group lunch at Hill Station. The event will be from 10am-12noon on Saturday, with lunch ending at 1:00pm. **Here** is a letter about the excursion. It should be a lot of fun, and students will earn two hours of community service

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Flu Vaccine Clinic

The MS/US Flu Vaccine Clinic will be held in the Irwin Middle School Library on October 12, 2026 for MS/US students, family members, faculty and staff. The clinic will be held from 9:00 - noon. For more detailed information and the consent form, click on the links below. (If printing the consent form try and print on one piece of paper, front and back)

- **VIS Vaccine Information Sheet**
- **Consent Form (Needs to be turned in by 15:00 on Tuesday October 6, 2026 due to Fall Break)**

(If printing the consent form please try to print on one piece of paper, front and back)

Everyone in the community is welcome to participate in the flu clinic. Family members are encouraged to come between 9:15 and 9:45.

There is no charge for the vaccine but you still need to provide insurance information, if applicable. Consent Forms were sent home in backpacks of all Lower and Middle School students today. Upper School students can pick up their Consent Forms in the US Office. Consent forms are available online too.

Please turn in the vaccine consent form by 3:00 pm, Tuesday October 6, 2026 for all divisions. Complete both the front and back of the form and make sure to include your signature. Turn the consent forms into their division office, or email the form to **Lhopkins@episcopalcollegiate.org**

Virtual Book Talks!

We had our first virtual book talk last week, with approximately seven parents attending and discussing the opening two chapters of Phyllis Fagell's book, Middle School Superpowers: Raising Resilient Tweens in Turbulent Times. All parents, including those who have not read the book, are welcome to attend the next sessions. The next discussion will be on Tuesday, October 13, and the third conversation will take place on Wednesday, October 28. All of these sessions will occur

from 8:15am-9:00am via the following:

- Google Meet link: **meet.google.com/cfy-rkqf-dxo**
- Dial in: (US)+1 252-665-6568 PIN: 738 192 219#

Rowing Meeting

Looking for a great sport for your child to start? Why not try rowing? It is a wonderful community and there is an upcoming interest meeting for students/parents in grades 6-9. Please view the below image, and should you have questions, email Coach Ted Riedeburg, rowcoachjax@gmail.com.



A Note from Dr. Graham

Dear Upper School Families,

As we approach October, I want to draw your attention to two important upcoming events:

Fall Conference Day is set for Friday, October 16th. Please make sure to sign up for a 30-minute conference with your child and your child's faculty advisor. More information and a link to sign up for your conference appear below.

Our Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally will take place on Friday, October 23rd. The Parade will start here on campus at 2:00 pm, followed immediately by an all-school Pep Rally. We want to pack the parade and Pep Rally with as many people as possible. Please mark your calendars and join us that afternoon for a memorable, community-wide rally. Go Wildcats!

Enjoy the cooler weather this weekend.

See you out there,
Kellen

Updates, Reminders, & Action Items

Homecoming 2026: Where the Wildcats Are

We're excited to announce the theme for this year's Homecoming celebration: Where the Wildcats Are. Get ready for a wild jungle safari! We'll announce details about spirit dress-up days soon.

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Percussion, Cheerleaders, and Pom. Lower School parents are strongly encouraged to attend to maximize the Wildcat spirit along the route! Immediately following, we'll gather in the Championship Gym for the Pep Rally to continue the festivities.

Schedule your Child's Fall Conference Here - Friday, October 16

Friday, October 16, is family-student-advisor conference day in the Upper School. We will not hold classes, but students will participate in their mandatory 30-minute conferences with their families and advisors. We ask that at least one parent or guardian join each student for their conference. Conference Day gives you, your child, and your child's advisor the opportunity to reflect on and discuss your child's whole-school experience, including academics, extracurriculars, social fit, and more. Conferences deepen your child's growth and our collaboration with you.

To schedule your family's conference with your child's advisor, you must sign in to your **Veracross parent portal** (be sure not to use an old link). Once you sign in, you will see the button to sign up for conferences on the lower right-hand side of your home page. Follow the prompts to register for your conference. If you have technical issues with the portal, please contact Registrar Julie Fitz. If you can't schedule a conference on October 16 because convenient time slots are booked, please reach out to your child's advisor directly to schedule an alternate meeting time.

Fresh Start Kits Supply Drive

Student Council is hosting a supply drive benefiting Fresh Start Kits, now through October 5th.

Senior Charlie Radtke founded Fresh Start Kits, a nonprofit that provides hygiene supplies to people in our community who need them. All donated items will be packed into kits and distributed to organizations across Little Rock that support people experiencing homelessness.

Items to bring include toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, lotion, and lip balm or ChapStick. Travel-size or mini items are preferred. Advisories are collecting items and competing to see which group can bring in the most supplies.

10th Graders Met w/ Sleep Expert

This week, 10th-grade students heard from Dr. Fitzgerald, a sleep medicine physician, about the importance of sleep and strategies to decrease alertness and increase sleep drive at bedtime to help optimize sleep. She noted that one of the biggest challenges teens face is "social jet lag," which occurs when their sleep schedules shift significantly between school days and weekends, for example, staying up later and sleeping later on weekends. Evening activities and device use can contribute to this shift. Additionally, all upper school students heard from Dr. Leverette on Wednesday morning about deepfakes, boundaries, and digital safety, and then from senior Weston Leacock on Friday morning about the importance of sleep.

Contact Us if Your Child is Absent, Late, or Checking Out

Parents, if your child is absent, arriving late to school for any reason, or needs to check out during the school day, you must contact the School and let us know. If your child is absent, please call 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 communicate any known absences in advance with their teachers, coaches, and advisor.

Planned Absences

Parents should submit a written request for a planned absence to the Upper School Dean of Students, Grace Self, at gself@episcopalcollegiate.org at least one week before the absence, explaining the reason and the dates the student will be away from school. Ms. Self will provide students with a Planned Absence Form for their teachers to sign. Once the student has collected the signatures, they may return the form to Ms. Self.

Vine & Village Service Trips

For the fifth consecutive year, all Upper School students will participate in community service at **Vine and Village**, which operates a weekly food pantry in the University neighborhood each Tuesday. They feed hundreds of families a month, providing weeks' worth of shelf-stable, frozen, and fresh groceries. Led by Episcopal faculty advisors and administrators, our student groups help set up the food distribution, greet clients, and load cars. It's a good way for us to express our values of Respect, Reverence, and Responsibility by assisting our neighbors in need.

Every student will serve at least once at Vine and Village. The trip will count as two hours toward their service-hour requirement.

Coming Up Next Week

CAPS College Fair - Monday, September 28

The annual CAPS College Fair will be held at UALR, in the Stephens Center, from 6:00-8:00 pm. This is a great opportunity for students to meet representatives from many colleges and universities.

Grandparents' & Special Friends' Day - Friday, October 2

We look forward to welcoming our grandparents and special friends on this day. We will run a half-day schedule.

Chapel Schedule

- Monday, 9/28 - Emma Duncan '27
- Tuesday, 9/29 - Summer Science Scholars Presentation
- Wednesday, 9/30 - Senior-Kindergarten Buddy Chapel
- Thursday, 10/1 - Father Rob

Athletics Schedule

Let's go, Wildcats!

Beyond Next Week

End of Quarter 1 - Wednesday, October 7

The first quarter (marking period) ends on Wednesday, October 7.

Fall Break - Thursday, October 8 - Sunday, October 11

School will be closed for Fall Break.

Fall Conference Day - Friday, October 16

Every Upper School student will participate in a 30-minute conference with their Advisor on this day, and we ask that at least one parent/guardian attend. Conferences give students, parents, and advisors a chance to discuss students' growth, areas for improvement, and overall school experience. Regular classes will not be in session.

Homecoming & Spirit Week - Monday, October 19 - Saturday, October 24

More details coming soon.

College Counseling Updates

Mark your calendars for College Week! Next week, there will be many opportunities to engage with admission representatives and learn more about various colleges as well as financial aid. Here are the events happening next week.

Central Arkansas Private Schools (CAPS) College Fair
Monday, September 28 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Jack Stephens Center of UALR

This is a wonderful chance for students to learn more about **over 70 colleges** from around the country. We hope all 9th - 11th graders will attend. This may be helpful for seniors to make contact with a college on their list if they have not visited the school or met with the representative otherwise. Parents are welcome to attend but should allow their child to make introductions to the college representatives and ask any questions they have. For more information on what to wear, what to ask, and what to do, please see this **link**.

Students have received an email from Strive Scan with a barcode to share their contact information quicker with college representatives instead of filling out the information card at each table.

Financial Aid Night - Thursday, October 1 at 6:00 pm

Join us for a Zoom meeting covering topics concerning all aspects of the financial aid process, including the FAFSA, CSS Profile, types of funding, and lottery-funded scholarships. The workshop will be led by financial aid experts from Arkansas Tech University & Lafayette College. Although every upper school student and parent is invited to attend, the material will be especially pertinent to senior students and parents applying for financial aid. Advanced registration is required using this **link**.

College Representative Meetings at Episcopal Collegiate School: September 28 - 30

We have a number of college representatives visiting campus next week. Juniors and seniors are expected to attend any meetings of interest. Students should sign up in Scoir and have their teachers sign the green College Meeting Form (found inside the College Counseling Office door) ahead of time if they are missing a class.

Monday, September 28

- Skidmore College - 8:15 am (2nd period)
- University of Richmond - 12:10 pm (Flex)
- Vanderbilt University - 1:25 pm (5)
- Grinnell College - 2:30 pm (6)
- Saint Louis University - 2:30 pm (6)

Tuesday, September 29

- Tulane University - 8:15 am (7)
- Texas A&M University - 10:00 am (1)
- Centre College - 10:00 am (1)
- Hampden-Sydney College - 11:05 am (2)
- Baylor University - 12:10 pm (Flex)
- Centenary College of Louisiana - 1:25 pm (3)
- University of Chicago - 1:25 pm (3)
- Texas Christian University - 2:30 pm (4)
- University of Tulsa - 2:30 pm (4)

Wednesday, September 30

- Washington University in St. Louis - 8:15 am (5)
- University of Mississippi - 1:25 pm (1)
- Millsaps College - 2:30 pm (2)

Some schools that might be new to you:

Hampden-Sydney College:

Hampden-Sydney College is a small, private liberal arts college for men located in Hampden-Sydney, Virginia, about an hour from Richmond. H-SC enrolls about 1,000 students and is known for its strong programs in history, political science, economics, and business. Hampden-Sydney is especially recognized for its close brotherhood and alumni network, as well as strong career preparation outcomes. Game days on "The Hill" are a full-blown social event, with long-standing tailgating traditions. Alumni (including a few who've become well-known chefs) have literally written guides on how to tailgate like a Hampden-Sydney Tiger. 100% of students attending Hampden-Sydney receive some form of financial aid. 37% of the student body competes in NCAA Division III athletics.

Grinnell College:

Grinnell College is a small, private liberal arts college located in Grinnell, Iowa, about an hour from both Des Moines. Grinnell enrolls around 1,750 students and is known for its individually advised curriculum, which has no general education requirements and lets students design their own four-year plan with a faculty advisor. Every winter, students gather on Mac Field for the "Northern Lights" party, where Grinnell's iconic Gates Tower lights up and everyone bundles up for winter games, hot cocoa, and s'mores. Grinnell has no fraternities or sororities, instead it's known for quirky, tight-knit traditions. Grinnell offers unique opportunities for mentored research, study abroad in more than 30 countries, and a no-loan financial aid policy that helps students graduate with less debt. Grinnell meets 100% of demonstrated financial need. Their athletic teams, the Pioneers, compete in NCAA Division III.

Saint Louis University:

Saint Louis University (SLU) is a private, Jesuit university located in St. Louis, Missouri, with an additional campus in Madrid, Spain. SLU enrolls around 13,000 students and offers more than 90 bachelor's degree programs, with strengths in nursing, business, and the sciences, supported by a 9:1 student-faculty ratio. SLU has an impressive flight program, where students train on real aircrafts and a Boeing 737-MAX simulator. SLU is also nationally recognized for its physical therapy and occupational therapy programs, part of its broader strength in health sciences. SLU students are able to access discounted and free tickets to local events, including Cardinals baseball games and Blues hockey games! Nearly 100% of SLU's first-time freshmen receive financial aid. Their athletic teams, the Billikens, compete in NCAA Division I.

Skidmore College:

Skidmore College is a small, private liberal arts college located in Saratoga Springs, New York. Skidmore enrolls about 2,700 students and offers 40+ majors, with popular programs in psychology, biology, business, and studio art, with a 8:1 student-faculty ratio. Skidmore has a beloved tradition where students can borrow real artwork from the the campus art museum's permanent collection to hang in their dorm room for the year, some students camp out overnight to get first pick! Skidmore owns 150 acres of forest called the North Woods right on campus, with trails students use to hike, ski, and sled, just steps away from their dorm. Skidmore meets 100% of demonstrated financial need. Their athletic teams, the Thoroughbreds, compete in NCAA Division III.

A Note from the Director of Athletics:

Wildcat Parents!

I hope everyone has had a great first week of school. We have some exciting news to announce. Sage food services will be taking over the concessions stand and operating it with their staff. As of now we will not need volunteers to help with our concession stand this year. Please stand by in case we may need a little help in certain situations.

However, we will still need your support with volunteering to collect gate money for our sporting events. If your child is participating in a sport this fall, their coach has sent or will be sending you an email with the Signup Genius link also. Please choose a shift to help us out. **Parent Volunteers - Gate Sign ups**

As always, thank you so much for all of your support! Looking forward to a great school year!

Micah Marsh
Director of Athletics | Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach

Wildcat Rowing!

Fall Practices Begin: Tuesday, September 8th

Practice Schedule:

- **Tuesdays & Wednesdays:** 4:15–6:00 p.m.
- **Saturday mornings:** 10:15–11:45 a.m.
  Saturday sessions are optional conditioning workouts at the Little Rock Athletic Club for the first four weeks. Beginning **October 10th**, Saturday practices will move to the river.

Weather:
If there is inclement weather, practices will be held at the **Little Rock Athletic Club (LRAC), 4610 Sam Peck Road**, just west of the boathouse. **You do not need to be an LRAC member** to participate in Wildcat Rowing activities.

Coach Riedeburg - Rowing
904-553-7557
rowcoachjax@gmail.com

All-Sports Season Passes Are Here! 🏐🏈🏀

Cheer on the Wildcats all year long! **All-Sports Season Passes are now available for $100** and include admission to all regular-season home athletic contests and events for grades 7–12 throughout the 2026–27 school year.

Please note: Passes are not valid for PSL games or postseason tournaments.

Purchase Your 2026–27 All-Sports Season Pass

We'll see you in the stands—Go Wildcats!

Wildcat Athletics, Right at Your Fingertips

Fall sports are here—and so is our new **Athletics App!** Stay connected to Wildcat Athletics with schedules, scores, team information, real-time updates, weather delays, last-minute changes, news and more—all in one convenient place.



Athletes, families and Wildcat fans are encouraged to download the app and stay connected throughout the season.

See the attachment below for details on how to download and get started.

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.

Wildcat Club Available Following Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Lower School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 2, following Grandparents & Special Friends Day. For students who will remain on campus after dismissal, Wildcat Club will be available until 6:00 p.m. **Please register your student here.**

Wildcat Club Updates

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer! We're so grateful to our Wildcat Club families and staff who helped make our summer programming such a fun and memorable one. We loved spending the summer with your Wildcats and are excited for another great school year ahead!

More Wildcat Club updates—including our faculty list and additional fall programming—will be shared as we get closer to September. We're looking forward to a great year!

Fall Super Sessions

Fall Wildcat Club sessions will begin after Labor Day. Faculty and staff will receive the session submission form on August 25, and we look forward to sharing this fall's offerings with families soon.

STEAM Wednesdays & Fun Fridays

A reminder that Wednesdays and Fridays are extra fun at Wildcat Club! **STEAM Wednesdays** and **Fun Fridays** feature special activities and programming, so if your schedule allows, these are great days to let your Wildcat stay a little longer and join in the fun.

Weekly Reminders

Volleyball pickup will take place every **Tuesday and Thursday**, and Chorale will continue every **Tuesday**. We'll keep families updated as additional clubs, camps, and activities are added throughout the year.

Student Appointments & Off-Campus Activities

To help us keep students safe and accounted for throughout the school day, parents should provide **written permission** any time a student will leave campus for an appointment or outside activity. Please include the activity or appointment, day and time, expected return time (if applicable), and who will be transporting the student.

For students who will be leaving campus for recurring services such as **speech, occupational or other therapy**, families should also complete the **Therapy Request Form** below.

- **Complete the Therapy Request Form**

Thank you for helping us ensure we know where our Wildcats are throughout the school day!