October 23, 2026

Attention: 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, 18, and 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**.

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!

2026-27 Annual Fund: Together, We Make More Possible

We are pleased to officially kick off the 2026–27 Annual Fund and introduce the dedicated volunteers helping lead this year's efforts. Please join us in thanking our Annual Fund Chairs, Lauren and Nate Steel, and committee members for their time, leadership, and commitment to the Episcopal Collegiate community.

- Meredith and Chad Causey
- Nikki and Lee Hastings
- Olivia and Joe Ramsey
- Mary and Dave Ritchey

Our Annual Fund committee will be reaching out to families in the coming weeks. With this also being an Auction year, we encourage families to consider supporting both initiatives, each of which plays an important role in enriching the Episcopal Collegiate experience.

We invite you to **make your Annual Fund gift** and help make another exceptional year possible for our students. If you wish to support a specific area of the School, simply select your preferred designation when making your gift.

For questions about ways to give, please contact Lauren Steel at **lauren.slabaugh@gmail.com** or Director of Development Ashley Riggin Coldiron at **acoldiron@episcopalcollegiate.org**.

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

We've made it through the first quarter, but how can you continue to support your child's engagement and love of learning? A great listen on the playlist this week from Jenny Anderson, author of *The Disengaged Teen*. Also, if you missed the 1st Grade Math Parent Chat, or just want to learn more about early math fluency, take a listen to Mary Ann Nichols's recommendation under the Faculty Recommendation Section.

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

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 hope you have had a fun-filled Spirit Week! We look forward to seeing you at this afternoon's parade and pep rally. If you plan to check your child out to attend the events with you or need your child to be available for early checkout between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m., please notify your child's teacher and/or the office in advance.

Next Wednesday, all students will take class pictures, along with any needed individual retakes. All students should wear their dress uniforms, including dress uniform shoes. Class picture packets were sent home on Wednesday.

We will celebrate Halloween in the Lower School on Friday, October 30, with our annual Halloween parade on the track beginning at 8:15 a.m. Please continue reading for details about costume guidelines, classroom parties, and the parade.

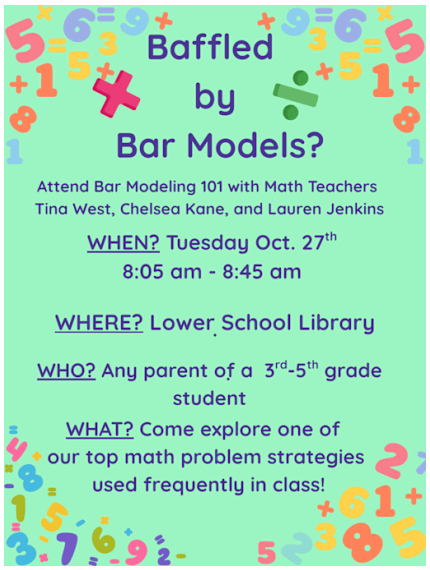
We hope to see you at today's Homecoming festivities. Go, Wildcats!

Catherine Schuhmacher
Head of Lower School

Health Update from Nurse Rawn

We have had a few cases of head lice across multiple Lower School grade levels. All Lower School students have been checked at school, but we encourage you to continue checking your child's hair and scalp for lice or nits and treat as needed. If you notice signs of head lice, please **contact Nurse Rawn** for guidance.

Math Chat



Class Pictures and Retakes - Wednesday, October 28

All students should wear their dress uniforms, including dress uniform shoes, on Wednesday, October 28 for class pictures and individual retakes. Photo packets were sent home on Wednesday. Question about pictures? **Contact Wingard Photography**.

Halloween in the Lower School - Friday, October 30

We're excited for Halloween in the Lower School and can't wait to see the creative costumes students have chosen! To make sure everyone has a fun and safe celebration, here are a few reminders:

- No weapons – Please leave toy swords, knives, guns, or anything similar at home.
- Keep it friendly – Avoid scary costumes, including ones with creepy masks or characters that might frighten others.
- Masks and makeup – Masks are not allowed during school. You can use a little face paint, but your wonderful smile should still shine through!
- School-appropriate costumes – Make sure your costume is comfortable and safe to wear all day, including recess, PE, and in the classroom. Students will be asked to change if their costumes are significantly distracting or impede learning.

Our annual Halloween parade will begin at 8:15 a.m. on the track, depending on weather. Pre-K, Kindergarten and their senior buddies, and First Grade will parade in front of the bleachers, while students in 2nd–5th grades will watch from the field. Parents are welcome to join us in the bleachers to enjoy the parade. The parade should end by 8:30 a.m. Class parties will follow throughout the day, with times varying by grade level.

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 Episcopal Collegiate School 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**.

Pride Patrol - October 26-30

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:

- Makena Maingi
- Emma Marshall
- Thompson McGrath
- Jackson McNally
- Landon Moore
- Callie Nevin
- Tucker Parfitt

Chapel News

In Community Chapel this week, the Upper School Honor Council shared several skits with us to help us learn how to be honorable and have integrity. Next week in Community Chapel, our 4th grade class will kick off this year's character trait class presentations with their presentation on "integrity." In PreK and Kindergarten chapels we heard about the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. Next week we will talk about Moses, the Ark and the Tent of Meeting.

We hope you can join us for Chapel on Wednesday, October 28. 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, October 28, 2026:

Procession
- Cross: Alice Guthrie
- Candle: Ian Kintz
- Candle: Howard Marks

Readers
- Sterling Harvey
- Willow Woolley

Cantors (for October 28, November 4, and November 11)
- Becca Leacock

- Cooper Chance
- Pierce Love
- Sara Taylor Retzer

1st Grade Partners

- Jonas Bezold
- Coleman Carter
- Jonas Goree
- William Staley
- Max Stiles
- Clark Tucker

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

Mark Your Calendars

- October 27 | Math Chat with 4th & 5th Grade Parents, 8:05-8:45am
- October 28 | Class Pictures and Retakes, All students should wear dress uniforms, including dress uniform shoes
- October 30 | Halloween Parade on track at 8:15am, Parties throughout the day based on grade level.
- November 6 | Monarch Migration, 2pm
- November 23-27 | Thanksgiving Break
- December 16 | Christmas Programs: PreK3-1st, 9:00am; 2nd-5th, 1:30pm
- December 17 | Sing Along at 10am, Classroom parties to follow, Dismissal at 11:30am

Helpful Links

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

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Hello, Families,

We have had a fun Spirit Week, highlighted by the amazing dress up skills of middle school students and faculty, as well as a house related challenge on Monday, a house trivia competition on Thursday, a Middle School only pep rally on Thursday, and the Homecoming Parade and Pep rally on Friday! Meanwhile, our students and faculty have done an excellent job compartmentalizing these distractions to keep teaching and learning front and center!

Next Friday, students and faculty will be able to dress for Halloween, though they should refrain from bringing any accessories that might be construed as weapons. Students who do not wish to dress for Halloween should wear regular, Friday Spirit Dress.

Community Service Announcement re. Drop-Off

If you drop your child off at school prior to 7:30 a.m., please drop them off by the Wildcat so that they can be in a supervised space (the dining hall). Students should not be in the middle school building prior to 7:30 a.m.

Also, and for principally eighth grade parents, if you drop your child off at the first doors to the middle school (immediately after turning the corner), please do not then pull around cars in front of you who are dropping students off at the main entrance. We do not want children exiting cars to be hit by people who have already dropped off their students. Thank you!

Virtual Book Talk #3

We had our second virtual book talk this week and discussed Chapters 5-7 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 session, which 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#

A Note from Dr. Graham

Homecoming Spirit Week has been so much fun, and the best is yet to come. We hope to see you this afternoon for our Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally, starting here on campus at 2:00 p.m. Come (re) connect with families, friends, alumni, faculty, and students across all three divisions. Dust off your best Episcopal gear and be here! Go Wildcats!

The Homecoming Dance is set for tomorrow evening from 8:00 to 10:00 pm in our Dining Hall. Students must arrive by 8:30 pm and stay until 10:00 pm. Please talk to your children about safety this weekend. Please know where they plan to be both evenings. We want everyone to have a blast and to be safe.

Thank you & see you out there,
Kellen

Updates, Reminders, & Action Items

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.

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.

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

PSAT for 11th Graders

Eleventh-grade students will take the PSAT/NMSQT standardized test on Tuesday, October 27th starting at 8:15 a.m. Students should arrive at school by 7:45 a.m. and go straight to their testing room (no advisory). Students will receive information regarding room locations closer to the testing date. Plan to get plenty of sleep the night before and eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test. Students will only need to bring a calculator, number two pencils, water, and a snack! Please refer to the email that was sent to parents and students for additional information.

Class Photos/School Picture Retakes (*Dress Uniform Day)

Wednesday, October 28th is Class Photos and School Picture Retakes Day. It's a DRESS UNIFORM day for all students.

Wingard Photography will be at the school starting at **8 am on Wednesday, October 28**, for individual retakes and class pictures. Class picture order paper forms are available from your child's homeroom or advisory teacher and should be turned into the photographer on picture day. You can order individual pictures from the website **https://inter-state.com/** using the following codes:

Middle/Upper Schools: 0651WFA

Halloween- Friday, October 30

Costumes:

- All Upper School students are invited to wear Halloween costumes on Friday, October 30th. Next week, we'll share with our students guidelines for what not to wear.

Senior & Kinder Buddies Halloween Parade:

- Lower School's annual Halloween Parade, featuring our Kindergarten students and their senior buddies, will begin at 8:15 a.m. on the track, weather permitting. Parents are welcome to watch from the bleachers, and the parade is expected to conclude by 8:30 a.m.

Chapel Schedule

- Monday, 10/26 - Rosemary Mallory '27
- Tuesday, 10/27 - Father Rob
- Wednesday, 10/28 - Aras Erdag '27
- Thursday, 10/29 - Audrey Jones '27
- Friday, 10/30 - Sophie Greene

Athletics Schedule

Let's go, Wildcats!

Beyond Next Week

- Fall Athletics Ceremony - Wednesday, November 4
- Canned Food Auction - Friday, November 6
- Fall Play - Thursday, November 12
- Thanksgiving Break - Saturday, November 21 - Sunday, November 29
- Choir/Orchestra Christmas Concert - Monday, December 7
- In-Class Exam Review - Tuesday, December 8 - Thursday, December 10
- End of 2nd Quarter - Thursday, December 10
- Reading Day - Friday, December 11
- End-of-Semester Exams - Monday, December 14 - Thursday, December 17
- Christmas Break - Friday, December 18 - Monday, January 4

College Counseling Updates

Upcoming College Visits:

Hope to see interested juniors and seniors.

- Monday, October 26 - 8:15 AM - Sewanee & Missouri S&T
- Wednesday, October 28 - 12:10 PM - Louisiana Tech University
- Friday, October 30 - 11:05 AM - Hillsdale College

To attend you must:

1. Sign up for the meeting in Scoir under "Visits & Deadlines"
2. Have your teacher sign your Green College Visit Permission Slip well in advance, and bring it with you to the meeting. The permission slips are found inside the College Counseling Office door

Wildcats Basketball Spirit Store is Now Open!

- Find items that are specifically for your and your team.
- There is also spiritwear available for your family and friends.

OUR SHOP DETAILS

- Shop Now: **TEAM STORE LINK**
- Store Open From: October 20 - November 3, 2026

Wildcat Football | Game Day Expectations

- **PLEASE SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN:** Kids should not roam campus or be in the gym, hallways, quad, classrooms, locker rooms, etc. without an adult.
- **STAY IN DESIGNATED AREAS:** Stadium • Stands • Designated Game Day Grassy Areas
- **RESPECT RESTRICTED AREAS:** Stay off team sidelines, locker rooms and coaches' areas.
- **BE A POSITIVE FAN:** Support our Wildcats. Respect players, coaches, officials & visitors.
- **CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF**

A Note from the Director of Athletics

Wildcat Parents,

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. Please choose a shift to help us out.

- **Parent Volunteers - Gate Sign ups**

As always, thank you so much for all of your support!

Micah Marsh
Director of Athletics | Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach



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**

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 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. *Please note, we will no longer be using the Episcopal Athletics Youtube Page.*

- **Episcopal Wildcats Hudl Page**

The Hudl Fan App is supported by Roku TV, Amazon Fire TV, Apple TV, and Android TV.

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!

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!