



**October 24, 2022**

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### **All-School News**

**Fall Festival is this Saturday!**  
**10.29.22 • 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

See the Fall Festival tab of Panther Post for all of the information! We need parent volunteers for the Festival to be successful. If you are able to help, please sign up in the link below.

[Parent Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Don't forget to bring in your creative pumpkins this week for the Pumpkin Decorating Contest! See more information in the Fall Festival tab.

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### **It's All-School Spirit Week! • October 24-28**

Show your Panther Pride and join in the fun by dressing up for the following themed spirit days! *Please keep dress code guidelines in mind when choosing spirit wear.*

**Monday** - Wacky Day

**Tuesday** - Parade of Athletes - Blue Out

**Wednesday** - College Day

**Thursday** - Dress Like a Teacher Day

**Friday** - Fall Festival T-shirt Day / 8th Grade Dress Up (Grandparents Chapel and Brunch), Middle School students - chapel dress in morning and then EDS spirit wear or fall festival t-shirt

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## Message from Nurse Golden

Dear EDS Families,

As I'm sure you are aware, flu is making the rounds through our community, along with RSV and rhino/enterovirus. Georgia is currently experiencing high case counts across the state. In our EDS community, we've had a handful of cases this year to date. Please continue to remind your students to wash their hands before and after eating, to cover their coughs and sneezes and most importantly to stay home when they're not feeling well. As a reminder, students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication prior to returning to school. Please let me know if you have any questions.

[Click here for DPH News Release 10.2022](#)

Best,  
Nurse Golden  
[mgolden@edsaugusta.com](mailto:mgolden@edsaugusta.com)

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You are invited to celebrate your child's birthday by donating a book to the EDS library. The library has a curated selection of award-winning books from which to choose.

The fixed price for each birthday book is \$20.

A bookplate in your child's honor will be mounted inside the chosen book.

Please use [this link](#) to make your Birthday Book Club donation!

Your child is invited to select the book on the following dates beginning at 8:00 A.M. in the library and you are encouraged to join them as they make their selection!

**August-October Birthdays:** October 25 & 26

**November-January Birthdays:** November 16, December 7, January 11

**February-April Birthdays:** February 1, March 1, March 15, April 12

**May-July Birthdays:** May 2, May 3, May 4

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## Halloween Costume Guidelines • 10.31.22

We are excited about Halloween at EDS this year and encourage all students to dress up and participate in this festive day! Please keep the following guidelines in mind when choosing your child's costume to ensure that this day is successful and enjoyed by all.

No: weapons, masks, inflatable costumes, too scary or gory costumes, or political statements. Costumes must align with the dress code in terms of body coverage.

For questions, please reach out to your child's division head.

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## After School Update - 10.24.22

Due to Mrs. Karli Murray's upcoming maternity leave, effective today, all after-school communication should be sent to Ms. Amy Kendrick at [akendrick@edsaugustua.com](mailto:akendrick@edsaugustua.com). Ms. Kendrick is a classroom assistant in the morning, so she is not able to monitor her email during class; because of this, we ask that **all drop-in requests are received by noon the day before care is needed**. Day-of requests will not be accommodated. If you need immediate assistance, please contact Debbie Wren at [dwren@edsaugusta.com](mailto:dwren@edsaugusta.com).

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## EDS Parent Association

Moms in Prayer meets each Wednesday at 8:15 A.M. in the COGS Brides Room.

[Prayer Request Form](#)

Contact [Liz Trotter](#) with questions.

## EDS Fall Festival

Saturday, October 29 • 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

[www.EDSAugusta.com/FallFestival](http://www.EDSAugusta.com/FallFestival)



Join Us for the Annual Fundraising Party...and swing into a new spirit!

Friday, November 4 • 7:00 P.M.

*Featuring Swingin' Medallions*

Visit [www.EDSAugusta.com/AnnualParty](http://www.EDSAugusta.com/AnnualParty) for tickets and raffle information.

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## Fall Festival 2022



**Saturday, October 29 • 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

**Check out our Fall Festival webpage [here](#).**

Fall Festival is right around the corner! Online armband sales are closed, but armbands may be purchased at the event for \$25 each. Armbands that were purchased online will be sent home with the youngest child in your family the week of Fall Festival. Adults and children 2 and under do not need an armband.

All children ages 3 and up participating in Fall Festival activities, including middle school volunteers, **MUST** have an armband which gives them unlimited access to rides/games along with the Haunted Walk, Photo Booth, and Train Ride.

If you would like a friend or coworker to receive a VIP invitation to Fall Festival please email [Karen Lilly](#). We will send an invitation that includes an armband for prospective students allowing unlimited activities!

T-shirt orders are complete. However, if you forgot to order a shirt, there will be a limited number available at the festival. Please contact [Allyn Dyer](#) with t-shirt questions.

Don't forget to bring cash for concessions, a bake sale, and our sweet shoppe. All of your purchases go toward the EDS Parents Association!

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### **Volunteers Needed!**

Have fun with us and lend a hand! We have volunteer opportunities for both middle school students and parents to help at the Fall Festival. We especially need help with set up and clean up. There are multiple options for middle school students to work toward their Inside EDS Service Hours requirement. We can't do it without you! Sign up below.

[Parent Volunteer Sign Up](#)  
[Middle School Student Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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### **Pumpkin Decorating Contest**

Gather your brilliant ideas, pumpkin, and craft supplies because we want to see your pumpkin creation here at EDS! Drop off your decorated, **uncut** (*please, no carving or cutting!*) pumpkin on the benches in front of the school **the week of October 24** to participate. Please make sure that your child's name and class are marked clearly on your pumpkin. Judging will take place on Friday, 10.28.22, and your pumpkin will be displayed at the Fall Festival!

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## **Bake Sale Sign Up**

It's always sweet to bring yummy items to benefit the fantastic Fall Festival! Whether cake or brownies, cookies or pie, we need your donations! In bringing back an old tradition, you might even "take the cake" on our "cakewalk." **Bake sale donations should be dropped off in the front office no later than the afternoon carpool on Friday, 10/28.** Please package and label all items. Click on the link below to sign up to bring in baked goods for the Fall Festival Bake Sale.

[Bake Sale Donations Sign Up](#)

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## **Sweet Shoppe Donations**

We are collecting candy donations for CANDY NECKLACES so grab an extra bag when shopping for your Halloween treats!!

Requested donations are: Smarties, Nerds, Skittles, Sweet Tarts, Starburst, Laffy Taffy, Tootsie Rolls, DumDum Lollipops, Jolly Ranchers, and Airheads. Donations may be dropped off in the front office. No chocolate candy, please.

Please email [Anna-Susan Trulock](#) with questions.

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## **Concessions Donations**

The concessions team is asking for donations of boxes of snack size chips, soda and condiments (ketchup, mustard). Drop your donations off in the front office as soon as possible.

Contact [Chad Jordan](#) for more information.

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## **Preschool**

### **Preschool Thanksgiving Lunch RSVP**

You are invited to join your preschooler for lunch following our annual Thanksgiving chapel service at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, November 18th. The all-school chapel service will be held in the gym.

Following the service, we encourage you to make your way to the courtyard to watch the preschoolers process from their classrooms to the lunchroom where you are invited to join your child for a delicious Thanksgiving lunch provided by Wifesaver.

Please RSVP (two guests per child) to your child's preschool teacher no later than Friday, November 11th.

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## Preschool Family Interest Survey Results

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our family interest survey about pre-kindergarten (4's) programming for next year. We appreciate your thoughtful attention during both of our meetings and your detailed responses to the open-ended questions. To date, the information we have received so far overwhelmingly favors a full-day PK program, either on the Walton Way campus or the Flowing Wells campus. We will continue to gather information and communicate specific information about programming over the next several months. Please know that whether it is in our child-centered classrooms, our Village Garden, or at our Nature School, every child attending EDS will enjoy meaningful learning and opportunities to run, laugh, explore, and play. Our commitment to excellence ensures that your child's experience will be both joyful and developmentally appropriate.

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## Fall Conference Survey Feedback

Thank you to all of our families who provided feedback about our September conference day. We appreciate your willingness to provide the information necessary for us to continue to offer a conference experience that meets the needs of our community. I am pleased to report that **92% of our families attended conferences** in person either on our Walton Way or Flowing Wells campus. Your commitment to building strong partnerships with our faculty in service to your children is greatly appreciated. Most families indicated that mid or late week conferences were preferred over conference days on Mondays. We will keep this in mind as we begin preparing the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

In terms of preparation, **100% of preschool and lower school families received a pre-conference form from their child's teacher**. This important tool provides families with the opportunity to thoughtfully consider each child prior to meeting with the teacher, and also allows our faculty members to be better prepared to answer questions on conference day. That being said, **94% of our families returned the form** to their child's teacher allowing for more meaningful discussions during these important face-to face conversations. In terms of **conference time**, the majority of families would like **15-20 minutes** to speak with their child's teacher on conference day with a minority of families reporting that they would like more time. Moving forward we will make this adjustment to our conference schedule allowing for a bit more flexibility in scheduling these meaningful conversations. If you find that you would like more time than a typical conference allows, kindly let the teacher know and they can make the necessary changes to your particular schedule.

Again, thank you for taking the time to provide us with the feedback required in order for us to partner with you in providing an excellent educational experience.

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## Classroom Volunteers

Are you interested in learning about ways you can help in your child's classroom or around the school?  
We are looking for parent volunteers and would welcome your help!

[Click here to learn more about classroom volunteer opportunities.](#)

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## Lower School

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## **Middle School**

### **Middle School Minders 10/24/22**

#### **This Week 10/24**

**Morning Carpool Help:** Josey Advisory

**Morning Prayers and Chapel:** Garrett Wilson Advisory

**Chapel Acolytes:** McKnight, Grayson, Teren, London + plus grandchildren of 8th-grade grandparents: Lee, Sophia, Lane, Micah

**Readers:** Jaden, Wyatt

**Student Reflections:** Tellis, Darby, May, Sam, Andrew, Virginia, Carson

#### **October 24–28: Fall Spirit Days**

Monday – Wacky Day, Tuesday – Parade of Athletes – Blue Out, Wednesday – College Day, Thursday – Dress Like a Teacher Day, Friday – 8th Grade Dress Up (Grandparents Chapel and Brunch); Grades 5-7 wear chapel dress in the morning; may change into Fall Festival t-shirts from any year or EDS spirit wear

**October 28: 8th Grade Grandparents & Grand Friends Chapel & Brunch;** 8th grade goes home with grandparents after brunch.

**October 29:** Fall Festival **MS student volunteers needed**

**High School and Boarding School Visits for 8th-grade students and parents:** 10/25 Darlington 12:00 p.m.–12:45 p.m. (room 211)

**FWC:** 6th 10/25 (12:00–2:30, 5th 10/26 (12:00–2:30)

#### **Next Week 10/31**

**Morning Carpool Help:** Garrett Wilson

**Chapel Acolytes:** lower school acolytes

**October 31:** All students may wear costumes.

**Guidelines:** No weapons, masks, inflatable costumes, too scary or gory costumes (we are a preschool through 8th school!), or political statements. Costumes must align with the dress code in terms of body coverage. Be careful not to exclude others by creating groups of like costumes

**November 1:** All School All Saints Chapel

**High School and Boarding School Visits for 8th-grade students and parents:** 11/1 McCallie 12:00 p.m.–2:45 p.m. (room 211)

**FWC:** 8th 10/31 (12:00-2:30), 7th 11/2 (12:00-2:30)  
November 1–3 - Basketball tryouts

#### **On the Horizon**

**High School and Boarding School Visits for 8th-grade students and parents:**



11/15 Asheville School 12:00 p.m.–12:45 p.m. (room 211)  
11/16 Indian Springs School 12:00 p.m.–12:45 p.m. (room 211)  
12/6 Augusta Christian 12:00 p.m.–12:45 p.m. (room 211)  
12/13 Baylor 12:00 p.m.–12:45 p.m. (room 211)  
**November 11:** Veterans Day assembly  
**November 18:** All School Thanksgiving Chapel  
**November 21–25:** Thanksgiving Break  
**December 16:** First exam (3:00 pm dismissal)  
**December 19, 20:** Exams; Middle School only 11:30 dismissal  
**December 21:** Lessons and Carols, Middle School Christmas Brunch; 11:30 dismissal all school

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## Chapel

### **Tuesday, 10.25.22 • Preschool - 1st Grade • 8:30 A.M.**

Acolytes: Harrison L., Michael M., Landon G., Jack M.

Chapel Singers: Kindergarten

Chapel Birthdays: Alex C., Righton R., Bash V., Emma Lou R.

### **Wednesday, 10.26.22 • 2nd - 4th Grade • 8:30 A.M.**

Acolytes: Nash H., Bates F., Gray O., Jeffrey R.

Readers and Prayers: Tyree S., Bridges T.

Chapel Choir: Madelyn, Crawford, Olivia, Gerald, Avery, Everett, Dylan

Chapel Birthdays: Barrett R., James R., Tyler R., Chandler S.

### **Friday, 10.28.22 • 5th - 8th Grade • 8:20 A.M.**

#### **8th Grade Grandparents Chapel and Brunch**

Acolytes: McKnight B., Grayson B., Teren J., London J., Lee A., Sophia S., Lane D., Micah Q.

Readers: Jaden W., Wyatt H.

Outward Bound Essay Excerpt Readers: Virginia, May, Darby, Carson, Andrew, Sam, Tellis

Singers: Chapel Boys and 8th Grade Spanish Class

*Parents and special guests are always invited to attend chapel. If attending, please sit in reserved guest pews and not with your child's class. Your child may sit with you in the reserved seating.*

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## Athletics

[Click here for this week's athletic schedule.](#)

[Click here for important information about winter athletics.](#)

### **Winter Athletics Information Zoom Meetings**

**Wednesday, 10.26.22:**

6:00 P.M. - Swimming

6:30 P.M. - Girls Basketball  
7:00 P.M. - Boys Basketball

**Tuesday, November 1:**

6:00 P.M. - Cheerleading  
6:30 P.M. - Bowling  
7:00 P.M. - Pickleball

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**Weekly Athletics Update from Coach Cohen**

Last Tuesday, the EDS panthers ran wild at Augusta Prep in the AAMSL XC Championships! The boy's team finished 6th out of 9 teams and 113 runners.

Our top 20 finishers were Wynn P. in 11th place and Lee A. in 12th place.

The girl's team did not place as a team but our two runners from 5th grade finished well! Evie B. in 11th and Bella V. in 29th out of 45 total runners.

We are so proud of our Panther runners! Congratulations on an excellent season!

[Click here for Cross Country 2022 photos.](#)

In last week's AAMSL Championship, the Panthers took on the Saints from St. Mary's in a rematch from last week's Battle of the Hill! The Saints took an early 6-0 lead in the first quarter.

The Panthers dug in their claws and tied the game on a Mekhi Q. jet sweep run in the third quarter. 6-6.

Later in the third quarter, Steffen T. caught a pass from Andrew B. and took it to the house for the go-ahead lead at the end of the quarter. The Saints answered on the kickoff and returned it for a touchdown tying the game at 12-12. The Saints converted on the 2pt conversion taking the lead 14-12.

The Panthers tried multiple counterattacks but couldn't get the ball into the endzone. It was a hard-fought game by both teams worthy of kudos. We are so proud of the fight in our Panthers and the season they had, finishing in 2nd place in the AAMSL!

[Click here for Football 2022 photos.](#)

Tomorrow, 10.25.22, both tennis and golf will compete in the AAMSL Championships. The golf team is looking to win back-to-back titles while tennis is striving to bring home individual hardware. On Wednesday, 10.26.22 at 5:00 P.M, the varsity volleyball team will host a semifinal game in the AAMSL AA volleyball tournament. Come out to cheer them on to the championship, which is scheduled for 10.27.22 at 6:00 P.M. at Curtis Baptist. Finally, the clay target shooting team is on the hunt for back-to-back AAMSL titles on Friday, 11.4.22 at Pinetuckey Gun Club.

***Go Panthers!***