Panther Post

EDS News and Campus Life

November 28, 2022

Welcome New Panther!
Jodie D. - Threes

All-School News

Calendar Changes

We have made a few adjustments to the current calendar, seen here and on our website. Please note that Friday, January 6, is now a professional development day. Students and families will be given optional reading selections to encourage students to engage in some pleasure reading over the break. ***Our regular class schedule will resume on Monday, January 9, 2023.***

Click here for the revised 2022-2023 At-a-Glance calendar.

Click here for our online calendar.

Walkthrough Wednesday this Week! • Wednesday, November 30 • 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Invite a friend to tour EDS and see what sets us apart! We are starting our "Walkthrough Wednesdays" this Wednesday, November 30, and then every 2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning in December. If this time does not work for an interested family, please direct them to Karen Lilly to schedule a convenient date to tour our campuses.

Remember that for each new family enrollment, the referring family receives a $500 tuition award!

Panther Playdate "Christmas Crawl" • Friday, December 9 • 10:30-11:30 A.M.
Share with a Prospective Panther!

Current families, please encourage your friends with littles to join us for a special holiday themed playdate at EDS, created for children ages 2-5. Participants will create a craft with Mrs. Heinlein, sing songs with Mrs. Scheyer, and spend time in Godly Play with Ms. Wright. *Space is limited!*

Sign Up Here!

Advent Calendars

Advent is the season celebrated by Christians beginning the 4th Sunday before Christmas. It began yesterday, November 27. Advent is a season of hope and preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus ***AND*** anticipating the second coming of the Messiah.

To help each of our students and families prepare spiritually during this time of year, we are sending home Advent calendars with each student today.

GEORGIA GOAL
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, INC.

There is still time to participate in GOAL 2023! Through Georgia GOAL, you can choose how your tax dollars are spent and directly benefit EDS. See this **flowchart** to learn more. Thank you to THESE businesses and individuals who have already signed up! For additional information contact Ginger Chew.

Future Leaders Scholarship Program for Rising 6th Graders

Earlier this month, we announced the renewal and expansion of the Future Leaders Scholarship Program to our EDS community through this email. We are now accepting applications and nominations for rising 6th grade students who you think could excel in and benefit from this exciting opportunity. For more information on the timeline and application process, please visit our Future Leaders webpage.

Thanksgiving Chapel at EDS 11.18.22

Our Episcopal Day School community gathered together for a Thanksgiving chapel to celebrate our many blessings! Thank you for your generous donations to the Golden Harvest Food Bank, which were collected by our middle school students and picked up after the chapel service.

Click here for Thanksgiving chapel photos.
Click here to view our chapel recording.

Moms in Prayer
Prayer Request Form

As we enter Advent, if you, your family, or a loved one is in need of prayer, let us pray for you. Moms in Prayer accepts prayer requests in this form. Join us for Moms in Prayer each Wednesday at 8:15 A.M. in the Brides Room in the Church of the Good Shepherd. Next Tuesday, December 7, we will have our Moms in Prayer Christmas Celebration. Contact Liz Trotter at ketrotter@gmail.com for more details.

EDS Apparel - Basketball Shirts and Stadium Cushions

Click this link for our current offerings and continue to check as we add new items in the future. Deliveries will be made to the front office every other Wednesday. Parents will be notified of their delivery date via email.

Order Your Fall Festival Black and White Photos

If you missed the photo table at Fall Festival, black and white photo prints are now located in the front office for $5 each. Please leave cash or check payable to the EDS Parents Association in the envelope.

Use this link to access your child's photo where you can purchase the digital download for $15 (includes one print for pick up in the front office) as well as other merchandise great for Christmas gifts!

Please contact Lee Ann McElderry at lamcelderry@gmail.com with any questions.

School Nurse Substitute

If there is anyone in our community with a nursing or medical background that would be interested in subbing for Nurse Golden, please contact her directly at mgolden@edsaugusta.com.

Tara ScheyerPerforming Family Christmas Songs
Surrey Center Holiday Open House • Thursday, December 1 • 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Join EDS music teacher, Mrs. Scheyer, on the lower level by Santa and ring in the holiday season!

Augusta University & Summerville Neighborhood Association
Lighting of the Tree Event • Thursday, December 1
Festivities begin at 6:00 P.M. • Free Admission

Click here for more information.

Invitation to Augusta Prep's Polar Express Event

This Saturday, December 3, from 5:00-9:00 P.M., all Episcopal Day School families are invited to Augusta Prep's Holiday Festival, a Polar Express-themed event, at the home of Wes and Helen Farrell, 606 Milledge Road, Augusta.

The event will include Santa Claus, live reindeer, carnival games, a professional photographer, food trucks, German holiday festival tents and more.

Cost is $20 per family. Visit this website to purchase tickets.

If you plan to attend, please note that parking will only be available at Reid Memorial Church (2261 Walton Way). A shuttle bus will provide transportation to and from the Farrell residence.

Preschool

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 welcome your help!

Click here to learn more about classroom volunteer opportunities.

Lower School

Kindergarten Meeting this Thursday

Kindergarten and Nature Kindergarten parents are invited to join us this Thursday, December 1, at 5:30 P.M. to learn more about the possibility of expanding Nature School.

We hope you will join us to talk about your Nature School experience, communicate your interest in expanding our Nature School, and explain our process for evaluating an expansion.

We will meet in the library on the Walton Way campus.

Please contact Amy Tomblinson with any questions.

Calendar Changes for Lower School

Please note a few changes in our current calendar, including a Lower School conference day on **Thursday, May 4** (no school for LS students). **Olympic Day 2023** will be on **May 5** at Flowing Wells Campus. It will be an early dismissal day for Lower School (8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.) Parents will drop off and pick up at FWC. We will make bus arrangements for aftercare students and provide the normal aftercare services.

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Reed Creek Interpretive Center Visits 3rd Grade

Thank you to our human and reptilian friends from Reed Creek for visiting our 3rd grade classes! Students enjoyed seeing the animals up close and learned more about the natural history, biology, and special characteristics of each animal. This experience connected their studies of metamorphosis and life cycles, which is third grade's FWC theme for the school year.
Click here for photos.

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Middle School

Middle School Minders
11.28.22

This Week 11/28
Morning Carpool Help: Marlin Advisory
Morning Prayers and Chapel: Chambers Advisory
Chapel Acolytes: Julian, James, Porter, Spence, Mikah, Benjamin
FWC: canceled for this week because of field trips
Field Trips:
5th Grade to Phinizy, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 9:30–12:30
6th grade to Phinizy, Friday, Dec. 2, 9:00–1:30
Students should dress for the weather (long pants are advised) and bring a packed lunch (remember to cancel school lunch orders for that day).
High School and Boarding School Visits for 8th-grade students and parents:
11/29 TENTATIVE live or Zoom meeting with Episcopal High School 12:00-12:45 P.M. (room 211)

Next Week 12/5
Morning Carpool Help: Josey Advisory
Morning Prayers and Chapel: Schmelzer Advisory
Chapel Acolytes: Lane, River, Charlotte, Wynn, Cayden, Sam
FWC: 5th 12/7 (12:00-2:30)
Field Trip: 8th grade to Phinizy, Monday, Dec. 5, 11–2:30. Students should dress for the weather (long pants are advised) and bring a packed lunch (remember to cancel school lunch orders for that day).
High School and Boarding School Visits for 8th-grade students and parents:
12/6 Augusta Christian 12:00-12:45 P.M. (room 211)

On the Horizon
High School and Boarding School Visits for 8th-grade students and parents:
12/13 Baylor School 12:00-12:45 P.M. (room 211)
12/14 Christ School 12:00-12:45 P.M. (room 211)
December 16: First exam (3:00 pm dismissal)
December 16: All School Sing-a-Long
December 19, 20: Exams; Middle School only 11:30 dismissal
December 21: Lessons and Carols, Middle School Christmas Brunch; 11:30 dismissal for all

December 22–January 6: Christmas Break
January 5 & 6: Faculty Professional Development Days
January 9: Students Return

7th Grade Visit from Reed Creek Interpretive Center

On November 16, 7th grade students were joined by a Reed Creek Ambassador and several of her live animals. She shared the natural history, biology, and special characteristics of each animal and talked about them in the context of traits of survival (a current science class focus) and stewardship and sustainability (our 7th grade FWC theme this year). Students had the opportunity to see the animals up close and touch them. Most popular were the hognose snake and corn snake, for sure!

Click here for photos.

Chapel

Tuesday, 11.29.22 • Threes - 1st Grade • 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Milly J., Eloise R., Jett N., Kate P.
Chapel Singers: Rosemary, Frances, Bash, Jackson, Henry, Sydney, Kaiden, Loren
Chapel Birthdays: Thomas A., George V., Mary Bennett D., Gus B., Vivienne H., Georgia Cate T., James P., Aubrey D., Ash S., Cole R., Landon G., William K.

Wednesday, 11.30.22 • 2nd - 4th Grade • 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Logan W., Bridges T., Ava W., Harrison Y.
Readers: Amelia S., Jackson W.
Chapel Choir: Bobby, Ramsey, Nolan, South, Kinsley, Caroline, Ace, Cub
Chapel Birthdays: Libby M.

Thursday, 12.1.22 • 5th - 8th Grade • 8:20 A.M.
Acolytes: Julian B., James L., Porter A., Spence P., Mikah Q., Benjamin S.
Chapel Birthdays: Darby M., Spence P., Bella V., Carlin G., Andrew B., Rob W., Jane Marshall O., Blake A.

Parents and special guests are always invited to attend chapel.
If attending, please sit in the reserved pews to the side of the altar.

Athletics

Please go to edspanthers.com for this week's athletic schedule.

Click here for important information about winter athletics.

Our varsity boy's basketball team played in the CSRA Thanksgiving Invitational November 18-19. On November 18, the EDS Panthers defeated the Augusta Christian Lions and advanced to the championship game. On November 19, our Panthers faced the Seminoles of Glen Hills Middle School. The team fought back after being down by 16 points but our rally came up short and we proudly took 2nd place. This is just a tease of an exciting season to come. League play starts this Wednesday at home versus Mead Hall and Saint Mary's-Augusta away on Thursday.

Go Panthers!