Panther Post

EDS News and Campus Life

December 19, 2022

All-School News

This Week's Festivities and Early Dismissal Instructions for Wednesday

We have been ringing in the holiday season at EDS with Kindergarten's "Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus" performance and the All-School Sing-Along. More fun is in store this week with the following events:
3s & PK Nursery Rhyme Nativity • Tuesday, December 20 • 8:30 A.M. • EDS Gym
Lessons & Carols Chapel (Grades 2-8) • Wednesday, December 21 • 8:30 A.M. • COGS
Middle School Brunch • Wednesday, December 21 • 10:30 A.M. • COGS Parish Hall

Instructions for Early Dismissal on Wednesday, December 21 (Walton Way)

Threes and PK students will be dismissed at 11:00 A.M. Parents should enter through the church entrance on Walton Way, and may begin lining up at 10:45 A.M. Threes students will be picked up at the side gate and PK students will be picked up at the front of the school. If you have a Threes student and a PK student, you should go to the side gate where your youngest child will be. **Families must present their carpool number for pick up.** If you do not know your number, please contact Liz McKibben before Wednesday. If you have a preschool student and a K-8 student, you will circle around to the carpool line in the Woodlawn parking lot after picking up your younger child at 11:00 A.M. and present your number again to pick up your older child.

K-8 students will be dismissed at the front of the school beginning at 11:30 A.M. Parents of K-8 students may begin lining up in the Woodlawn parking lot at 11:20 A.M. and must present their printed carpool number. Students will be at their designated cone number at the front of the school.

Thank you for your patience with our early dismissal process.

The After School Center will be available for students who are normally registered.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you back on campus on Monday, January 9, 2023!

Click here for Kindergarten's Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus photos.
Click here for Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus recording.

Click here for All-School Sing-Along photos.
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Save the Date: State of the School Meetings for Current Parents

Please join us for one of the following dates in January to meet with Dr. Perkinson and hear highlights of this school year and our direction for the future. All meetings will be held in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall.

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 12:00 P.M.
Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 8:15 A.M.

2023-24 At-a-Glance Calendar

This calendar notes major events for the upcoming school year, including Back to School day, First Day of School, holidays, and more. This calendar can be found on our website on the Calendar page and the Parent Resources page.

View and print the calendar here.

Future Leaders Scholarship Program for Rising 6th Graders
Nominate a Student or Apply Today!

In November, we announced the renewal and expansion of the Future Leaders Scholarship Program to our EDS community. 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.

Applications and required materials are due on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. Please contact Karen Lilly with any questions.

Save the Date: Spirit Night at Mellow Mushroom

January 11, 2023 • 11:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.

The EDS Parent Association invites you to participate in Spirit Night at Mellow Mushroom (downtown location). Mention us at checkout or when picking up carryout orders for proceeds to benefit EDS!

Scavenger Hunt Activity

7th grade students have created a scavenger hunt for the EDS community. This scavenger hunt supports local businesses around Augusta that are some of our students' favorite establishments.

There are 5 locations near EDS and clues will be posted on the festive QR codes found at each location. You will be prompted to fill out a Google form when you scan the QR code. Filling out each form lets us know if the clue has been found and helps us to enter your name in our drawing.

After the break, we will draw the name of any group that has found all 5 locations. The winner will receive a gift card!

First Clue - This rhyme is quite goofy, come here to get some sushi.

Pawl the Panther Custom Lego Sets

We have an exciting gift idea for the LEGO lover in your life! Show your Panther pride with this fun creation made exclusively for EDS by father/son duo @autotelicstudio. Sets come with all pieces and instructions, ready to assemble. We have a completed Pawl set on display in the Front Office if you would like to stop by and see what it looks like in person.

Visit the link below to order. Sets may be ordered anytime, and will be delivered to EDS for pick up.

Click here to order.

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.

Order EDS Shirts, Sweatshirts, and Stadium Cushions

Click this link for our current offerings and continue to check as we add new items in the future. Deliveries are 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

These make wonderful Christmas gifts!

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.

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

Alumni News

Alumni Successes at Augusta Prep

Crawford McDougal '22 recently completed his Eagle Scout project with the help of his brother, Fripp '20, and several friends, including Will McElderry '22. Crawford helped build a soccer kick wall for Augusta Prep's Lower School students.

Augusta Prep junior and wide receiver/safety, Sam Connell '20, helped lead the Cavalier's football team to the GIAA Class AA playoffs last month. For his efforts, Connell earned All-Region honors, as well as being named to *The Augusta Chronicle* All-Area second team.

Click here for photos.

Preschool

January Training for Classroom Volunteers

The first training session for **EDS classroom volunteers** will be held in January. Thank you to those who have already completed the first two steps of our training process!

If you are interested in volunteering but have not had a chance to complete the background check and the online training (Safe Church, Safe Communities) please plan to do so prior to January 16. Once you have completed these two steps, you will be invited to the scheduled training in January. If you are unable to complete the first two parts of the training, never fear! There will be additional training sessions scheduled throughout the remainder of the school year.

Thank you for your interest in supporting our faculty and staff as they carry out the mission of our EDS community!

Classroom Volunteer Information

Kindergarten Information Session

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Walton Way Campus • 9:00-10:00 A.M. (following chapel)

Have you started thinking about the 2023-2024 school year? Is your child currently enrolled in one of our preschool classes? Do you have questions about our Kindergarten and Nature Kindergarten classes? Would you like an opportunity to meet the three kindergarten teachers for the 2023-2024 school year? If

you said yes to any of these questions you will want to mark your calendar to attend the Kindergarten Information Session in January.

Current EDS preschool parents are invited to attend chapel at 8:30 and then join the kindergarten teachers in the library at 9:00 to learn about our programs and ask any questions you may have about our philosophy, the daily routine, and whether or not your child may be a better fit for Nature Kindergarten or Walton Way Kindergarten.

We hope you will attend and look forward to our conversations. If you are unable to attend, please contact Karen Lilly, Director of Admissions. Karen will be glad to answer your questions and arrange a tour.

Do you know any non-EDS families who may be interested in Nature School next year? If so, please connect them with Karen Lilly to reserve a spot for the Nature School Open House on Friday, January 27, 2023. This open house is available for non-EDS families and space is limited.

Lower School

Kindergarten and Nature Kindergarten Perform at Thrive Assisted Living

Our Kindergarten students took their musical show on the road Monday to spread some Christmas cheer for the residents of Thrive Assisted Living in Martinez!

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Classroom Volunteer Information

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.

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

Click here for our online calendar.

Middle School

Middle School Exam Schedule

Click here for the middle school exam schedule.

Students will have two morning exams on Tuesday, December 20. Our day ends at 11:30 A.M. Please remember to cancel lunches for Tuesday!

The after-school program is available only for previously registered students, but please let Dr. Andrews know if you plan to use the program these days so we can plan accordingly, as well as if the half-day presents a particular hardship to you.

Note our plans for this Wednesday, December 21, which we believe are an important way to end exam week: we will worship together at Lessons & Carols, take time for service to others, and enjoy a special brunch together before leaving for our Christmas holiday.

5th Grade Musical Announced!

Our 5th grade students have been anticipating the announcement of the musical selection all year! Last week's scavenger hunt started in the library and ended with cupcakes revealing that they will be performing **A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS** this spring!

Click here for photos.

Middle School Minders • 12.19.22

This Week 12/19
Morning Carpool Duty: Schmelzer Advisory
Morning Prayers and Chapel: McKibben Advisory
Chapel Acolytes: Ady, Genevieve, Makenzie, Taylor, Alice, Sumter
December 19 & 20: Exams (Middle School only 11:30 A.M. dismissal)
December 21: Middle School Dress-Up; (All School 11:30 A.M. dismissal) Lessons and Carols, Middle School Christmas Brunch
December 21: Progress reports are posted in BigSIS
December 22 - January 4: Christmas Break

On the Horizon
January 5 & 6: Faculty Professional Development and Work Days
January 9: Students Return

Chapel

Lessons & Carols Chapel
Wednesday, 12.21.22 • 2nd - 8th Grade • 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Ady C., Genevieve K., Makenzie P., Taylor D., Alice E., Sumter F.
Readers: Hudson D., Lucy S., Jackson W., Eliza M., Spencer K., Mary John O., Steffen T.
Singers: St. Christopher Choir, 5th Grade, Spencer K., Dovie H., Blake A., Lily Beth H., Grayson B., Lily Grace Y., Lee A., Jane Marshall O.
Soloist: Mac P.
Chapel Birthdays to be celebrated before Chapel starts: Amelia S., Si W., Gray O., Harrison Y., Ace M.

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.

EDS Competes in Virtual Archery Tournament Benefiting St. Jude Children's Hospital
On Friday, December 16, the EDS Archery team competed in a St. Jude Children's Hospital Virtual tournament in the gym. Five archers participated and raised $100. Thank you to Coach Hollimon, Parker H., Felton H., Sam D., David O., and Connor S.

Click here for archery photos.

Go Panthers!