Panther Post

EDS News and Campus Life

February 6, 2023

All-School News

It's time for the EDS Parent Association's
2023 Penny (and Dollar!) Drive
Reading Makes Cents
Monday, February 6 - Thursday, February 16

Check your pockets! Look under the cushions! Clean out that change drawer! Each classroom and advisory has a container to collect coins and bills. Proceeds are earmarked for the EDS Library Fund, used to purchase new books and resource materials for the library.

Prizes for the class/advisory that collects the most:

Preschool - Ice Cream Party
Lower School - Dress Down Day & Pizza Party
Middle School - Dress Down Day & Pizza Party

In addition to the prizes above, each lower school and middle school class/advisory that collects at least $100 will win an additional dress down day!

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5:30 P.M. - Baseball

6:00 P.M. - Boys Soccer

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7:00 P.M. - Track & Field

Walkthrough Wednesday is This Week
February 8 • 8:30 A.M. - Noon

Invite a friend to drop in between 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. and take a tour of our Walton Way campus and experience the energy of the school day at EDS!

Want $100 for the EDS Online Store?

We need your help to reach more families through social media! The following interactions with our EDS Facebook and Instagram accounts will be entered to win a $100 gift certificate to our **online apparel store** at the end of each month:

One Entry:
Comment on Instagram and Facebook posts
Share Facebook posts
Share Instagram posts to stories (make sure to tag us so we can see the post if your profile is private!)
Tag your own stories with @edsaugusta on Instagram

Two Entries:
Post an online review to Google or Facebook

Your interactions with our posts help tremendously, and we want to thank you for being a part of our online community and sharing the good news at EDS with your friends and family!

Register Early for Summer @ EDS 2023 Camps

Click here for Summer @ EDS flyer.

Dates, weekly themes, pricing, and speciality camps have been posted for Summer @ EDS on **www.EDSAugusta.com/Summer** and early registration is open!
For questions, please contact **Amy Kendrick**.

Winter Spirit Week Fun

We had a great time showing our Panther Pride and celebrating our student-athletes in last week's spirit days and at the Parade of Athletes!

Click here for Winter Spirit Week photos.

Click here for Parade of Athletes recording.

8th grade students who participated in winter sports were commended at the 8th Grade Athlete Recognition during last Monday's basketball game.

Click here for photos.

Future Leaders Scholarship Program for Rising 6th Graders

Application Deadline Extended to March 15!

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**. **Our application deadline has been extended to March 15 and our competition day will now be on April 15.**

Please contact **Karen Lilly** with any questions or nominations.

It's National Counselors Week

Please join us in welcoming Katie Althoff as our new Counselor Intern!

Ms. Katie Althoff, a current first grade assistant teacher, will be joining Mrs. Johnson in supporting EDS and the social-emotional wellness of our students. Katie graduated from UGA in 2020 with a B.S in Psychology and a minor in Human Development and Family Sciences. She began her M.Ed. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in fall 2021 and will graduate in December 2023. When she is not at school, you can find her drawing or painting, writing, or drinking coffee (and bringing her dog to Starbucks to get a pup cup). We are excited to have her in this role!

New Parent Meeting Opportunity This Wednesday

Any new to EDS parents who were not able to attend last Friday's coffee with Dr. Perkinson are invited to join him this Wednesday at 8:15 A.M. in the Parish Hall to have a conversation about how your experience has been since the beginning of the school year.

Mary Hunter Maxwell Visits EDS for Godly Play

On January 31, Mary Hunter Maxwell led a Professional Development session for our PS and LS teachers and assistants about Godly Play, our preschool through third grade religion curriculum. Mary Hunter is President of the Board of Directors for the Godly Play Foundation and has been practicing Godly Play since 2007 in a variety of settings. Teachers and assistants gained a deeper understanding of the Godly Play approach and philosophy. Additionally, they enjoyed hearing and wondering about the Creation story. Mary Hunter led some of our students in their religion (Godly Play) class, shared *The Parable of the Good Shepherd* with the Nature Kindergarten, and Mrs. DeRosier's third grade class enjoyed working with *The Parable of the Sower* and *The Parable of the Mustard Seed* and seeing how two parables work together. The children's thoughts and wonderings were deep and showed their thoughtful engagement with Bible stories. We are grateful for the opportunity to have had Mary Hunter spend a day at EDS!

Click here for photos.

Order EDS Apparel and Swag

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.

Alumni News

Congratulations to Sam Jackson ‘19 for being named 2023 Valedictorian at Academy of Richmond County!

Preschool

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Lower School

3rd and 4th Grade Music Program “One Heart”
Tuesday, February 7 • 6:00 P.M. • EDS Gym

Training for Classroom Volunteers

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 30. Once you have completed these two steps, you will be invited to the next scheduled training in February.

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

Middle School

Middle School Minders • 2.6.23

This Week 2/6
Reading Makes Cents/Penny Drive: 2/6–2/16
Morning Carpool Duty: Schmelzer Advisory
Playground/Field Clean-Up Duty: Summers Advisory
Morning Prayers and Chapel: Garrett Wilson Advisory
Chapel Acolytes: Spencer, McKnight, Grayson, Teren, London, Eliza
Readers: Teren, Eliza
FWC: 8th 2/6; 6th 2/7; 5th 2/8
2/8: Admissions Walk-through Wednesday, 8:30 A.M. - Noon
Athletic Events:
2/6 - Spring Athletic Sports Zoom Meetings 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
2/7 - Girls and boys soccer tryouts. Baseball tryouts (2/7–2/9)

Next Week 2/13
Reading Makes Cents/Penny Drive: 2/6–2/16
6th Grade Trip to Barrier Island: 2/13–2/15
7th/8th Symphony Field Trip 2/16, 9:30 A.M. - Noon
Winter Break 2/17–2/20
Morning Carpool Duty: McKibben Advisory
Playground/Field Clean-Up Duty: McGill Advisory
Morning Prayers and Chapel: Summers Advisory
Chapel Acolytes: Tucker, Liam, Hamp, Brooks, Richard
FWC: 7th 2/15

On the Horizon
2/21 Regular day of in-person school
2/22 Ash Wednesday Chapel, 9:45 A.M.

Chapel

Tuesday, 2.7.23 • 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Hayes S., Maggie V., Henry T., Loren W., Sydney S.
Song Leaders: 1A: McKinley, Mary Bennett, 1B: Helena, Elsie
Chapel Birthdays: Gould H., Mary Mac N., Lewis W., Mary Crosby W.

Wednesday, 2.8.23 • 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Olivia L., Gerald S., Skylar P., Graham P., Apple H., Clay K., Gentry H.
Scripture: Clay K.
Prayers: Libby M.
Chapel Choir: Apple, Clay, Libby, Mac, Gentry, Eadie, Owen, Mason
Chapel Birthdays: Bridges T., Ramsey B.

Thursday, 2.9.23 • 8:20 A.M.
Acolytes: Spencer K., McKnight B., Grayson B., Teren J., London J., Eliza M.
Readers: Teren, Eliza
Chapel Birthdays: Sam D., Mikah Q., Kelly Jane A., Milly M.

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

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

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