Panther Post

EDS News and Campus Life

March 6, 2023

Welcome, New Panther!
Sage L., 1st Grade

All-School News

Final Parent Association Meeting of the School Year This Friday

Dear EDS Families,

We invite you to join us for our Parent Association meeting this upcoming **Friday, March 10, at 8:15 A.M**. This is our final meeting of the school year and will take place in the **Library**.

Our lower school head, Ms. Amy Tomblinson, will speak about happenings in the lower school, and how to personally get involved in your child's classroom. We are diligently working on the slate for the 2023-24 school year. This is a great time for you to come listen and see if there is a spot where you can serve!

As a reminder, the Parent Association includes all parents of enrolled students, faculty, administration, and staff of EDS. Our primary objective is to provide our school with funds, programs, and services that will enrich and maximize the education of every child.

Hope to see you all this **Friday, March 10, at 8:15 A.M.** in the Library!

Sincerely,
Whitney Walker
2022-23 Parent Association President

Family STEAM Night at EDS

Tuesday, March 14 • 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. • Gym

Our 6th and 7th grade students present a night of fun and learning for the whole family, including STEAM demonstrations, hands-on activities, science experiments, and more!
Chick-Fil-A and pizza will be available for purchase at the event.

Click here for STEAM Night flyer.

New EDS Apparel - Spring Athletics, Nature School, & Spiritwear

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.

Walkthrough Wednesday This Week! • March 8 • 8:30 A.M. - Noon

Invite a friend to drop in for a tour of our Walton Way campus and learn about the unique programming we offer at EDS. Guests will see classes in action, ask questions specific to their child's needs, and meet our wonderful faculty and staff!

Celebrating Black History Exhibition

In celebration of Black History Month, our 5th and 6th grade advisories invited classes to the library to learn about influential African Americans from the past and present. The students gathered artwork, research, and props to make their exhibits interactive, and created a scavenger hunt for older and younger grades. Great job, students!

In Case You Missed It

All-School News From Past Issues

Nominate a Teacher for the 2023 Christie Owen Excellence in Teaching Award!

The Christie Owen Excellence in Teaching Award was created in May 2004 in honor of Mrs. Christie Owen, upon her retirement as Lower School Division Head. Each year this award is given to a teacher who particularly demonstrates those qualities that Mrs. Owen so valued and nurtured in her years at EDS.

Any member of the EDS community (faculty, staff, parent, grandparent, student, alumni, etc.) may nominate a teacher. In order to be eligible for the Christie Owen Excellence in Teaching Award, a faculty member must be in at least his/her third consecutive full year at EDS as a full-time teacher. Faculty members who have won the award within the past 5 years, as well as division heads and the head of

school, are not eligible. Eligible faculty members are listed in the drop-down menu on question #2 of the form.

Please submit nominations via the link below by Thursday, March 30, 2023.

Submit Your Nomination Here.

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.

Save the Date

20th Annual
EDS Spring Golf Classic
Presented by Southeastern Real Estate

Wednesday, May 10th • 12 noon • Forest Hills Golf Club
Tournament proceeds benefit the EDS Booster Club. Sponsorship opportunities and team registration information can be found **HERE**.

For additional information please contact **Ginger Chew** or any tournament committee members: Chris Senn, Robert Bovard, Wilson Allgood, Davis Beman, Mark Doyle, Gould Hagler, Jane Marie Kinsey, Chan O'Dell and Kirby Yawn.

Win $100 for the EDS Online Store!

We need your help reaching 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. ***Congratulations to Lisa Lesak, who won our drawing for February!***

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!

Pre-Order Your 2022-23 Yearbook

Don't forget to order your 22-23 yearbook in advance. Yearbooks are on sale now for $55 each and can be personalized for your child for an extra fee. To include our end of the year celebrations, EDS yearbooks will arrive in fall of 2023. Pre-ordered books will be distributed to students and a limited number of extra copies will be available for purchase on a first come, first served basis in the Front Office. For questions about yearbooks, please contact **Amanda Chambers**.

Click here to purchase a yearbook.

Save the Date

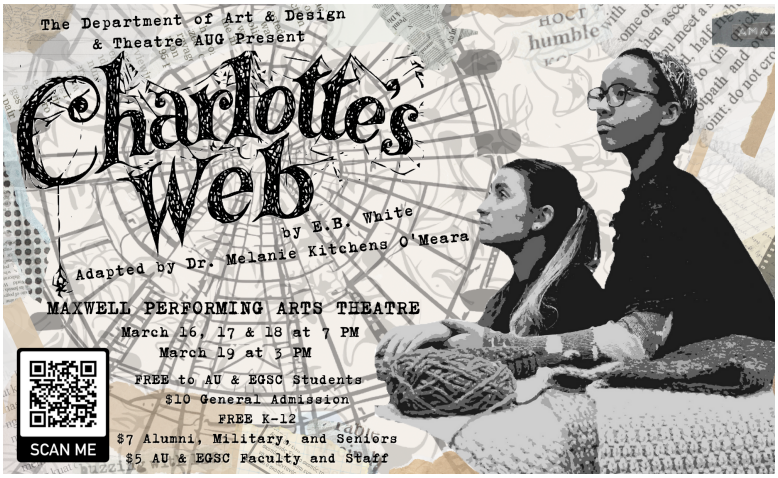
EDS Daddy-Daughter Dance
Sunday, April 30 • 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Flowing Wells Campus

More details to follow.

Mark Your Calendars

Charlotte's Web at Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre

March 16-19



Mark your calendars to attend a showing of Charlotte's Web at Augusta University's Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre March 16-19! This performance is based on the novel *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White and has been adapted by EDS parent, Dr. Melanie Kitchens O'Meara '93. A number of current EDS students have a part in this play, including Alice O., Gray O., Owen M., Lucy S., and Lily Grace Y. Our 3rd - 5th grade students will be attending the March 14 performance as a field trip, and we are delighted to have Dr. O'Meara and some of her AU students on campus before and after the show!

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**.

Alumni News

Movie Afternoon at Aquinas Benefitting Camp Ivey

Carlisle Overstreet '19, this year's Camp Ivey Youth Board president, invites EDS families to attend a movie afternoon at the Aquinas High School cafeteria on March 18 from 2-4 P.M. showing "The Parent Trap". Proceeds from this event will benefit Camp Ivey, which is a week-long summer camp for kids with both disabilities and developmental delays. Camp Ivey was created by a former EDS family to provide a positive camp experience for their daughter and for other children with special needs. It has become a wonderful success over the years!

Click here for more information.

Preschool

January Conference Survey

Please take a moment to complete this **survey** about your experience at our January Parent-Teacher conference. Your feedback helps us to structure this important day to best suit parent needs.

Lower School

January Conference Survey

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Speech Screenings for First Grade Students

Dear First Grade Families,

We are pleased to offer speech screening for all first grade students. This is an initial screening that could indicate whether a more comprehensive evaluation and speech therapy might be needed.

The screenings, conducted by Meredith Newman, M.S., CCC-SLP, licensed speech-language pathologist, will take place during school on Mondays in March. You should receive results from us the week following your child's screening. In most cases, the results will indicate no follow-up is necessary. Should the screening result in a recommendation for follow-up, Meredith will discuss with you the results in greater detail and explore options for appropriate response. EDS will not be offering or providing speech services in the event more information is deemed necessary.

We are pleased to implement this important early intervention. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact **Gilchrist Phillips** or call 706-733-1192.

In partnership,

Amy Tomblinson
Head of Lower School & Preschool

3rd & 4th Grade Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is a book-related competition for students in 3rd and 4th grades. On Friday, students gathered in the Gym for an epic "battle," where they were placed into mixed 3rd-4th grade teams and quizzed about the 20 books they read from the designated reading list. In the third and final round, the Bears and the Wild Robots faced off and went into overtime, where the Bears eventually claimed victory!

Many thanks to Mrs. Norville, Ms. Melbourne, Ms. Tomblinson, Mrs. McGill, and Ms. McKibben for organizing this amazing event!

Click here for photos.

2nd-3rd Grade ELDC • Saturday, March 25 • 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
Registration and Permission Slips Coming Soon

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

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

Regional National History Day Winners from EDS!

Congratulations to 8th grade students, May R. and Carson M., who achieved first and second place, respectively, in the Regional National History Day writing competition. May earned first place with her

paper on Brown v. Board of Education and Carson came in second with her paper on the Holocaust. May and Carson will go on to the state contest in April. We are very proud of these students!

Middle School Minders • 3.6.23

This Week 3/6/23

Morning Carpool Duty: Garrett Wilson Advisory
Morning Prayers and Chapel: Josey Advisory
Acolytes: Evie, Evan, Tensley, Wells, Milly, Jane Marshall
Readers: Blake, Yates
FWC: 8th - 3/6, 12–2:30 P.M.; 6th - 3/7, 12:30–2:30 P.M.; 5th - 3/8, 12:30–2:30 P.M.
3/10 3rd Quarter ends

3/12 Daylight Saving Time Begins

Next Week 3/13/23

Morning Carpool Duty: Schmelzer Advisory
Morning Prayers and Chapel: McKibbenAdvisory
Acolytes: Ady, Makenzie, Bella, Gainer, Janiyah
Readers: Taylor, Alice
3/14 5th Grade to Charlotte's Web production; Maxwell Theater (AU) 10:00 A.M.
3/14 Family STEAM Night, 5:30–7:00 P.M.
FWC: 8th - 3/13; 7th - 3/15
3/17 No School--Faculty PD day

On the Horizon

3/22 5th grade to Phinizy Swamp, 11:30 A.M–2:00 P.M.

Create Your 8th Grade Recognition Ad Online Today
Completed Ads Due April 30

8th grade parents and grandparents may now purchase and design yearbook recognition ads online **here**. Completed ads are due by Sunday, April 30. Ads will not be accepted after this date. Please contact **Amanda Chambers** for questions regarding recognition ads.

Recognition Ad Pricing:
Full Page $200
½ Page $125
¼ Page $85
⅛ Page $50

Chapel

Tuesday, 3.7.23 • 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Hamilton B., McKinley J., Titus J., Michael M.
Song Leaders: PK2 - Mrs. Broome's Class
Chapel Birthdays: Jett N., Peyton A., Asher S., Elsie D., Noah P.

Wednesday, 3.8.23 • 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Warren B., Bo C., Tyler R., Ford T., Nash H., Bates F.
Song Leaders: 2A: Chandler, Si, Jacob, Caroline, Jack; 2B: Christian, Alice, Kip, Ellis, Bo, Hudson
Reader: Emerson Rae D.
Prayers: Tyree S.
Chapel Birthdays: Kate W.

Thursday, 3.9.23 • 8:20 A.M.
Acolytes: Evie B., Evan C., Tensley C., Wells L., Milly M., Jane Marshall O.
Readers: Blake, Yates
Birthdays: Evan C., Justin O.

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

Athletics

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

Go Panthers!