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EDS News and Campus Life

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All-School News

This Week at a Glance

Tuesday: Walton Way Welcome Day is tomorrow! Please plan to attend Welcome Day with your student. For more information and schedule, click here. Parking: We should have enough parking spaces for everyone, but overflow parking will be available at First Southern Methodist on Johns Road.

Wednesday: First Day of Classes - (School Uniform)

Thursday: Opening Convocation - 8:30 AM in the gym, parents are invited to join us for our first chapel service of the school year - (Chapel Uniform) Parking: Woodlawn parking will be available after morning carline is complete.

Friday: Spirit Friday - (Students are welcome to wear EDS spirit wear every Friday!)

Click here for dress code information

Reminder: There will be no parking at Reid this year!

Back to School

The back to school page on our website has everything you need to know about the 26-27 school year!

Click here to see all things Back to School

Vidigami Photo Sharing

This week, EDS parents will receive an email invitation from **Vidigami**, our new photo management platform that will replace Google Photos.

Parents will be able to sign in using the same credentials they use for Veracross, making it easy to access photos throughout the school year. We're excited for families to have one private, secure place to see and enjoy photos from their child's EDS experience. Click here to check out the **Vidigami Parent Guide**.

Be on the lookout for your Vidigami invitation in your inbox!

Questions? Contact Susan Huff, Director of Marketing and Communications, at **shuff@edsaugusta.com.**

Veracross for Preschool & Lower School

As we continue to simplify school communications, **Veracross will become the primary source for Preschool and Lower School class information for the 2026-2027 school year, replacing SeeSaw.**

Teachers will use Veracross class pages to share important classroom information, and parents will have access to a customized household calendar and other school details through the Parent Portal. Our goal is to make it easier for families to find the information they need in one central place.

For photos, **Vidigami will replace both Google Photos and SeeSaw**, giving families a private, secure place to enjoy photos from throughout the school year.

More information about using Veracross class pages will be shared soon by your child's teacher.

Lunch Registration and Funding Now Available

Our food service signup and funding page is now live! Every EDS family and faculty member has an account that can be accessed by clicking the Lunch Registration button on your Veracross Parent Portal.

From there, you can select a meal plan and add funds to your MyKidsSpending account. Meal plan options include a 20-meal block, semester plan, or full-year plan, and families may also add money to a declining balance for individual meal and à la carte purchases.

Each student and faculty member will receive a service card to use when purchasing meals and à la carte items on campus. All food purchases will be made through the funds or meal plan connected to that card.

Mural Celebration at Golden Harvest

During Serve Week last spring, EDS Middle School students, faculty, and parents helped bring a community mural to life at Golden Harvest Food Bank. Now it's time to see the finished product!

Everyone who participated in the mural project is invited to stop by the **Urban Farm Mural Reveal Drop-In** this Saturday, August 15, from **1:00-2:00 P.M.** at **The Master's Table Community Kitchen, 702 Fenwick Street**.

This will be a casual celebration with Golden Harvest staff, the artists, volunteers, and their families and friends. We hope our Panthers who had a hand in the project can stop by and see what they helped create!

EDS Association Meeting

The first EDS Association meeting of the year will be held Friday, August 21, at 8:15 AM in the EDS lunchroom. This meeting is open to all EDS parents! Please join us as we talk about upcoming events.

Fall Enrichments & Extended Day

We're excited to offer another great lineup of after-school enrichment opportunities this fall! From favorite returning programs to new experiences, there will be something for students of all ages to enjoy.

Fall Enrichments and Extended Day sign ups are now open! Please click here to see all of the options available to families this fall.

Tara Scheyer Concert

Kick off the new school year with an afternoon of music and fun! Join **Tara Scheyer & The Mudpuppy Band** for a free Back to School Concert on **Sunday, August 23, at 2 p.m.** at the Maxwell Theatre on the Augusta University campus. Bring the whole family and celebrate the start of another great school year with one of our very own EDS teachers and her band!

Invite a Friend to Tour!

Do you know a family who would love EDS? Families interested in learning more or scheduling a tour can contact Karen Lilly at klilly@edsaugusta.com or visit our website to schedule online.

When you refer a new family and they enroll, you'll also receive a $500 tuition credit. Families should list your name on their application to receive the referral benefit.

Volunteers Needed

Ask not what your school can do for you, but what you can do for your school! The EDS Association is recruiting volunteers for the 2026-2027 school year, and no experience is needed. So many of the special events and traditions at EDS are possible because of our parent volunteers, and we would love for you to be involved. Please use the link below to let us know which opportunities interest you. Questions? Contact Caroline Wells at acwwells@gmail.com.

Click here to learn more

Carpool Reminders

We have some helpful videos for those who are new to EDS carpool!

Click here for Preschool Morning Carpool

Click here for Lower and Middle School Morning Carpool

Click here for Afternoon Carpool

Crossing Guards: The crossing guards are managing a lot on Walton Way and, at times, are risking their lives to provide a safe exit. We must always follow their direction. **Wait for the crossing guards to beckon you forward before exiting.**

Morning and Afternoon: Please do not use the Church of the Good Shepherd entrance - Carpool lines up in the Woodlawn parking lot (enter from Milledge Road).

Distractions: Please minimize distractions - NO cell phone use

Morning Carpool: Please ensure children are unbuckled and ready to exit the vehicle when your car stops. **Preschool students** should be finished eating, and their hands should be free from all electronic devices so faculty members can quickly and easily help them exit the vehicle. **Carpool begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 8:10 a.m.**

Carpool Tags: Handwritten or missing carpool tags are a security issue. If you do not have the original carpool tag provided during Welcome Day or need additional copies of your carpool tag, please email Nina Tomlin at ntomlin@edsaugusta.com. Our safety policy requires that children are only allowed in authorized cars, and we need the **original carpool tags** during afternoon pickup for proper identification and safety. We recommend that all adults in a family take a picture of the carpool tag to keep handy on their phone. This picture may be easily shared if you need to have someone other than the regular pick-up person retrieve your child from school.

Cones: Please pull up to the assigned numbered cone so your front bumper is at the cone. We have set the cones to allow students to pass between cars safely.

Exiting and loading: Students should always walk in ***front*** of their car if they need to exit or load on the vehicle's passenger side. **If you can avoid loading bags in the back of the vehicle, that would also be helpful.**