Panther Post

EDS News and Campus Life

August 24, 2026

All-School News

Preschool and Lower School Curriculum Nights

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Preschool and Lower School Curriculum Nights. These evenings are designed to give caregivers a clear picture of the curriculum their children will experience this year and the knowledge, skills, and understandings they will build across subject areas.

Tuesday, September 1

4:30–5:15 P.M.
Panther Cubs, Panther Explorers, and Threes

5:30–6:15 P.M.
Prekindergarten and Nature Prekindergarten

Wednesday, September 2

4:30–5:15 P.M.
Kindergarten and Nature Kindergarten

5:30–6:15 P.M.
First Grade, Nature First Grade, and Second Grade

Thursday, September 3

4:30–6:00 P.M.
Third and Fourth Grade

Third and fourth grade caregivers will begin the evening together in the library at 4:30 P.M. with a special presentation focused on elevating math at EDS. Families will hear about how we are building challenge, confidence, and mathematical thinking for students who are ready for more. Following the presentation, families will move to their child's homeroom to learn about the curriculum and learning goals for the year.

Across all three evenings, teachers will share an overview of what students will learn this year, including major areas of study, important skills, and how learning will deepen and build over time.

Our goal is for families to leave with a strong understanding of the year ahead and a clear sense of the rich learning experiences their children will have across Preschool and Lower School.

Middle School Curriculum Night

Families of students in 6th-8th grades are invited to join us for Curriculum Night on **Tuesday, September 1, from 5:00–6:30 PM.** The evening will begin in the Library before families rotate through their child's

classes to meet teachers, hear about curriculum highlights and expectations, and learn more about the instructional approaches and experiences that will shape the year ahead.

Please note that Curriculum Night is for 6th-8th grade families. Fifth-grade families received their curriculum overview during Fifth Grade Welcome Day.

We look forward to welcoming our families to campus and continuing our partnership for a great year!

Classroom Fun

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Our students were busy last week! Check out all of the photos in your **Vidigami** account. If you are having trouble signing in using the link above, try using the link located on the home page of your **Veracross account**.

Would you like to give a grandparent access to Vidigami? Please fill out this form

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

Enrichments Begin This Week

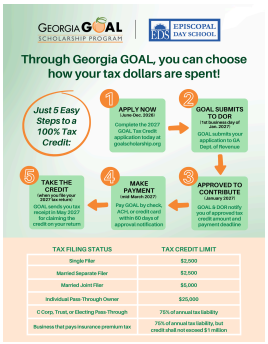
We are excited to kick off our Fall Enrichment Programs this week! Families, please review your child's enrichment schedule and note their class day and time. We're looking forward to a fun semester filled with opportunities for students to learn, create, explore, and try something new.

NEW: Level Up Game Building is Now Open for Registration!

If your child enjoys technology, creativity, and learning how games are created, this is a great opportunity.

Click here to register

Another Opportunity to Receive 2026 Georgia GOAL Tax Credits



If you missed the original application deadline, you still have an opportunity to apply for a 2026 Georgia GOAL tax credit. Those who previously received a prorated 2026 credit may also apply for the remaining amount they were not initially allocated.

[Apply for the 2026 Georgia GOAL Addback Opportunity]

The deadline to apply is September 30.

Middle School Athlete Photo Buttons

Middle School athlete families can show their Panther pride with a personalized photo button featuring their student-athlete! Buttons are available through the Booster Club for $10 and are perfect for wearing to games and meets throughout the season.

Click Here to Purchase

Lunch Accounts, Preordering & Support

Families can access their lunch account by clicking the **Lunch Registration** button in the **Veracross Parent Portal**.

Through MyKidsSpending, families can select a **20-meal block, semester plan, or full-year plan**, or add funds to a declining balance for individual meals and à la carte purchases. Each student will use their service card when making purchases on campus. **Important for Preschool, Nature School & Kindergarten:** Families must **preorder meals in MyKidsSpending by the end of the day each Friday** for the following week.

If you need assistance, please use the contacts below:

- **Technical issues with MyKidsSpending:** Email support@mykidsspending.com and copy Debbie Wren.
- **Billing or account funding questions:** Email Debbie Wren and copy Michelle Walker.
- **Food allergy or menu questions:** Email Nicole Tass and copy Michelle Walker.

Click here for what's included in meal plans and ala carte prices

Click here to view this week's menu

Printable August Menu

Printable September Menu

(Please note menu items on printable menus are subject to change)

EDS Pawlcast Returns

The EDS Pawlcast is back for a new school year! In the 23rd episode of our student-run podcast, Jackson and Ryan introduce themselves and share their thoughts on the year ahead. Tune in for a student's-eye view straight from the EDS Makerspace!

Click here to listen

Chapel

Parents and special guests are always invited to attend chapel. If attending, please sit in reserved guest pews and not with your child's class. Your child may sit with you in the reserved seating.
A full chapel schedule will be shared soon!

Tuesday, 8.25.26
Preschool and Kindergarten - 8:30 AM
Acolytes: Grayson B., Will P., Reece T.
All August Birthdays will be celebrated

Wednesday, 8.26.26
Lower School - 8:20 AM
Acolytes: Hudson D., Alanna E., Anna Rose G., Milly J., Eloise R., Henry R.
Readers: Alanna E., Anna Rose G., Milly J.
All August Birthdays will be celebrated

Thursday, 8.27.26
Middle School - 8:20 AM
Acolytes: Bobby B., Hardy D., Nate D., Cash H., Nash H., Chandler M., Luke S. Thomas Y.
Readers: Nate D., Cash H., Wallis T.
All August Birthdays will be celebrated

Moms in Prayer

Moms in Prayer meets Mondays during the school year at 8:15 A.M. in the Brides Room at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Moms of all denominations are welcome. Whether you're comfortable praying out loud, prefer to pray quietly, or just want to sit alongside other moms in prayer, come as you are to pray for our children, our faculty and staff, our school community, and each other.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
Matthew 18:20

Unable join us on Mondays but feel called to pray for EDS regularly? Contact Laurie Vera or Amanda Rush to receive a prayer list that can be used as you're able. If you, your children or family, or someone you love is in need of prayer, please share your prayer request with us using the link below.

Passionate Panthers: Caring for Our EDS Community

The EDS Association is excited to introduce the **Passionate Panthers Committee**, a new group created to strengthen the sense of care and community that makes EDS so special.

The committee will provide support to EDS families during important life moments, including the birth of a child, the loss of a loved one, hospitalization, or other times when a little extra care can make a

difference. If your family or an EDS family you know could benefit from support, please complete the **Passionate Panthers Support Form**.

Want to help?

We are also looking for parent volunteers to help prepare care baskets and meals for families. This is a wonderful way to support the EDS community, especially for parents who would like to volunteer but may have difficulty participating in activities during the school day. Interested in getting involved? Complete the **Passionate Panthers Volunteer Form**.

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.

Shop EDS Merch

Thank you to EDS moms Susie Cates, Jane Marie Kinsey, Virginia McKnight, and Coles Doyles for all of their hard work on the Panther Station pop up merch shop!! If they didn't have your size or you didn't have a chance to shop, please click the link below to check out all of the available spiritwear.

Click here to shop