Panther Post

EDS News and Campus Life

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All-School News

Welcome to Panther Post

We're excited to welcome our new Panther families to Panther Post! Updated every Monday afternoon during the school year (except on holidays), Panther Post is your go to source for all things EDS.

New Panther yard signs are starting to pop up all over the CSRA! If you'd like for your new Panther to be featured with their sign on our social accounts, please email a photo of your student with their sign to our Content and Community Engagement Manager, Becky Shults and don't forget to follow our Instagram and Facebook accounts to stay connected!

Welcome Day

Welcome Day is almost here! Please save the date and plan to attend with your student.

Click here for the full Welcome Day Schedule

Nature School Welcome Day: Monday, August 10
Flowing Wells Campus

Nature school families are invited to stop by Welcome Day on our Walton Way campus Tuesday to purchase spirit wear from the EDS Association's pop up shop, meet representatives from our food service provider, and check out the renovated lunchroom!

Walton Way Welcome Day: Tuesday, August 11

First Day of Classes: Wednesday, August 12

Back to School

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

- Bus service sign up information
- Carpool diagrams
- Volunteer Information

- Summer Math and Reading
- Uniform and Dress Code Information
- School Supply Lists
- *and so much more!*

Please click here to see all things Back to School

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.

- Amazing Athletes
- Baking with BabyCakes Bakery
- Golf Squad
- Junior Panther Cheer
- Little Makers: Holiday Edition
- Little Medical School
- Little Panther Cheer
- Little Veterinarian School
- Makers Studio: Holiday Edition
- Piano Club
- Ukulele Club
- Photography Club
- Soccer Shots
- Soccer Shots 3s
- UMAD Karate

UCA Cheer Camp

What a week for our EDS Cheer Program! Our cheerleaders spent the week at UCA Camp in North Carolina growing their skills, learning new material and most importantly building relationships. Their hard work earned them the following awards:

- 1st place for their Camp Dance and Pyramid (Middle School & JV High School Division)
- Most Improved Squad
- 5 Superior Routine ribbons for their Camp Dance and Game Day/ Sideline performances

We would also like to congratulate our 2026 All Americans Sophia B., Emerson Rae D., Caroline M. and Riley Kate W. Congratulations!

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

It's almost that time! Carpool is around the corner. Please take the time to read the following carpool reminders:

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.**

Crossing Guards: Finally, 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.**

Carpool Maps: Walton Way and Flowing Wells carpool maps and more information can be found on the back to school page on our website.

Fall Athletics Information

The EDS Athletic Department is gearing up for the 2026-2027 school year and getting our "cubs" in a row before we unleash the Panthers in the AAMSL jungle! Middle School families are encouraged to review the important information below regarding fall athletics.

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