Panther Post

EDS News and Campus Life

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All-School News

Online Armband Sales End Today

The EDS Association is excited to host Fall Festival on Saturday, October 24th, from 10AM to 1PM on our Walton Way Campus! Please join us for games, inflatables, concessions, contests, a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, balloon twisting and much more!

Children 3 and older will need an armband for entry into Fall Festival. Armands are $15 per child, with a family cap of $45. Purchased armbands and tshirts will be sent home in your child's backpack at the end of this week.

Click here to purchase armbands

If you would like a friend or coworker to receive a VIP invitation to Fall Festival, please email Karen Lilly at klilly@edsaugusta.com. We will send an invitation that includes a free armband for prospective students allowing unlimited activities!

Tonight! EDS Volleyball Semifinals

It's a big week for Panthers athletics! Come cheer on our teams at their championship events:

- **Panthers Volleyball** takes on GSIC tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the EDS Gym. If the team wins tonight they will play in the championship Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Augusta.
- **Cross Country** competes in the championship Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. at Stable View Equestrian Center in Aiken.
- **Football** takes on the semifinals Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Augusta Christian.
- **Clay Target Shooting** competes in the championship Friday at noon at Pinetucky Gun Club.
- **Girls Cheerleading** competes in the championship Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Aquinas High School.

We're excited to celebrate the Panthers this Friday at 2:15 p.m. in the gym for the Parade of Athletes! Go Panthers!

Spirit Week 10/19-10/23

Get ready to show your Panther spirit during Fall Festival Spirit Week, October 19-23! Students are invited to participate in each day's theme:

Students should wear their regular school uniform or required chapel dress on Wednesday and Thursday, adding the day's spirit item. Tuesday is a non-uniform day, and Friday is regular EDS spirit wear for Blue Out!

- Tuesday, October 20 - Red Carpet vs. Couch Potato: Choose your fancy clothes or your school-appropriate comfiest outfit. Uniforms are not required!
- Wednesday, October 21 - Silly Sock Day: Add a little fun to your required school attire with your wildest, wackiest socks! Grades 1-4 are required to be in chapel dress other than their socks.
- Thursday, October 22 - Crazy Hat Attack Day: Top off your required school attire with your favorite or craziest hat!
- Friday, October 23 - Blue Out and Parade of Athletes: Wear your regular EDS spirit wear as we build excitement for our Parade of Athletes and Saturday's Fall Festival!

We can't wait to see everyone's EDS spirit!

Pumpkin Decorating Contest THIS WEEK

Gather your brilliant ideas, pumpkin, and craft supplies because we want to see your pumpkin creation here at EDS! Drop off your decorated, uncut *(please, no carving or cutting!)* pumpkin on the benches in front of the school to

participate. Please make sure that your child's name and class are marked clearly on your pumpkin and have it in front of the school by morning carpool Friday, October 23rd. Pumpkins can be picked up after Fall Festival.

Fall Festival Volunteers Needed

The EDS Association needs your help to make Fall Festival fun for all! Parents should be receiving sign ups for class games, but we also need help with the following:

Volunteers – Come have fun with us and lend a hand!

Parent Volunteer Sign Up Link

Bake Sale Donations – It's that time of year… The Fall Festival Bake Sale! Please sign up for an item that you are able to contribute to our beloved sweet shoppe. In order to offer/sell fresh goods, please drop off your item(s) in the EDS office on Thursday 10/22 or Friday 10/23 preferably by noon. (Labeled/noted: Bake Sale) Please take note of how items must be packaged to sell. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Bake Sale Sign Up Link

Candy Donations – We also need non-chocolate candy donations for candy necklaces!

We appreciate your help in making Fall Festival a success!

Individual and Class Photos Next Week

Individual and class photos for the yearbook will be taken next week on the following dates:

Tuesday 10/7: Preschool and Kindergarten
Wednesday 10/8: Lower School
Thursday 10/9: Middle School

PK-4th Grade Original Works

The EDS Association has partnered once again with **Original Works**, an art-based fundraiser for Prekindergarten and Lower School families. You should have received a paper last week in your child's folder with a code to view their artwork. If you do not have the code you can search on the Original Works website for their artwork by clicking the "access artwork" button.

Through this creative program, your child will transform their one-of-a-kind artwork into unforgettable keepsakes—think magnets, mugs, tote bags, and more! With many products under $15, there's something for

everyone (hello, early holiday shopping). Visit www.originalworks.com to see the magic behind the mission. Thank you for supporting the EDS Association!

Questions? Contact Jenn Peeples jenn5446@gmail.com

Invite a Friend to Tour

Do you know a family who would love EDS? Invite them to experience our campuses during one of these admissions events:

- **Walkthrough Wednesday - October 21:** Drop in anytime from **8:30 A.M.-Noon** to tour our Walton Way Campus and see EDS in action.
- **Walkthrough the Woods - October 28:** Explore the outdoor classrooms and nature-based learning spaces at our Flowing Wells Campus from **9:00-10:00 A.M.** Gates will be open from 8:50-9:05 A.M. to park at the fieldhouse.

Prospective families can contact Karen Lilly at klilly@edsaugusta.com or visit our website to learn more.

When a family you refer enrolls, you'll receive a **$500 tuition credit**! Be sure they list your name on their application to receive the referral benefit.

Leaving an online review is another helpful way to spread the good news about EDS! Help other families discover our school by sharing your experience on **Niche** or **GreatSchools**. Thank you!

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 is now available in the parent portal.

Tuesday, 10.20.26
Preschool Chapel - 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Bea S., Baker H., Penny H.
Birthdays: Hallie R., Baker H., Mary Rutland S., Gabi R.

Wednesday, 10.21.26
Lower School Chapel - 8:20 A.M.
Acolytes: Hogan H., Pippa H., Banks J., Ezra K., Connelly M., Mary Hunter M., Kingston M.
Readers: Mary Hunter M., Ezra K., Kingston M.
Birthdays: Ryann L.

Thursday, 10.22.26
Middle School Chapel - 8:20 A.M.
Acolytes: Hudson D., Mary Bennett D., Jack E., Davis G., William K., Martha M., Wilson M.
Readers: Martha M., Mobley D., Ruby S.
Birthdays: Lydia B., Chandler S., Santerio M., Barrett R., James R.

Call for Veterans Day Assembly Photos

On Wednesday, November 11, at 8:30 A.M., we will honor our veterans with a special Veterans Day Assembly in the gym. To prepare for this event, please have a family discussion about your relatives who have served or may be currently serving in our country's military branches: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. Before the assembly, we will have banners posted outside the library for students to sign in honor or memory of family members who have served in the United States military.

During the assembly, we will ask students, faculty, and parents to stand to honor their family member(s) when we play the music for that branch of service. We will also play a video that features actual veterans and current service members.

If you want to feature a family member in the video, please send an electronic copy of the service member's photograph, along with the person's name, the branch of service, and your child(ren)'s name to bshults@edsaugusta.com. The deadline for receiving photographs of veterans will be Monday, November 2.

We look forward to a meaningful Veterans Day Assembly!

In Case You Missed It

Join the Booster Club

Everyone in the EDS community is invited and encouraged to join the **EDS Athletic Booster Club**! Membership helps provide equipment and uniforms, maintain athletic facilities, offset the cost of officials, and build Panther spirit throughout the year.

Membership and advertising opportunities are available for families and businesses. View membership levels and advertising opportunities and join the Booster Club today!

Questions? Contact Laura Robertson, Booster Club Coordinator.

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.

Shop EDS Merch

Thank you to EDS moms Susie Cates, Jane Marie Kinsey, Virginia McKnight, and Coles Doyle 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