Panther Post

EDS News and Campus Life

October 5, 2026

All-School News

Episcopal Schools Week and Serve Week

This week, EDS joins Episcopal schools around the world in celebrating Episcopal Schools Week. Families are invited to our special all-school Chapel on **Tuesday, October 6, at 8:30 A.M. in the gym**, with the Rt. Rev. Frank S. Logue, Bishop of Georgia. We will reflect on the strengths of EDS and this year's theme, "Many Gifts, One Purpose."

We are also observing our first Serve Week of the school year. Throughout the week, students from Cubs through eighth grade will participate in service projects, putting their faith into action by caring for others and sharing their gifts with our wider community.

Fall Festival Shirt Deadline 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 will be sent home in your child's backpack the week before Fall Festival.

Event t-shirts are available for $25 and may be worn on Spirit Friday. The last day to purchase t-shirts will be October 5th. Fall Festival is our largest family event of the year and we look forward to seeing you there!

[Click here to purchase armbands and t-shirts]

EDS Pawlcast

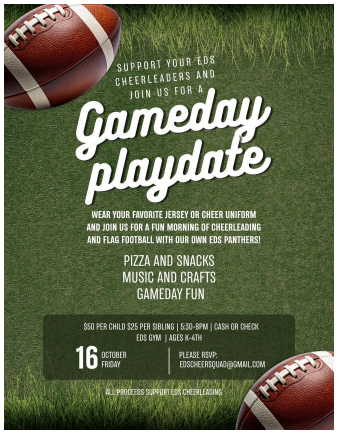
This week's EDS Pawlcast features a special guest: Amy Tomblinson, EDS Head of Preschool and Lower School!

[Click here to listen]

Lost and Found

Missing a sweatshirt, jacket, or water bottle? Please check the Lost & Found across from the lunchroom, next to the division head offices, when you're on campus. From time to time, we donate items that haven't found their way home to those who can use them. Please label your child's belongings so we can help return misplaced items. Thank you!

Date Change! Cheer Fundraiser



Support EDS Cheerleading at a Gameday Playdate on **Friday, October 16, from 5:30–8:00 p.m.** in the EDS Gym! Students in kindergarten through fourth grade are invited to wear their favorite jersey or cheer uniform and enjoy cheerleading, flag football, pizza, snacks, music, crafts, and plenty of gameday fun.

The cost is $50 per child and $25 for each sibling, payable by cash or check. Please RSVP to edscheersquad@gmail.com. All proceeds support EDS Cheerleading.

September Diakonia: Thanking Our Community Servants

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Throughout September, our students learned about Anna Ellison Butler Alexander, the first African American deaconess in the Episcopal Church, and followed her example of service by thanking those who care for our community.

- Cubs, Explorers, and Threes decorated cards for local police officers.
- Prekindergarten students colored cards for healthcare workers at the VA Medical Center.
- Kindergarten students created cards for area church clergy and staff.
- First Grade students made cards for healthcare workers.
- Second Grade students wrote and illustrated notes for firefighters.
- Third Grade students made cards for the clergy and staff of the Church of the Good Shepherd.
- Fourth Grade students wrote letters to the staff of the Phinizy Center for Water Sciences.
- Fifth and Sixth Grade students thanked healthcare workers.
- Seventh and Eighth Grade students thanked the staff at Aiken Memory Care.

We are proud of the kindness and gratitude our students shared through these thoughtful projects.

Click here to view all of the photos

All School Football Bash & Blanchard Stadium Dedication

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Thank you to all of our Panther fans who attended last week's All School Football Bash!

Before the Panthers took the field, former EDS parents Christine and Frank Anderson officially dedicated the stadium in honor and memory of Mr. Thomas M. Blanchard, Jr. ("Tommy"), a former EDS parent, grandparent, and Board Chair who passed away in 2023.

In 2018, the Andersons made a significant lead gift to the Flowing Wells Campus capital campaign. After years of discernment, they decided *Blanchard Stadium* was a meaningful way to honor their lifelong friend and mentor. EDS is grateful to the Andersons (also both former EDS Trustees) for their leadership, generosity, and thoughtfulness.

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Bingo Bonanza

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Bingo Bonanza was a great evening of pizza, prizes, and time together with our EDS community! Thank you to the EDS Association volunteers who made this fun family event possible, and congratulations to all of the night's lucky winners!

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Third Grade Famous Faces Reveal

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Our 3rd grade students were excited to discover their Famous Faces assignment! Keeping up with this school year's theme, Many Gifts, One Purpose, books about each famous face were wrapped as gifts

that held clues describing the person's qualities. Students then chose their book based on the qualities they admired most, without knowing which famous face was inside. Now they will research, write, and present as their assigned historical figure to their families in February!

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Middle School Fall Dance

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Our Middle School students had a spooktacular time at the Halloween-themed Fall Dance! We loved seeing all of their fun and creative costumes. Thank you to the parents who donated snacks and volunteered to help make the evening such a success!

First Grade Hobby Horse Hoe Down

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Our 1st grade students saddled up last week for the Hobby Horse Hoedown! With handmade hobby horses in tow, they galloped through obstacle courses, decorated hats, and enjoyed Western themed snacks!

Click here to view all of the photos

Upcoming EDS Association Meeting

The EDS Association will hold its next meeting on **Friday, October 16, at 8:15 a.m. in the EDS Cafeteria.** All EDS parents are invited to join us as we discuss upcoming events and ways to get involved!

If you plan to attend and will be parking in the Woodlawn lot, please park after carline ends at 8:10, so time your morning drop off accordingly.

Free childcare will be available in the **Church of the Good Shepherd Nursery** for parents with children who are not yet school-aged.

Questions? Please email **Amy Hagler**, EDS Association President.

40% Off Uniforms at Lands End

Lands End is currently offering 40% off school uniforms until October 13 with the code ONUS40

Pumpkin Decorating Contest

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 Thursday, October 22nd. Pumpkins can be picked up after Fall Festival.

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, 10.6.26
Episcopal Schools Week Chapel - 8:30 A.M.
EDS Gym
Acolytes: Mason M., Cub N., Ella Kate R., Carner T., Kate W., RJ B., Ramsey B., Angel C.

Invite a Friend to Tour

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

Upcoming 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:

- **Monday:** College/Jersey Day
- **Tuesday:** Red Carpet vs. Couch Potato
- **Wednesday:** Silly Sock Day
- **Thursday:** Crazy Hat Attack Day
- **Friday:** Blue Out and Parade of Athletes

Please remember that all Spirit Week outfits should be school-appropriate and follow EDS dress code guidelines. We can't wait to see everyone's creativity and school spirit!

26/27 Yearbooks Now On Sale

Yearbooks for the 2026/2027 school year are now available for preorder for $45! Don't miss your chance to preserve the memories of this school year. Order yours today to lock in the current price before it increases on October 16.

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 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