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EDS News and Campus Life

November 2, 2026

All-School News

Early Dismissal Friday, November 6

We expect our carline to be longer than usual since we have an early dismissal on Friday, November 6, with no Extended Day.

Please follow these directions to ensure a smooth dismissal process for everyone.

Lining up at Woodlawn

- Families with **last names** beginning with **A–L** should start lining up for an 11:25 am dismissal.
- Families with **last names** beginning with **M–Z** should join the line-up no earlier than 11:35 am.

Extended Day, Three-Year-Olds, and Carpool Tags: If you regularly pick your children up from Extended Day or the side gate for Three-Year-Olds, please have the carpool tag in your car or take a picture of it to keep handy on your phone. On early release days, **the orange carpool tag is required** for your child to be picked up in the regular carline. If the tag or a picture of the tag is not presented to the carpool scout, you will be asked to park your car and go into the main office to pick up your child. If you do not have the required carpool tag, please visit the front office to pick up a new one from Mr. Alexanderson.

Adhering to these times will help us keep the Woodlawn lot from overflowing into Milledge Road and allow us to move the carpool line quickly and efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation!

Last 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.

Rested and Ready: What Does Sleep Have to Do With It?

The time change offers a good opportunity to check in on bedtime routines. School Counselor Alyssa Johnson and School Nurse Mindy Golden share practical tips for helping children get the sleep they need, with small adjustments families can try at home.

Click here to read their tips for building healthy sleep habits

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Invite a Family to Explore Middle School at EDS!

Know a family considering EDS for an incoming 5th-8th grader? Please invite them to our **Middle School Walkthrough Wednesday on November 18!** Families can drop in anytime between **8:30 a.m. and noon on our Walton Way campus** to visit classrooms, meet teachers, and see middle school learning in action. Visitors can also peek in on our Middle School Real Talk session.

Our current families are some of our best ambassadors, and a personal invitation can make all the difference! Please share this opportunity with a friend or neighbor. You are also welcome to email their contact information to Director of Admissions **Karen Lilly at klilly@edsaugusta.com** so she can reach out with more information.

Food Drive for Golden Harvest Food Bank

Jesus said, "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink." When the righteous asked when they had done this for Him, He replied, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:31–40

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for Golden Harvest Food Bank begins on Wednesday, November 4. According to the Golden Harvest website, one in six people in our area struggles with hunger. The need is real, and together, we can make a meaningful difference for our neighbors.

We will send bags home with your students. The bag includes a flyer with the sorts of foods Golden Harvest has asked us to collect. These foods have high nutritional value and shelf longevity.

Please fill the bag your student brings home as generously as possible and return it on or before Thursday, November 19. On Friday, November 20, we will celebrate the end of our Food Drive at our Thanksgiving Chapel Service. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need and for encouraging our students to look beyond themselves to serve the interests of others.

Make a Difference Through Georgia GOAL

Last year, 38 EDS students received tuition assistance through Georgia GOAL. Your participation helps make an EDS education possible for more families by directing a portion of your Georgia state income taxes to scholarships.

Watch this short video to see the impact, then make your 2027 Georgia GOAL tax designation by **December 31, 2026**.

EDS will also participate in **American GOAL**, a new federal tax credit opportunity beginning January 1, 2027. Check the appropriate box on your Georgia GOAL application to receive updates.

EDS Sibling Applications Now Open

Calling all younger siblings! If your family has a child eligible for the 2027-28 school year it's time to put your applications in. Head to your parent portal and click the pillar icon on the top to access to the Admissions portion of your account. Add your child as a Candidate and complete their application checklist. Please contact Karolyn Baker with any questions at 706-733-1192 ext. 920 or email kbaker@edsaugusta.com.

Fall Athletics Recap

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Three team championships, two individual champions, and 25 All-League honors capped a successful fall season for EDS. Across seven sports, our student-athletes gave us plenty to celebrate, from personal-best performances to a five-set championship comeback.

This fall, EDS was represented by:

- **105 student-athletes**
- **22 coaches**
- **11 teams across seven sports**
- **Six teams finishing in the top four**
- **25 All-League honorees**

- **Two individual champions**
- **Three AAMSL team champions**

Click here to read the full recap

Click here to see photos of the action in Vidigami

Fall Parade of Athletes

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We celebrated our fall athletes with a spirit week and ended the fun with a parade of athletes on Friday afternoon. Click here to see the photos

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Halloween Parade

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We loved seeing everyone's creative costumes last Friday! Click here to see the photos

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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. If you do not have the code you can search on the Original Works website for their artwork by clicking the "access artwork" button.

There's still time to order! Original Works items may not arrive before Christmas but can still be ordered until November 20. Please click here for more information. Thank you for supporting the EDS Association!

Questions? Contact Jenn Peeples jenn5446@gmail.com

Black and White Photo Fundraiser

All 5x7 prints that were not purchased at Fall Festival are now available in the front office.

Digital files can be purchased online through the EDS Smugmug website ($20 each), and your 5x7 print is included with the purchase of your digital file. If you purchase your digital file online, you can bring your receipt to the front office and pick up your print.

EDS Smugmug website: https://edsfallfestival.smugmug.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 - November 18:** Drop in anytime from **8:30 A.M.-Noon** to tour our Walton Way Campus and see EDS in action.
- **Walkthrough the Woods - December 9:** 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, 11.3.26

Preschool Chapel - 8:30 A.M.
Acolytes: Charlie C., Harrison L., Whit L.
Birthdays: Fifth C., Walker K., Jackie B., Cassidy F., Charlie C.

Wednesday, 11.4.26
Lower School Chapel - 8:20 A.M.
Acolytes: Connor C., Noah O., Hall M., Parm P., Charles P., Noah P., Phin R., Vann R.
Readers: Noah O., Connor C., Hall M.
Birthdays: Georgie D., Mac K., Noah O., Hudson H., Connor C., Brook L., Jack M., Hill V., George V.

Friday, 11.6.26
Middle School Chapel - 8:20 A.M.
8th Grade Grandparents Day
Acolytes and Readers will be assigned this week