

## **A Note from Mrs. Schuhmacher...**

As we conclude the first full week of second semester, I encourage you to take a look at the Super Sessions offered this Spring. There are several new offerings, including Art and Cheer Camp, which your kids might enjoy. We also have a free Lacrosse introduction for boys in third through fifth grades here on campus next Friday. Personally, my boys have loved playing lacrosse for the past several years, and I encourage you to come and take a look if interested!

This weekend and next week offer many opportunities to cheer on our young Wildcats at PSL basketball events. Please click on the [Athletic Calendar](#) to see a list of all Saturday basketball games. Also, fifth-grade girls and boys will play during halftime of the Varsity games on Tuesday, January 15 against Lisa Academy here at Episcopal. What an exciting time for these students, playing in the Championship Gym in front of a big crowd. We hope you will join us.

Go, Wildcats!

Catherine Schuhmacher

Head of Lower School

## **LS Calendar**

### [LS Calendar](#)

Monday, January 14

- Little Rockers, 3:15-4 p.m.
- Quiz Bowl, 3:15-3:45 p.m.
- Taekwondo, Grades K-1, 3:30-4 p.m.
- Taekwondo, PreK 4, 4-4:30 p.m.
- Taekwondo, Grades 2-5, 4:30-5 p.m.
- VEX Robotics, 3:15-5pm, LS Exploratory Design Lab

Tuesday, January 15

- Minecraft Edu, 3:15-4:30 p.m.
- Wildcat Chorale, 3:15-3:45 p.m.
- 5th Grade PSL Girls Scrimmage during halftime of Girls' Varsity game - 6:00 p.m.
- 5th Grade PSL Boys Scrimmage during halftime of Boys' Varsity game - 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 16

- Wee Little Arts, 3:20-4 p.m.
- Zoomba Kids, PreK-K, 3:30-4 p.m.
- Zoomba Kids, 1st-3rd, 4-4:30 p.m.
- VEX Robotics, 3:15-5 p.m., LS Exploratory Design

Thursday, January 17

- Chess Club, 3:15-4:30 p.m.
- Tiny Dancers, 3:30-4 p.m.

Friday, January 18

- Destination Imagination, 3:15-4pm, Upstairs Art Room
- VEX Robotics, 3:15-5pm, LS Exploratory Design

Saturday, January 19

PSL Games - Find the [Wildcat Athletic Calendar](#) here.

### **Looking Ahead**

Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School, Service Learning Opportunity at the Arkansas Food Bank

Friday, February 15m-Monday, February 18 – Mid-Winter Break/Presidents’ Day – No School

### **Wildcat Athletic Calendar**

[Wildcat Athletic Calendar](#)

Friday, January 11

- Girls Junior High Basketball vs. Mayflower, AWAY @4:30 p.m.
- Boys Junior High Basketball vs. Mayflower, AWAY @5:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Mayflower, AWAY @6:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Mayflower, AWAY @7:45 p.m.

Saturday, January 12

- Varsity/MS Wrestling - Tiger Tough Tournament, AWAY at OBU
- Boys 5th Grade Basketball - Episcopal 2 vs. LRCA 1 @CAC Main, 9:00 a.m.

- Boys 4th Grade Basketball - Episcopal 2 vs. Baptist Prep at Abundant Life Aux, 9:00 a.m.
- Boys 6th Grade Basketball - Episcopal 2 vs. CCS 2 @Episcopal Main, 9:00 a.m.
- Boys 5th Grade Basketball - Episcopal 1 vs. LRCA 2 @CAC Main, 10:00 a.m.
- Boys 4th Grade Basketball - Episcopal 1 vs. LRCA 1 @Abundant Life Aux, 10:00 a.m.
- Girls 3rd Grade Basketball - Episcopal 1 vs. Conway Christian @Episcopal LS, 10:00 a.m.
- Boys 6th Grade Basketball - Episcopal 1 vs. PA 2 @Episcopal Main, 10:00 a.m.
- Girls 6th Grade Basketball - Episcopal 1 vs. Baptist Prep @Episcopal Aux, 11:00 a.m.
- Girls 5th Grade Basketball - Episcopal vs. CAC PV @CAC Aux, 12:00 p.m.
- Girls 4th Grade Basketball - Episcopal 1 vs. Episcopal 2 @LRCA Main, 12:00 p.m.
- Girls 3rd Grade Basketball - Episcopal 2 vs. CAC PV @Episcopal LS, 12:00 p.m.
- Girls 6th Grade Basketball - Episcopal 2 vs. Ms. Selma @Episcopal Aux, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 14

- Boys 7th Grade Basketball vs. Mayflower, AWAY @5:00 p.m.
- Girls 8th Grade Basketball vs. Mayflower, AWAY @6:00 p.m.
- Boys 8th Grade Basketball vs. Mayflower, AWAY @7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 15

- Girls Junior High Basketball vs. Lisa Academy, HOME @4:00 p.m.
- Boys Junior High Basketball vs. Lisa Academy, HOME @5:00 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Lisa Academy, HOME @6:00 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Lisa Academy, HOME 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 17

- Boys 7th Grade Basketball vs. Baptist Prep, HOME @5:00 p.m.
- Girls 8th Grade Basketball vs. Baptist Prep, HOME @6:00 p.m.
- Boys 8th Grade Basketball vs. Baptist Prep, HOME @7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 18

- Girls Junior High Basketball vs. Baptist Prep, HOME @5:00 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Baptist Prep, HOME @6:00 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Baptist Prep, HOME 7:15 p.m.

## **Basketball Student Section Themes!**

Calling all Wildcats! Dress up and show out for the remaining basketball games of the season!

Tuesday, January 15

- vs. Lisa Academy - Preppy

Friday, January 18

- vs. Baptist Prep - Grade Level Color War

Friday, January 25

- vs. Glen Rose - Blackout

Tuesday, February 5

- vs. Mayflower - Senior Citizens, SENIOR NIGHT

## **Learn to Play Lacrosse (Boys)**

Is your son (grades 3-12) thinking about playing another spring sport? Do you need him to get out and do something active?

Lacrosse is the sport for him!

We will host a "Learn to play lacrosse" session on Friday, January 18, from 4:15-5:15 p.m., on the Cantrell Road field on our campus. No equipment and no commitment necessary. This will be a chance to learn a few of the basics of the sport and meet our coach.

Stay tuned for a Girls' "Learn to play" day later this semester!

## **Steelcats Perform with ASO**

TAKE A BOW STEELCATS!

As most of the Episcopal community departed campus on the Friday morning after exams, the Steelcats prepared themselves for three days of performances with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. Steel band students performed with the ASO as part of their Holiday Pops concerts. The Steelcats performed three movements from Tchaikovsky's **Nutcracker Suite**: *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairies*, *Dance of the Mirlitons*, and *Trepak*. Performing for over

6,000 audience members during the three days, it was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience for these students. Congratulations, Steelcats!

### **Episcopal Welcomes ESPN's Angie Thompson for a Chapel Talk**

We hope you will be able to join us next Friday, January 18, at 9:20 a.m. for a special US/MS Chapel presentation from Angie Thompson, one of the creators and producers of ESPN's Great Outdoor Games.

As Vice President of Events and Sponsorship Activations, Angie Thompson oversees over 35 events per year for B.A.S.S. including the world championships of fishing - the Bassmaster Classic which attracts over 130k fans annually.

A graduate of Auburn University, Angie began her career as a graphic designer before moving into producing television programming for ESPN for over 15 years. She was one of the creators of ESPN's Great Outdoor Games and also produced ESPN OUTDOORS - the Saturday morning outdoors block for the network. Additionally, she created and produced successful shows such as BASS Tech, Bassmaster University, The Outdoor Store, The Orvis Sporting Life and ESPN's Targetsports.

In 2008, she became Director of Programming Development working with networks to create original programming such as the Mississippi River Quest on National Geographic Channel and Lights Out for the Weather Channel.

In 2010, Angie transitioned to B.A.S.S. - an integrated media company focusing on fishing. She began in social media and sales before assuming her current role in 2013. She has introduced new business to the company with Carhartt, Pepsi, GoPro and Walmart. She also manages the B.A.S.S. | Toyota relationship.

We hope you see you there!

## **LS MLK Day Service Learning Opportunity for 3rd-5th Grade Students**

Our Episcopal Lower School community will have the opportunity to serve others by volunteering at the Arkansas Food Bank on Martin Luther King Day! On Monday, January 21, Lower School students and parent chaperones will be assisting with sorting and boxing food items for this organization which is vital to families across our state. Students in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades are invited to meet at the Food Bank at 9:00 am. We will be working until noon.

Please let [Dr. Bailey](#) or [Mr. Daniel](#) know if your child will be volunteering. We need parent chaperones, as well! **If your child would like to volunteer, or you are willing to be a parent chaperone, please let us know.** We will need a head count as soon as possible.

**WHERE:** Arkansas Food Bank, 4301 W 65th Street, Little Rock 72209

**WHEN:** Monday, January 21, 9 am to noon

**WHO:** Episcopal 3rd-5th graders

**WHY:** The Episcopal Wildcats don't want members of our greater community to be hungry!

We can't wait to see you at the Arkansas Food Bank!

Interested in learning more about Lower School service opportunities and their coordinators? Contact [Dr. Jane Anne Bailey](#) or [Mr. Alex Daniel](#).

## **LS Library News**

Library Life with Mrs. Linder!

As always, the Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Lower School Library is a busy place! Between overseeing the Children's Choice Book Awards Program in TK, Kinder, 3rd, and 4th grades to hosting a mini-holiday Scholastic Book Fair in December, and then seeing every kiddo each week, Mrs. Linder has been busy!

Library skills are taught in every lesson with every class. We are still mastering the art of book care and library behavior with our youngest Wildcats, as well as playing games and perfecting our coloring. Kindergarten students are being introduced to an important library tool- the shelf marker. Shelf markers help us put the books back in the correct place if we decide we don't want that book. You may hear your Kinder singing "The Booky Looky" and talking about Shelby the Shelf Marker! After practicing on a cart for the month of January, they will move to the big kid shelves- so exciting! 1st graders will be diving into nonfiction text features and how best to

use them for finding information. 2nd graders will be adding a genre a week to their library notebooks. They will explore fiction, nonfiction, mysteries, biographies, poetry, fairy tales, and tall tales. 3rd graders are reviewing call numbers and will practice putting call numbers in order. Ask your 3rd grader what FIC, E, RR, 92, and numbers mean on the call numbers! 4th graders are becoming Dewey Decimal System experts and will be doing several activities to discover where they can find the subjects they are interested in reading. 5th graders enjoyed their first “book tasting” as they looked for a book report book for the genre of science fiction/fantasy. Next up for 5th grade, citing sources instruction. This is a skill they will use for the rest of their time at Episcopal and beyond.

Have you had a chance to check out the homepage on the library webpage? Check it out [here](#). Kids Infobits is a new database for the Lower School this year. Once you have logged in, there are thousands of great, kid friendly resources- including books, magazine articles, images, and newspaper articles. Resources can be saved to their Google Drive, printed, and/or emailed. The articles also allows for highlighting and note taking- then it can be sent to their Google Drive for future use. Kids Infobits also creates the citations for the resources! These resources are available to any students on campus- they are even middle school appropriate! Please let [Mrs. Linder](#) know if you have questions or need help!

Finally, be sure to check out [Mrs. Linder’s Library Instagram](#) account: @episcopalcollegiatelslibrary and follow along with all the fun!

### **LS Singapore Math Parent University**

Singapore Math Parent University will be held on Thursday, January 24 or Friday, January 25. If you have not attended one of these events yet... this is the one! Math expert, Beth Curran, from Math Champions Inc. will be with us to demonstrate how number-sense strategies can help students with traditional algorithms. This will be a great chance to see some of the strategies students are using in the classroom.

There is no need to sign up, all are welcome to attend!

## **LS Cheer Clinic**

The Varsity Cheer Squad is hosting a cheer clinic! The squad will teach your K-5 student a dance on February 3, to be performed during the halftime of the Varsity Boys' Basketball game on February 5. Each participant will receive, at a minimum, a cheer clinic t-shirt and snacks.

All students K-5 are welcome to attend! The Cheer Clinic will be held on February 3, 2019, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., with check-in beginning at 12:30 p.m. There will be a halftime performance on February 5, 2019, with check-in at 7:00 p.m. in the Championship Gym.

The Cheer Clinic will be \$37 plus the super session processing fee.

Deadline to register is 12:00 p.m. on January 17. [Find the registration link here!](#) (Look for Varsity Cheer Camp)

Please email Jamie Jones with any questions [jjones@fridayfirm.com](mailto:jjones@fridayfirm.com)

## **LS 5th Grade PSL Scrimmage**

On Tuesday, January 15, 5th grade PSL Basketball teams will scrimmage during halftimes of the Varsity Basketball games!

Girls Varsity Basketball will play Lisa Academy beginning at 6:00 p.m. and Boys Varsity Basketball will play Lisa Academy beginning at 7:15 p.m.!

What an exciting evening!

## **LS January Character Trait – Generosity**

Generosity is the character trait for January. We will be discussing all the different ways you can be generous to others, whether it is with your time, attention, gifts, helpfulness, friendship, etc... We will also focus on the different reasons we may be generous and making sure we have the right motives. We encourage you to continue the conversation at home and find daily/weekly opportunities for your child to show generosity in their community.

2nd grade will present their chapel talk about generosity on Wednesday, January 30. If you are available, we encourage you to attend! Wildcat tickets will be awarded to students that display this trait throughout the month, and three winners will be drawn during the last Chapel of the month.



## **LS Safety Reminder**

Please make sure your child remains in his or her car seat/seat belt until it is time to leave the car in the morning. Accidents can happen while on campus and we want to make sure your little ones are safe.

## **LS New Super Session Offering!**

There is an exciting new art Super Session offering this semester. There are seven one-day workshops called "Art Adventures." The teacher is Elly Bates of Oakwood Arts Studio. Elly is a local Little Rock artist who was recently featured in Hillcrest Life Magazine. She is the owner of Oakwood Arts Studio located in Hillcrest. Elly has partnered with many companies in the past, including Crystal Bridges! She graduated from University of Arkansas, Fayetteville with an Honors Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts.

Click [here](#) to register for Spring 2019 Super Sessions. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Leigh Jacobs](#) or [Morgan Dlouhy](#). Also, please be on lookout for our summer offerings coming soon. We love spending our afternoons with your children and hope they will join us for our summer sessions as well!

## **LS Pride Patrol 1/14-1/18**

Students assigned to Pride Patrol please be here and ready to start welcoming students at 7:30am. If you cannot make it one day, please contact [Tonya Thomas](#).

**Pre - K:** Lindley Bailey, Zayd Dalibah, Eliza Dunlap, Madison Fleming, Ford Gill

**K - 5:** Analise Benton, Virginia Brantley, Turner Harbour, Samuel Heard, Vivian Huff

## **LS Chapel News**

In Godly Play, we will be playing with story pieces that have been made up of the stories that we learned from our Fall semester into the season of Epiphany. These story pieces will be laid out in the Simpson Commons, and the students will be the storytellers as their groups go through the story centers.

This week in chapel will be dedicated to singing! We will be singing some of our favorite songs, as well as learning new ones.

Some of the songs we will be learning were used during the Civil Rights Movement to inspire and encourage people as they worked for free and equal rights.

Our chapel readers are **Alice McCormick** and **Juliana Neesvig**.

Our cantors are **Kennedy Moore**, **Isabel Bright** and **John Mark Sullivan**.

Happy Epiphany,

Mother Curtis+