

A Note from Dr. McCormick

Dear Middle School Parents:

At this Monday's Morning Meeting, our sixth-grade core teachers presented their Top Cat awards for the past month. Here are the recipients:

English - Mrs. Sutton-Chaudoir: The recipient of my 6th grade award is someone who is such a delight to have in class. Every time I walk into the room and see this student, he makes me smile. During our class discussions, I can always count on him to interject thoughtful comments and ask interesting questions. He genuinely wants to know about things, and this makes me so happy as a teacher. He interacts well with his fellow classmates and is eager to help out another student who may be struggling with the material. I am energized by his attitude, work ethic, and smile. I am so very proud to award this month's English award to **Evan Barone**.

Science - Mrs. Pierce: The Life Science Top Cat award recipient is a dedicated student with an outgoing personality. He enjoys reading and loves to learn new things. I truly admire his service-oriented spirit and appreciate his enthusiastic participation in a variety of school activities. It is a pleasure for me to recognize **Mr. Todd McCormick** as the Life Science Top Cat.

Mathematics - Ms. Isom: This student has a math mind! She is always engaged and asks amazing questions. She is a great partner to all of her peers. Congratulations to **Bella Flannery!!**

Social Studies - Mr. Tamo: Respect for classmates, teacher, and self. Reverence for studying our past. Responsibility in studentship. From day one, **Catherine Crow** has brought top quality contributions and behaviors to our World History Classroom. She is always attentive to the notes we take in class and is sure to turn in assignments complete and on time. I have enjoyed hearing her thoughts on the creation of the universe as well as her questions on how humankind began to develop culture through language and technology. It is my pleasure to honor Catherine with this month's award as she is most deserving and will undoubtedly continue to exemplify what it means to be a Wildcat Scholar.

Chuck McCormick

Head of Middle School

MS Calendar

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Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, January 16

- Convergent Technology in Chapel - 9:20 a.m.

Thursday, January 17

- 6th Grade Religion in Chapel - 9:20 a.m.

Friday, January 18

- MS Play - Tech Rehearsal, 3:45 p.m.

Wildcat Athletic Calendar

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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!

US/MS MLK Day of Service - Monday, January 21, 2019

Our students in all three divisions will be have Monday, January 21 off of school in order to perform service acts in the community.

While sign-ups and more details will be forthcoming, here is a summary of the opportunities.

The Lower School has organized a workday at the Food Bank that may also be open to some Middle School students. Middle and Upper School students will have opportunities to organize books at Goodwill, participate in a workday at Franklin Community Center, or to make freezer meals and do some home maintenance with Immerse Arkansas-- an organization supporting

students who have aged out of the foster care system. We are also pleased that we will be working alongside our student visitors from Chile who arrive the Saturday before the holiday.

Wildcats making a difference!

MS Nothin' But Net Night - Year Two!

This Thursday, January 17, we will have our second annual Nothin' But Net Night to celebrate our middle school winter sports athletes. We are unable to find a day where all teams are in action, to include our wrestlers, but we will recognize our wrestlers at some point during the evening. All middle school families are cordially invited to come and watch all or part of the slate of games. We will also have food giveaways, contests, and a teacher appreciation raffle. Wear green because we want to "Green Out" the Championship Gym!

Schedule: 7th Grade Boys - 5:00pm, 7/8 Grade Girls - 6:00pm, 8 Grade Boys - 7:00pm

Hope to see y'all there!

MS Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

We have known for a number of years how important emotional intelligence is to one's success at school, in the working world, and in life, and this is an area that we try to especially cultivate in our students during advisory sessions and morning meetings. At this Thursday's Morning Meeting, our Middle and Upper School counselor, Mrs. TerAvest, gave students a five-minute primer on Emotional Intelligence (EI) and its importance, as a way to kick off several ensuing advisory lessons.

During Thursday afternoon's advisory sessions, eighth grade students began putting their leadership training into practice by brainstorming for their service learning projects, and sixth and seventh grade advisory groups reviewed and worked on the concept of empathy relative to Mrs. TerAvest's morning remarks.

Here is a link to a video by Brene Brown that students watched as part of this work <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HznVuCVQd10>.