

A Note from Mr. Urquhart...

The response to the Highlands Ability Battery has been even more enthusiastic than expected, and our first two sessions are now at capacity, so we have decided to open a third opportunity for 10th, 11th, and 12th-grade students to take this test. This additional session will have a group debrief on Monday, April 15, with a registration deadline of Friday, March 22--students can register for the test by visiting [this link](#). The cost of the test and group de-brief is \$150, with the option to schedule a one-on-one debrief for an additional \$100. This cost represents significant savings compared to the typical \$450 test fee.

After registration, students will receive a code and a time frame within which to complete the test's work samples. Group debrief sessions will be held after school, and individual debriefs will be scheduled separately. If you would like to know more about the Highlands Ability Battery, you can read more on their website at <https://www.highlandsco.com/> or email Natalie Luer or Anna TerAvest.

Troy Urquhart

Head of Upper School

US Calendar

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Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 14

- Senior/Kindergarten Snow Day - 12:10 LS
- 9th-11th Grade Parent College Counseling Workshop: Research and Tours - 5:30 p.m.-6:30p.m., US Room 215

Wednesday, January 16

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

US College Counseling News

Final College Talk of the Year

The final College Talk of the year, Researching & Visiting Colleges, will be on Monday, January 14th at 5:30 pm in Upper School Room 215. All parents of 9th - 11th graders are invited to attend to learn how to help their students find the best fit in a college.

Junior College Counseling Class

Junior College Counseling class begins next week. Juniors will meet with Ms. Morgan during one study hall per week for six weeks to learn about all aspects of the college admission process. Topics include: knowing oneself, finding the right college for me, the many parts of the application, selectivity, standardized testing, scholarships vs. financial aid.

US Thea Foundation Visual Art Scholarships

Scholarships are only available for seniors. The application deadline is Monday, February 5, 2019.

[Click here for more information, rules and eligibility, and to register.](#)

US Governor's Art Competition 2019

The 2019 Governor's Young Artist Competition theme is: ***Tell Me a Story***. The purpose of any artwork is to communicate a message and/or to comment, scream or sing about the world in which we live and how we see it. For this year's competition, we want students to tell us a story that moves both themselves and the viewer through their painting, drawing, photograph or sculpture. Use color, line, gesture, composition or symbolism to convey the story. There should be emotion in the work, and it should have a driving force. The story should express the student's emotions/feelings by weaving a narrative through their art.

Deadline to submit artwork is Friday, February 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Submission Requirements:

- Artwork must be submitted by a high school teacher or representative
- **Each high school teacher/representative may submit up to 15 pieces of artwork, with an individual limit of only 3 submissions per student.** Also, this is a juried show.

Entries are NOT guaranteed acceptance.

- There are NO fees associated with submission
- ANY piece created by students at any time during their high school education may be submitted. However, reproductions are NOT allowed.
- **Photograph entries (8X10 minimum) are limited to 5 photos per student.**

Media Specifications:

- Work must not exceed 40 inches wide by 40 inches high.
- **Minimum size is 11 X 14.**
- Work must be physical, tangible, and available to be displayed for the duration of the exhibition. **All winning submissions must be ready to hang for a professional gallery.** No tape with wire or string will be allowed. Pastel and charcoal drawings must be sprayed with fixative.

Link for submissions: <https://form.jotform.com/70814952764161>

US You're Invited on a Passports Tour!

Crikey! We're off for a gander at London in June!

We'll stay in posh digs! We will be in a four-star hotel in the heart of London, convenient to all kinds of luvvly-jubbly stuff.

We'll have some good nosh! Dinners are included in the price, but lunch will be the responsibility of each student, so bring a few quid for some meals and souvenirs.

We'll take a shufti at some significant historical spots: Shakespeare's birthplace, Christchurch College, Stonehenge, the Roman Baths and Pumprooms, the white cliffs of Dover, and the Churchill War Rooms. We'll ride the Tube and the London Eye. Best English geek fun of all: we'll have a workshop at the Globe theater! Wheee!

Want to go with us? It's a doddle to sign up: [Click here](#)

\$150 discount extended through January 25, 2019!

Questions? Ask Mrs. Conyer, Mrs. Campbell, or Ms. Blair.

This trip will take the biscuit, so don't be daft; chivvy along and sign up TODAY before the price goes up! We'll be chuffed to pieces to have you travel with us!

Ms. Blair, Mrs. Campbell, and Mrs. Conyer