

A Note from Dr. McCormick...

Dear Parents,

Today during Morning Meeting, several of our eighth graders made Episcopal Middle School history by introducing us to their capstone project, which involves the entire grade partnering with Heifer International's "Milk Money" program. I am sure that you will hear more about this as we continue through the year, but our student presenters included Emmy Jones, Riley Brady, Belle Marsh, and Ty Wunderl. The following clip talks a bit about the program <https://www.facebook.com/heiferinternational/videos/10214877412746611>.

Chuck McCormick

Head of Middle School

MS Calendar

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Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 1

- 3rd Quarter Ends

Looking Ahead:

March 18-22

- Spring Break, No School

Wildcat Athletic Calendar

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Friday, February 22

- Varsity Wrestling - Arkansas State Wrestling Tournament, AWAY

Saturday, February 23

- Boys Lacrosse vs. Pulaski Academy, AWAY @11:00 a.m.

Monday, February 25

- Co-ed MS Soccer vs. Hot Springs, HOME @4:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Baseball vs. Faulkner County Homeschool, HOME @4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Sylvan Hills, HOME @5:00 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Sylvan Hills, HOME @7:00p.m.

Tuesday, February 26

- Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Malvern, AWAY @5:00 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Malvern, AWAY @7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 27

- Co-ed MS Soccer vs. Covenant Keepers, HOME @4:00p.m.

Friday, March 1

- Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Greenbrier, AWAY @5:00 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Greenbrier, AWAY @7:00 P.M.

Follow @sportsepiscopal for updated information!

Wild Game Dinner - Chef Spotlight: Team All Sauced Up

Team All Sauced Up is a 9th Grade Dads team made up of:

Eric Munson, Patrick Herron, Matt Radtke, Bill Wright, Amir Mehrabi, Fred Scarborough, Mark Smalling, Brooks Brown, Pete Lazzari, and Dusty Hoskyn

Team All Sauced Up will be cooking the following:

Jalapeño Duck Poppers
Cognac quail breast w/pancetta (bite size)
Venison barbacoa street tacos
Grilled venison sausages
Duck and shrimp gumbo

You don't want to miss this, [buy tickets here!](#)

Wild Game Dinner - Raffle Tickets!

Join us at the Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, March 2 and support Episcopal's arts and athletics programs! You can buy tickets or become a sponsor of the Wild Game Dinner [here](#). You won't want to miss the fun!

Raffle Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. You may purchase tickets via cash, check, or credit card. Please reach out to [Kyle Arnold](#) or [Matt Radtke](#) to purchase raffle tickets. Tickets will also be available at the Wild Game Dinner, and you do not have to be present to win.

Thank you to all of those who have supported and sponsored the Wild Game Dinner. For a full list of sponsors [click here](#).

Little Rock Marathon Aid Station

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS! COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS!

Little Rock Marathon Episcopal Aid Station *VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED*

We are only 10 days away from Marathon Day and WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are still in need of volunteers to help out with this great event. We aren't quite halfway to our 50 volunteer goal.

Volunteers will keep participants hydrated and motivated to finish the race. This fun event is outdoors, and lunch and event t-shirts will be provided. Stress-free!!

Sign-up TODAY!

Make sure to pick the Episcopal Collegiate Aid Station on the volunteer application

Must sign-up through the Little Rock Marathon website: <https://littlerockmarathon.com/volunteers/>

Parents' Auxiliary Meeting - Friday, March 1

The next Parents' Auxiliary meeting will be held on Friday, March 1 at 8:00 a.m. in the Lower School Braunfisch-Stella Boyle Smith Library.

We hope to see you there!

US Wildcat Lacrosse

Our Episcopal High School Boys' Lacrosse team opens their inaugural campaign against Pulaski Academy (PA) this Saturday, Feb. 22, 11a.m., on the PA turf. All are welcome to come out and support our Wildcat Laxers!

Go, Wildcats!

US/MS London Trip

The weather is cold and dreary. Poet Christina Rossetti expressed it best in 1872 when she wrote "In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan, / Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;" Nevertheless, before we know it, spring will arrive and then summer vacation. Now is the time to plan those summer trips!

The English and History Departments still have slots available for travelers who are interested in a summer tour of England June 24 - July 3. All current 8th - 12th graders are eligible to attend. Register by going online to www.passports.com. The Group Leader is Vivian Blair, and the Group ID is VBLAIR2019. FINAL DEADLINE to sign up is March 5.

For more information, contact Ms. Blair, Mrs. Conyer, or Mrs. Campbell.

MS Athlete of the Week

For the second time during the winter season, eighth grade wrestler, Ty Wunderl, was recognized as the MS Athlete of the Week!

His predecessor, Owen Waller, read his nomination from Coach Steely at Thursday's Morning Meeting. "Ty competed with his teammates at the final exhibition match of the season at Lake Hamilton on Tuesday, and exemplified everything that a Wildcat wrestler should represent. I was not aware until afterwards, but Ty was suffering from flu-like symptoms and refused to let that stop him. He gave everything he had in his match and finished the season on a high note. I'm extremely proud of the effort and fight that he showed Tuesday and all season long, no matter where, when, or who he was up against!"

Great job, Ty!

MS Parent Book Chats

Dr. McCormick had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Shimi Kang's, *The Self-Motivated Kid* recently on a driving trip to and from Nashville, and he is excited to share it with interested parents. Consequently, here are dates and times for two upcoming book chats:

Tuesday, March 26, 8:15-9:00 a.m., MS Erwin Library

Tuesday, April 17, 8:15-9:00 a.m., MS Erwin Library

This book won the 2015 USA Book News International Book Award for Parenting and Family.

MS 6th Grade TopCats

Also at Thursday Morning's Meeting, sixth grade core teachers recognized the following "Top Cats" for exemplary work ethic, self-advocacy, teamwork, and passion for the subject matter during the past month.

English - Mrs. Sutton - This month's Top Cat English award goes to a student whom I have known since she was about four years old! Now, that's not what makes her the TOP CAT in English, but I have certainly watched her grow and become the positive, spirited, hard-working person that she has become. She has a contagious smile and encourages all those around her. She is so eager to learn about new material, new ways of thinking, and new opportunities for growth. I see how hard you are working, and I know that your work ethic will carry you forward in life, and for that I am proud to award this month's English Top Cat award to **Elliott Beard**.

Math - Mrs. Linna - When I think of skills that I want my students to have I think of perseverance, being a role model behaviorally, and challenging themselves. This student is all these things and more! She is always the first to help those around her and challenge herself. I was blessed to have gotten to know her last year and blessed to have her as my student this year! This month's top cat winner for math is **Elizabeth Anne Keyes**!

Science - Mrs. Pierce - This month's Life Science Top Cat has demonstrated a strong academic performance in my class throughout the school year. She is a natural born leader, and I am inspired by her enthusiastic attitude. She is always one of the first students to volunteer to help, and she looks for ways to encourage and motivate her peers. It is truly a pleasure for me to recognize **Ms. Morgan Davis** as the Life Science Top Cat.

Social Studies - Mr. Tamo - This month's TopCat absolutely defines hard work ethic. From remaking his timeline multiple times in order to get it just right, annotating so much that there is barely a blank white space left on the pages, and finally self-advocating by coming to ask about content and assignments...**Patterson Johnson** truly deserves the World History award. I have enjoyed watching him grow throughout the year and his maturity as a scholar has significantly evolved. It is my privilege to congratulate you, Patterson. Keep up the great work!

Congratulations to all!

MS Please Support Our Efforts!

Parents, you are more than welcome to bring lunch for your child from an outside restaurant **provided that you stay in the dining hall to eat with them during our regular lunch time.**

Please do not bring lunch from Chick-Fil-A, etc., and drop it off for your child or bring it into the dining hall. This will result in a student consequence. Also, please remember that students are not permitted to text or call parents during the academic day without permission from a faculty member. We ask that you support our efforts by not texting or calling your student during the academic day.