



Welcome,
New Panthers

2021-22

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EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Foundations for Life

Dear Families New to Episcopal Day School,

We are delighted to welcome you into the EDS community. Here at Episcopal Day School, we believe in the infinite value of every member of our diverse learning community—including parents, as well as students and teachers. We often use the phrase “active, growing, changing” to describe all of the members of the EDS family and believe that we have a responsibility to you to maintain the dynamic character of this special place to facilitate that activity, growth, and change.

We hope this guide will help to orient you to our—and now, your—school community. Within these pages, you will find information about day-to-day life at EDS along with a number of ways that you can become involved here. We are eager to answer any questions you may have, so please do not hesitate to contact us now and any time across your years with us.

I look forward to getting to know you and your children.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ned R. Murray
Head of School

Our identity as an Episcopal parish day school is central to who we are. Our Mission Statement and Statement of Beliefs below highlight our belief that each member of our community has infinite value as a child of God and that, as such, we embrace and celebrate diversity of all kinds.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Episcopal Day School is a mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd and exists to guide children to discover their place in God's world for lives of wisdom, love, and service. Informed by a Christian perspective, we offer an education that attends to the nurturing and development of the whole child, so that each may form a sure foundation for life.

STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

We believe...

... each person is uniquely created in the image of God and we are called to recognize, respect, and honor the freedom and dignity of every person.

... the school, the family, and their faith community are called to work in partnership to encourage all children to discover their God-given gifts.

... children learn and develop in many ways and we are called to creatively nurture the growth of each child in heart, mind, body, and soul as we pursue excellence in academics.

... differences are part of God's creative plan and we are called to grow into that truth as a school community that seeks to embrace racial, economic, and religious diversity.

... with Jesus Christ as our center and by his grace, we may all live lives of wisdom, love, and service for God's glory.

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History

Episcopal Day School was founded in 1944 by the Church of the Good Shepherd as a Christian kindergarten and childcare resource for Augusta mothers working in the war effort. In 1962, EDS was the first area school to integrate — a decade before court-ordered desegregation. From 1972 to 1988, EDS offered prekindergarten through seventh grades. In 1988, a middle school was established with the addition of an eighth grade.

Today, as a co-educational day school, EDS serves three year olds through eighth grade. Its goal is to provide an excellent education within a Christian environment that will help students to be academically prepared, intellectually curious, socially responsible, and spiritually aware as they enter high school.

Our beautiful Walton Way campus is as familiar to many Augustans as the Church of the Good Shepherd, whose grounds and values we share. Our Flowing Wells Campus was added in December 2012 and augments current facilities with new academic, athletic, and community spaces, as well as our Nature School programs.

Governance

The Board of Trustees of Episcopal Day School is the institution's governing body. A standing committee of the Vestry* of The Church of the Good Shepherd with its own rules of organization, the Board of Trustees establishes the policies that guide the strategic, long-term vision of Episcopal Day School and the conduct of its business and financial affairs. Furthermore, trustees contribute financial resources, each according to his/her capability, in support of EDS and seek to encourage others to make EDS a philanthropic priority.

Trustees are nominated to four-year terms by the Board's Governance Committee, which annually presents a slate of candidates to the Board for approval. Each trustee serves a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Election to the Board of Trustees carries with it a responsibility of stewardship. Trustees accept the obligation not only to preserve but also to develop further EDS' educational program, broadly stated, and enhance its quality, reputation, and level of support. In this way, trustees help form not only the present, but also the future character of Episcopal Day School.

**The Vestry is the governing body of The Church of the Good Shepherd.*

Communications Overview

EDS strives to communicate effectively and efficiently with our parents in a variety of ways. Although we will always value face-to-face and voice-to-voice communication for the context and texture it provides, most of our communication with the parent body as a whole is electronic. You will find that Episcopal Day School is a dynamic place with many activities and opportunities available to you and your children each day.

To that end, our Panther Post newsletter is your best source for up-to-date information. It contains notices of school meetings, activities, important dates, and alumni news. Current parents, faculty, and grandparents whose email we have on file will receive Panther Post notifications via email each week of the school year on Monday afternoon (or the first day of the school week).

We strongly encourage parents to use our email system as a primary means of communication with the school. Although email is not the best medium for sensitive or complex conversations, it is extremely efficient for sharing information in a timely manner. If you have an issue you need to discuss with a teacher, please email the teacher and request a time for a call or conference.

Panther Post

The Panther Post is a weekly email that is sent to all parents and grandparents each Monday of the school year and contains notices of school meetings, activities, important dates, and/or changes in the school calendar. Parents should read it carefully. If you would like a grandparent or another family member to receive a regular copy of Panther Post, please contact Amanda Chambers (achambers@edsaugusta.com) to be added to our distribution list.

Expressions

Expressions is published each year during the summer months and mailed via USPS to all current families, alumni, parents of alumni, and school friends. It features articles about curriculum, new initiatives, program highlights, and alumni notes. If you have news or content information or would like to contribute to *Expressions*, please contact Scott Tomlinson (stomlinson@edsaugusta.com).

Seesaw and Google Classroom

Parents can stay up-to-date on classroom happenings and assignments through the Seesaw App (Preschool - 4th Grade) or Google Classroom (4th - 8th Grade).

Social Media

We utilize Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter as our primary social media outlets. Follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EDSAugusta for photographs and videos highlighting events and learning at EDS. We post on Instagram and Twitter using the handle @EDSAugusta. Hashtags we commonly use are #EDSAugusta, #FoundationsforLife, and #EDSPanthers (for athletics). Feeds from these outlets are also visible on Episcopal Day School's homepage at www.EDSAugusta.com. Please be sure to like and share photos and stories from EDS often!

Broadcast Emails

You will typically receive one to two emails from Episcopal Day School per week, and classroom teachers and room parents may send additional grade or class specific communications.

Emergency Communications

In the event of an emergency, we will send a Calling Post announcement to all home and cell numbers of parents that we have on file. We will also send an email to all parents and post the announcement on the school voicemail, as well as on the homepage of our website www.EDSAugusta.com. In the event that students have already arrived at school before an emergency dismissal has been announced, faculty will remain with the children until the last child has been picked up. We will also use this procedure to alert parents of class trip arrivals.

Volunteer Opportunities

In a typical school year, there are many opportunities to become involved in the vibrant life of Episcopal Day School according to your interests and availability. These volunteer roles allow parents to meet each other, become active participants in the life of the school, and support our work on behalf of your children. Historically, EDS has had an extraordinary level of parent volunteer support, in part because there is a place for everyone. We hope you will participate in the “culture of volunteerism” at EDS!

Volunteer opportunities generally fall into three categories—Classroom, Fundraising, and the EDS Association—though there is frequent overlap among these entities.

Classroom Volunteers

These volunteer slots, filled on either a regular or an ad hoc basis, are perfect for parents who may have limited amounts of contiguous time available but want to be involved in their children's school life. For example, parents can serve as occasional classroom volunteers, Room Parents, and as library, art, or science assistants.

EDS Association Volunteers

The EDS Association was established to provide an organization through which the efforts of the parents could be coordinated in effective support of the school. Each year, the President of the EDS Association serves as an ex-officio member of the Board. All parents of enrolled students as well as faculty and staff hold membership in the EDS Association. Some of the services provided by the EDS Association to the community are room parents for each class and financial support for worthy school projects through the annual wishlist, regular contributions to the school's operating budget, permanent endowment, volunteers, and annual fundraising/friendraising events. For more information about the EDS Association, please see page 16.

Advancement Volunteers

The Advancement Office at EDS is comprised of a number of employees that perform and support the school's externally facing activities including admissions, communications, marketing, and fundraising.

Each year, the Admissions Office will name a number of Parent Ambassadors to help at open houses, give tours, assist in outreach, and to help mentor incoming families. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Ambassador, please contact Karen Lilly, EDS Director of Admissions, at klilly@edsaugusta.com.

Most annual and capital fundraising activities at the Episcopal Day School are supported by staff in the Development Office. The two most significant annual fundraising efforts supported by the Advancement Office each year are the Annual Fund and the Golf Tournament. These efforts raise money—totaling roughly an average of \$185,000 per school year—for initiatives that are already budgeted for the current school year and thus are crucial to the financial health of the school. Each relies on a cadre of dedicated volunteers to bring them to fruition.

Additionally, from time to time, the Board will authorize a special fundraising campaign for capital or endowment purposes. In each instance, a committee of interested and invested members of the school community will be formed to help shape and guide the campaign.

Expectations of Parents for Giving

For generations, Episcopal Day School has benefited from a strong culture of philanthropy. From our humble beginnings as a safe place for children to be while their mothers were aiding the fight during WWII to present day, each generation of EDS's families has provided generously for the students of both the present and the future. We believe that, as the beneficiaries of previous families' vision and generosity, we must be responsible stewards of this special place not only for our own children and their classmates but also for future generations.

Please remember, others are investing in your child, too! The cost of educating each student is actually greater than the tuition. To make up the difference, EDS seeks funding from a variety of outside sources to support our excellence in education; the EDS Association holds fundraising events and seeks business sponsorships, uses income from the endowment, and relies on gifts to the Annual Fund and participation in the golf tournament.

Support for the EDS Annual Fund starts with the faculty and trustees, and their participation rate consistently holds at 100% each year--a reflection of their commitment to Episcopal Day School's mission and students. Parents, grandparents, alumni, and alumni parents are asked to contribute each year to ensure that we are able to meet our strategic goals—attracting and retaining the most talented faculty, to control as best as possible the rising cost of tuition, promoting a diverse student body, maintaining our outstanding building structures, and continuing to enhance the student experience.

Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is Episcopal Day School's top philanthropic priority. We ask all parents to make a contribution to the Annual Fund because the price of tuition only covers 85% of the cost to educate each child. Each gift, regardless of size, is welcomed with gratitude. We ask families with the ability to do so to consider a gift at one of our leadership levels, beginning with the 1944 Society level (\$1,000). The Annual Fund consists of 300-350 gifts each year from EDS faculty, parents, grandparents, alumni, and other friends. On average, roughly 70 families per year give at a leadership level. We typically begin the Annual campaign in late September/early October through a combined mail, email, and phone appeal.

A Place to Grow

The "A Place to Grow" Campaign is the joint capital campaign for the school and church to develop the Flowing Wells Campus. In June 2016, the EDS Board of Trustees and Vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd approved a master plan and a capital campaign for the development of the 38-acre campus consisting of facilities for Academic, Athletic, and Community resources. Gifts to the EDS Foundation are designated for the fulfillment of the approved master plan and phased construction of that project.

Phase 1 construction was completed in February 2020 when we received the certificate of occupancy for the "new" campus. As of July 2021, the Campaign has raised \$7.45 million from roughly 295 donors. Our goal is to reach \$7.6 million in our fundraising to fully-fund Phase 1.

EDS Endowment Fund

The EDS Endowment is money that has been given to EDS or designated by the Board of Trustees with the stipulation that the principal will be permanently invested and a portion of the investment income expended annually for restricted or general purposes. The EDS Endowment is funded through a variety of sources, including: 1) planned or estate gifts, 2) outright gifts from parents, friends, and alumni, 3) a donation of 10% of annual earnings from the EDS Association, 4) the new family fee paid to EDS by each incoming family, and 5) a commitment of excess funds raised through the Annual Fund as determined by the Board of Trustees. Gifts to the endowment ensure the long-term security of the school.

Corporate Sponsorships

EDS is happy to have the support of numerous local corporations through their support of the Annual Golf Tournament and more recently, through sponsorship/ advertising on the digital scoreboard at the Flowing Wells Campus. While this support is generally not tax-deductible, we do all that we can to support our corporate partners and are grateful for their investment in EDS and our students.

Want to learn more? Please contact Scott Tomlinson at stomlinson@edsaugusta.com.

Georgia GOAL Scholarship

Although not a direct gift to EDS, the Georgia GOAL Scholarship program allows individual and corporate taxpayers in the state of Georgia to make a contribution in exchange for a state income tax credit and possible federal charitable income tax deduction. Contributions through the program are awarded as scholarships to students from K-12 public schools so that they can attend the private schools chosen by their parents. EDS is one of 131 independent schools to participate in GOAL. Program information can be accessed at https://www.goalscholarship.org/about_goal/. For more information, please speak to Karen Lilly or Scott Tomlinson.

Frequently Asked Questions: Giving

Q: My family already pays tuition. Why am I being asked to contribute to the Annual Fund?

A: Tuition payments alone cover around 85% of the cost of educating each child. The Annual Fund helps bridge that gap, and the generosity of the community enables Episcopal Day School to moderate annual increases in tuition. In recent years, 8.5% of the school's operating budget has come from charitable gifts (for more detailed information about EDS's revenue stream, please refer to page 14). Roughly 70% of the EDS current parent body has made a gift to the Annual Fund in a given year, with Trustees and faculty contributing at a rate of 100% and 70 families giving at a leadership level. These leadership donors are able to realize substantial tax benefits as a result of their generosity while, at the same time, supporting the important work of Episcopal Day School.

Q: If you already ask for donations for the Annual Fund, what is the Golf Tournament for?

A: The annual EDS Golf Classic raises roughly \$20,000 each year. Both a fun social outing for members of the community, past and present, and many local corporate supporters, the golf tournament raises funds critical to meeting annual budgeted priorities in addition to funds raised by the Annual Fund.

Q: It seems that I receive so many requests for support of the Episcopal Day School. Which are most important?

A: We recognize that there are a variety of worthy philanthropic organizations competing for families' resources. We ask that you, as a parent at EDS, consider making our school your philanthropic priority, as it has a direct benefit for your child. Among our fundraising initiatives, we consider the Annual Fund to be the top priority, as it supports every facet of the operation of the school for the current budget cycle. Families who have the capacity are asked to give at a leadership level (1944 Society or above), and we encourage every family to give as generously as their circumstances allow.

Q: How much should I give to the Annual Fund? How much of a difference can my gift really make?

A: We ask all families to participate in the Annual Fund in any way they can. Annual Fund gifts range from less than \$10 to more than \$10,000. While we encourage families to consider gifts at a leadership level, which begins with the 1944 Society Level at \$1,000, no gift is insignificant. Contributions other than "leadership gifts" are still highly important as that support provides necessary funds and raises our participation rate, which has a positive effect on our efforts to encourage others to give.

Q: When should I make my gift to the Annual Fund?

A: Our fiscal year begins on July 1 and runs through June 30 of the following year. We encourage all families to make their pledges as soon as possible, both for the school's planning purposes and for your own. Annual Fund Committee members begin making calls to all current parents after the first few weeks of the school year, during which you will receive a call from a fellow parent making an official request for your contribution.

Q: Will I be asked to make additional gifts to Episcopal Day School?

A: While there are always other giving opportunities at EDS, each benefiting our school in a certain way, we encourage current parents to make their first gift to EDS each year to the Annual Fund. From time to time, the Board of Trustees authorizes capital campaigns for large building projects, such as the Flowing Wells Campus: A Place to Grow Campaign. This is the school's first capital campaign in more than 15 years and its express purpose is to fulfill the Board and Vestry's master plan for the phased development of the Flowing Wells Campus.

There are other fundraising events throughout the year, primarily driven by the EDS Association. All proceeds from EDS Association fundraisers are "returned" to the school through grants to special projects often known as "the wish list," as well as through regular annual contributions to the EDS Endowment and the operating budget in support of the curriculum and programs.

Q: We receive financial aid. How can we give a meaningful gift?

A: We consider every gift that is made to the Annual Fund a meaningful one. We deeply encourage participation in the Annual Fund from each and every family at EDS. Each gift, regardless of size, demonstrates a vote of confidence in the school, its faculty, administration, and its program.

Q: I've heard that Episcopal Day School might be expanding. Are we expected to donate to that as well?

A: While EDS is blessed to own the 38-acre Flowing Wells Campus, this property is not intended to grow the size of the school, rather the master plan for the FWC has been designed to augment the facilities and programmatic offerings for EDS families that could not be accommodated on the Walton Way Campus.

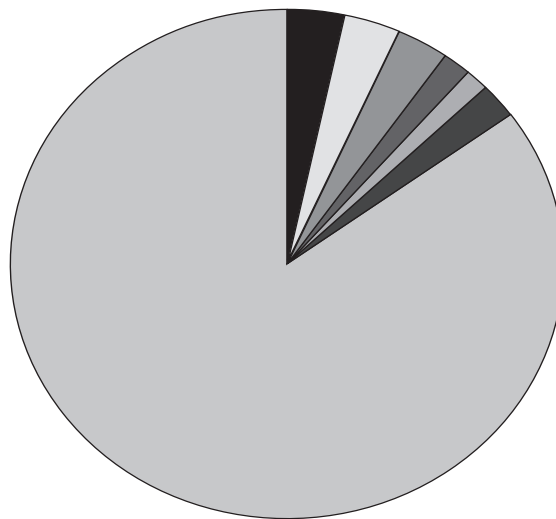
Q: What else can I do to ensure the financial stability of the Episcopal Day School?

A: First, as a parent and an ambassador for the Episcopal Day School in the Augusta/CSRA, you should know that your enthusiasm for EDS helps attract and retain great families and students, faculty, and staff. Second, we hope that you will encourage others, like grandparents who want to support EDS and its mission, to contribute to the Annual Fund. Third, the success of our Annual Fund, and all of our initiatives, depends greatly on our volunteers. We hope you will join us in one of the many ways you can volunteer.

Episcopal Day School Financial Snapshot

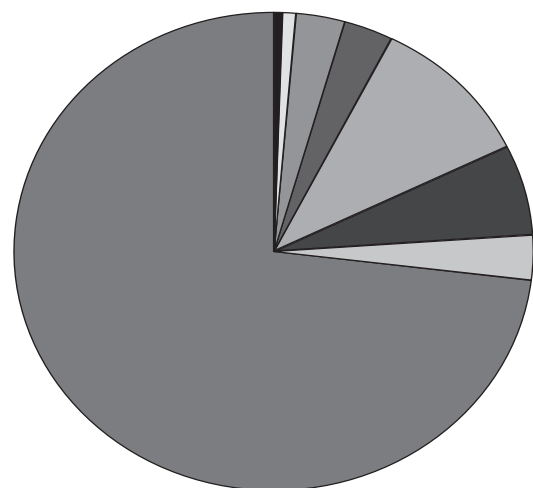
These graphs are a representation of Episcopal Day School's average yearly revenues and expenses budgeted for each school year. Annual contributions, which includes the Annual Fund, are particularly important as they comprise more than 8% of annual revenue.

Revenue - \$5,512,371



- Afterschool, Enrichment, and Summer Camp
 Annual Giving & Golf Tournament
- Endowment
 Church & EDS Association Support
 Misc Income
- Transportation/Activity Fee
 Tuition

Expenditures - \$5,495,536



- Afterschool & Enrichment
 Athletics
 Facilities and Maintenance
- Technology
 Financial Assistance & Discounts
 Instruction
- Administrative costs
 Faculty Salary and Benefits

EDS Association Mission Statement

The EDS Association strives to involve all of our families in nurturing our diverse and welcoming community, supporting excellence in the education of all our children, and creating a spirit of volunteerism and generosity that contributes to the life and vitality of our school. Guided by our Executive Committee, and in partnership with the broader school community, the EDS Association leads community-building and fundraising initiatives. These efforts enable us to support the professional development and recognition of our faculty and staff, to serve as a resource to school families, and to enhance the spirit and character of Episcopal Day School.

EDS Association

2021 - 22

President:	Angela Hynds
Vice President:	Whitney Walker
Treasurer:	Liz Trotter
Assistant Treasurer:	Katie Vinyard
Secretary:	LeeAnn McElderry
Advisor:	Sabrina Pendergrass
Fall Festival Chair:	Sara Yawn
Co-Chair:	Allyn Dyer
Auction Party:	Mary Rae Dudley
Co-Chair:	Amy Miller
Book Fair Chair:	Chapman Godwin
Co-Chair:	Bric Rahimi
Booster Club Co-Chair:	Chan O'Dell
Co-Chair:	Mary Wallace Broome
Family Night Supper Chair:	Annie Smith
Hospitality Chair:	Jessica Engler
Co-Chair:	Susie Cates
Nominating Chair:	Lauren Hargrove
Olympic Day Chair:	Elizabeth Morgan
Co-Chair:	Megan Murphy
Box Tops/Publix Chair:	Gwen Snead
School Supplies Chair:	Kim Overstreet
Co-Chair:	Marcie Rafoth
Dollar Drive Chair:	Laura Dunaway
Co-Chair:	Takiyah Douse
Ways & Means Chair:	Carey Daniel
Co-Chair:	Susan Clapp
Technical Support:	Bric Rahimi
Chick-Fil-A Night:	Samantha DeLappe
3's Welcome Party:	Rebecca Ashmore Liz Trotter

Whom to Ask

The Episcopal Day School faculty and staff looks forward to working in partnership with you throughout the school year. Listed here are topics which you may have questions about from time to time. In order to help you get the answers you need in the most efficient fashion, we suggest that you send an email to the appropriate person on this list. All EDS faculty email addresses utilize the recipient's first initial and last name, followed by @edsaugusta.com.

For example, the email address for Dr. Ned R. Murray is nmurray@edsaugusta.com. A listing of teacher and administrative email addresses are maintained on the EDS website.

Frequently Called Numbers

To reach someone directly, call 706-733-1192 and the extension:

Absence, late arrival, or early dismissal	Front Office
Academics and Classroom Policies	Classroom Teacher
Address Changes and Corrections	Parent Portal (www.bigSIS.com)
Admissions and Re-Enrollment	Karen Lilly Ext. 212
Advancement and Annual Giving	Scott Tomlinson Ext. 223
After School Care, Enrichment, and Summer Camps	Karli Murray Ext. 227
Athletics	Jaye Cohen Ext. 222
Finance: Billing and Accounts Payable	Debbie Wren Ext. 217
Billing and Finance Assistant	Nancy Price Ext. 219
Chaplain	Sonia Sullivan Clifton Ext. 230
Communications, Outreach, Marketing, Yearbook	Amanda Chambers Ext. 232
Computer Technology and Email Management Data	Liz Owens Ext. 318
Records Management and Registrar	Stephanie Woodward Ext. 216
Financial Aid	Karen Lilly Ext. 212
Food Services	Alisa Hicks Ext. 229
Front Office	Walt Alexanderson Ext. 210 and Julie Robinson
Head of Preschool	Alicia Haltermann Ext. 226
Head of Lower School	Karen Dye Ext. 218
Head of Middle School	Anne Andrews Ext. 231
School Nurse, Health and Wellness	Mindy Golden Ext. 213
Master Calendar	Nina Tomlin Ext. 228
Parent Ambassadors	Karen Lilly Ext. 212
Sports Hotline	706-261-0111

Calendars

Near the closing of each school year, we announce our "At-a-Glance Calendar" for the upcoming year. While a more extensive Master Calendar is available once school begins, the At-a-Glance Calendar provides guidance with regard to school opening and closing, holidays, Christmas, and seasonal breaks as you begin planning your family's activities.

You may access this and a variety of other useful calendars—along with instructions on how to import those various calendars into your electronic or mobile scheduling system—on our website, www.EDSAugusta.com. Click the "Calendar" button in the top right corner of the page.

Note: School communities like ours are vibrant and active communities. Please remember to read the Panther Post regularly and to check the school's master calendar available through the website for the most up to date scheduling information.

Calendar dates are subject to change. Parents will be notified immediately if a date changes in the calendar for any reason.

**2021-2022
At-A-Glance Calendar**

August 2021

Aug. 9 PS-8th Visitation Day
Aug. 10 PS-8th First Day

September 2021

Sept. 6 Labor Day – No Classes

October 2021

Oct. 11-12 Fall Break – No Classes

November 2021

Nov. 22-26 Thanksgiving Break – No Classes

December 2021

Dec. 17 All School Early Dismissal:
3s & PK (11:00), K-8th (11:30)
Dec. 20-31 Christmas Break – No Classes

January 2022

Jan. 3 Professional Development – No Classes
Jan. 4 Classes Resume
Jan. 17 MLK Day – No Classes

February 2022

Feb. 18-21 Winter Break – No Classes

March 2022

Mar. 11 Professional Development – No Classes

April 2022

Apr. 4-11 Masters Week Break – No Classes
Apr. 15 Good Friday – No Classes

May 2022

May 26 Last Day of Classes for All Grades
May 27 K Moving Up/8th Grade Graduation

August 2021						
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- Holiday - No Classes
- Early Release
- Professional Work Day - No Classes
- Last Day of Classes
- Conference Day - No Classes
(MS student-led conferences)
- Classes in Session
- "Cyber" Learning Day

This calendar was revised on 6/17/21. Dates are subject to change.

Glossary of Important Terms

Arrival Time Staff members will be at assigned carpool locations to greet students beginning at 7:45 a.m. For students arriving earlier than 7:45 a.m., the Early bird classroom will be open at 7:00 a.m. Please walk your Preschool student to room 108. Students in grade K-8 may walk alone.

Athletics at Episcopal Day School offers students in grades five through eight the opportunity to participate in competitive and interscholastic athletics. The athletic program consists of 13 sports and 24 teams and is an after-school activity. We offer tennis, golf, football, clay target shooting, bowling, cheerleading, volleyball, cross country, swimming, basketball, soccer, track & field, and baseball. EDS participates in the Augusta-Aiken Middle School League with 12 other local independent schools. More details about the program can be found at the athletic website, www.edspanthers.com.

Competitive interscholastic athletics is a vital part of the total educational program for older children and is made available to EDS students to create a positive, supportive, and non-threatening environment where each student is encouraged to build skills, promote health, and discover who she or he can be.

Attendance If your child will be absent from school, email the homeroom teacher, advisor, or division head by 8:30 a.m. each day your child is absent to let us know the reason for the absence. We require students to attend school on a regular basis. No student will be promoted to the succeeding grade if that student has been absent more than sixteen school days in a given school year. Exceptions may be granted by the Head of School in case of extenuating circumstances. *See Parent and Student Handbook for more details regarding attendance.*

Auxiliary Programs EDS offers enriching programs outside of regular school hours/dates, such as enrichment classes, After School programming, and Summer at EDS. Questions about Auxiliary Programs should be directed to Karli Murray, Director of Auxiliary Programs.

After School After School care begins for each grade level at that grade's dismissal time and runs until 6:00 p.m. Parents of students in all grades can arrange for After School care for a drop-in fee. The fee is different for all programs. Information on what to pack for your students and a sample schedule are on the EDS After School page of our website.

Enrichment Activities Students in Preschool through Grade 8 are able to enroll in weekly enrichment activities arranged in semester blocks when available. These classes include STEM, sports, and cultural activities. Information about class offerings, costs, and registration is available on the EDS After School page on the school website and in Panther Post.

Parents requesting drop-in care should contact Karli Murray, Director of Auxiliary Programs, at 706.733.1192 ext. 227 or kmurray@edsaugusta.com. More information is available on the EDS website by clicking "Schools & Programs" then "After School & Enrichment."

Gingerbread is the After School program for Young 3s, 3s, and Prekindergarten. It runs from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We offer two-day, three-day, five-day, and drop-in options.

Lunch Bunch is the After School Program for Young 3s, 3s, and Prekindergarten running from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We offer two-day, three-day, five-day, and drop-in options. We also offer napping and non-napping options for younger students.

Summer at EDS We invite children entering the three-year-old program through twelve years of age to engage in favorite and new activities through our summer camps, and wonder about the world around them. We offer well-rounded summer camps that include rotating specials such as: science, art, technology, and PE. See our website for more summer camp information, www.edsaugusta.com/summercamps. Early registration is available each February.

Birthdays Flowers, balloon bouquets, and other gifts for children cannot be delivered to school; we will NOT ACCEPT such deliveries. No social invitations may be handed out at school, even if all children are invited.

Book Fair Families can preview and shop during the festive Kickoff Sunday each year. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 will visit the Book Fair during class time. Updates will be communicated through Panther Post.

Carpool All school traffic will enter from Milledge Road through the Woodlawn parking lot, lining up along the tree line. Follow the traffic pattern as directed by the EDS staff. Parents are asked not to get out of their cars during morning carpool. See carpool diagram below.

Morning Carpool Remain in a single line in the left lane. For 3s and PK (and siblings), please drop-off at the side gate. For K-8, a staff member will assign each driver a number between 1 and 9. Pull your front bumper up to the cone that is marked with your assigned number.

Unload children from the driver's side/left side of the car into the safety area. Those exiting the passenger side of the vehicle should walk in front of the car to the safety area.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure their passengers and those from the vehicles ahead have entered the safety area prior to moving forward. Staff members will be available to assist with unloading vehicles and walking younger students to class if needed. If you need to park, please pull up to your assigned cone number before finding an available spot.

Afternoon Carpool For 12:30 preschool dismissal, 3s students are to be picked up at the Village/Side Gate and PK students will be picked up at the front of the school.

Afternoon Carpool We use the SafeDismissal program for afternoon pick up, beginning each day at 2:55 p.m. Parents should line up their cars in the Woodlawn lot with their assigned family number visible on the front dashboard. EDS staff will assign each car a cone number from the Woodlawn lot. As you pull forward to the front of the school, you will stop at your assigned cone number, where your child should be waiting. Students stay in their classrooms until their cone number is called. If you will be arranging a regular carpool, please be sure to let your teacher and Liz Owens know (lowens@edsaugusta.com).

Chapel All students attend weekly chapel. Parents and friends are always welcome to attend; your presence enriches our services. The week of your child's birthday is an especially good time to visit, as your child will receive a birthday blessing during the service. We have a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Worship is a central and important part of life at EDS. The opportunity to offer praise and thanksgiving together strengthens us as a community and nurtures us as individuals.

Chapel Time

Threes - First Grade

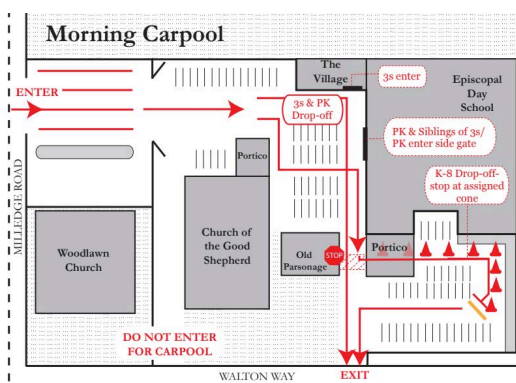
Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m.

Second - Fourth Grade

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.

Middle School

Thursdays at 8:20 a.m.



Diapers All preschool children must be toilet-trained before the school year begins.

Divisions There are three divisions at Episcopal Day School: Preschool (Young Threes, Threes, Prekindergarten, and Nature Preschool), Lower School (Kindergarten and Nature Kindergarten through Grade 4), and Middle School (Grade 5 through Grade 8).

Emergency Closing In the event of inclement weather, we will attempt to make a decision regarding the opening of school by 6:00 a.m. If school is delayed or closed, we will send a Calling Post announcement to all home and cell numbers of parents that we have on file. We will also send an email to all parents and post the announcement on the school voicemail. We will attempt to contact the following TV stations: WAGT (NBC/Chan 26), WRDW (CBS/Chan 12), and WJBF (ABC/Chan 6). You will also find updated information on our website. Should we need to close school once children have arrived, we will use the same communication procedures. Calling Post, email, the front desk, the website, and local media outlets (in that order) will all have the information. Faculty will remain with the children until the last child has been picked up.

Extra Clothing Younger children in particular should leave a full set of extra clothes in their cubbies at school. Accidents do happen and need not be limited to the bathroom variety. Please make sure extra clothing is seasonally appropriate.

Faculty and Staff

Appreciation The EDS Association sponsors a monthly lunch to recognize and show their appreciation for Episcopal Day School faculty and staff, as well as other kind gestures throughout the year.

Food Allergies While Episcopal Day School is not a peanut free campus, we are allergy aware. Food allergies must be reported to the classroom teacher and allergy action plans and epinephrine auto-injectors provided to the school nurse.

Grandparents and Grandfriends Day

Grandparents and Grandfriends of Young 3s to Grade 7 students are annually invited to spend a morning at Episcopal Day School on the Friday following the 5th Grade Musical each spring. The guests will enjoy a coffee reception and attend a program in the gym before visiting classrooms and meeting faculty and administrators.

Health Forms ALL students in preschool are required by Georgia Health law to present the required immunization forms, verifying they are properly immunized. These forms are available from your pediatrician or local health departments and must be presented prior to the first day of school. See your Parent Portal for a full list of required forms.

Health Policies All necessary forms must be on file before a student can attend school. For further health-related information, visit the “Forms” section of the Parent Portal.

Illness A child feeling ill will be sent to the nurse’s office, where the school nurse will determine if the child should go home. A student must stay home with an illness that is considered communicable. If a student has a communicable disease/condition during the school year, the school will notify parents of students in that classroom. Students should be without fever for 24 hours and without fever medication before returning to school.

Labeling/Lost & Found No matter how old your child may be, you can never label too much! Anything and everything that is worn or brought to school should be labeled. Teachers stress responsibility, but things always manage to get left behind. If you want to ensure that articles of clothing or other belongings come home, please label them with your child’s name, grade, and homeroom teacher or advisor’s name.

Lost items will be collected in Lost & Found racks in the Panther Closet in the Front Office and also displayed on Parent-Teacher Conference Days.

Live Stream We don't want you and your family to miss a thing, especially the special class performances and school-wide events. We have live stream equipment which airs live (and recorded) video on our UStream channel. These events include the Veterans Day Assembly, PK Nativity Play, the All-School SingAlong before the holidays, music programs, and more. You can share this channel link with anyone, anywhere. Please check Panther Post and your EDS email account for live stream notifications. Live streamed and recorded events can always be accessed at <https://video.ibm.com/channel/edsalive>.

Lunch (SchoolHouse Fare) Episcopal Day School offers lunch service through SchoolHouse Fare. This service provides a select menu from local restaurants. Meals vary in portion size and price, so that you may assemble lunches fitting your student's appetite and your budget. For information on creating a SchoolHouse Fare account, please visit the EDS Parent Portal or see Panther Post. Orders must be placed by 12:00 p.m. the day before.

Home Lunches should be delivered to school no later than 8:30 a.m. Items that need to be kept warm or cold should be sent in appropriate packaging. Home lunches may not be heated or refrigerated at school.

As a middle school privilege, students may be allowed to use a microwave in the lunchroom with the permission of the middle school division head. Candy and carbonated beverages are discouraged.

Nap We offer napping and non-napping options for students enrolled in our Lunch Bunch and Gingerbread After School Program.

Panther Closet Gently used uniform clothing for boys and girls in Grades 1-8 can be found year-round in the Panther Closet, which is located in the Front Office. Daily dress code items, as well as outerwear and chapel dress can be found in the Panther Closet in a variety of sizes.

If you are interested in donating your child's washed and gently used uniform and/or chapel garments, please contact Nina Tomlin at ntomlin@edsaugusta.com.

Parent-Teacher Conferences A formal conference for parents is scheduled in September and January every year. Middle school students are asked to attend their conferences, and older students are trained to lead the discussion of their academic progress.

A parent may request a conference with the child's teacher(s) at any time. If you wish a conference with a teacher or any member of the staff, you may contact the teacher by email. In the event that a student is experiencing difficulties at school, the teacher will contact the parents.

Performances Over the course of the school year, Episcopal Day School students invite parents to enjoy class productions on both large and small scales.

Questions Don't hesitate to contact us for any reason. You can always send in a note, leave a voicemail, or send an email. Teachers will respond within 24 hours unless you specify that your message is urgent, in which case a response will be more immediate.

Referral Credit Current parents are eligible for a \$500 tuition credit upon each new family enrollment if they are listed as a referral to EDS.

Room Parents act as classroom ambassadors, nurturing connections among parents and teachers during the school year. Each classroom has two Room Parents, who communicate regularly with parents and the class teacher to coordinate activities like field trips, class parties, and special projects. They also facilitate parent volunteer sign ups.

Starting Slowly The school year begins with a Preschool, Lower School and Middle School visitation day on a Monday, where families meet student teacher(s) and become acquainted with classrooms. On Tuesday, all grades begin classes.

Summer Mailings Before school begins in August, you will receive important information and forms via several major mailings sent electronically.

- In May, expect an email with information about required back-to-school forms, including health forms, volunteer opportunities, summer reading, and other academic requirements.
- In early August, look for emails from school administrators regarding the year ahead and the class list for your child.
- In late August, information about After School Activities (open to students in Preschool to Grade 8) will arrive.

If you fail to receive these emails, be sure to notify Amanda Chambers, Advancement Associate for Outreach and Marketing at achambers@edsaugusta.com.

Toys As we don't want to lose small objects or prized possessions, we discourage children from bringing toys to school. However, we do make exceptions on special sharing days and for younger children who may need an object with them for comfort.

Preschool children who stay for lunch often bring a soft nap toy. When in doubt, please check in with your child's teacher.

Yearly Calendar The At-a-Glance Calendar is published on the school website, in the Parent Portal, and in Panther Post.

Zippers, belts, shoelaces, and small buttons are difficult for many young children to manage. As you purchase clothes for young children, please think about how readily the closures (zippers, buckles, ties, buttons, etc.) can be managed alone. We like to spend as much of our time as possible working, playing, and exploring with your child. We also appreciate the value of permitting a child to develop a sense of independence. In the Preschool, we love velcro shoes, elastic waistbands, and large buttons!

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