

— PreK-3 Through 12th Grade —

Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders



# Message from the Head of School

Thank you for your interest in an Episcopal education. We know that you have a range of choices to set your child up for success, and we are happy that Episcopal is among those options.

For more than 50 years, Episcopal has provided students in the Greater Baton Rouge region a rigorous academic experience with the goal of preparing them for meaningful and purposeful lives. We strive to empower our students with the critical thinking and problem solving skills to lead the next generation. From project-based learning experiences to opportunities for artistic and athletic exploration, service learning, and college preparation, our curriculum builds upon itself as our students prepare for college and beyond.

However, there is much more to Episcopal than academic rigor. We are a community of diverse learners with a shared goal of educating the whole child. At Episcopal, our students experience a nurturing environment in which to explore their world. In Lower School Morning Meeting, students gather in song and prayer to start their day. In Middle School, advisory and peer leaders provide opportunities for support and connection. In Upper School, students partner with community organizations to engage in service projects with the hope of igniting a spirit of service that lasts a lifetime.

I have always loved school. As a child, I pretended to be a teacher and "taught" my siblings for fun. It was my dream to become an educator, and I am honored to fulfill that dream as Episcopal's Head of School. Seeing the spark of learning and excitement in our students' eyes is tremendously rewarding. As a parent, I know you will feel the same as your child makes the Episcopal journey.

Thank you again for your interest in Episcopal. I invite you to contact one of our admission staff members for more information.

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Head of School

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Welcome to Episcopal

## Leading the Way

We are Episcopal, and we exist to prepare our students for lives of purpose. We believe that educating the "whole child" is not just a buzzword. We live out our mission by providing strong, balanced programs in **academics, arts, athletics and spirituality,** allowing our students to discover their passions and give back to the world.

## Who We Are

For decades now the Greater Baton Rouge community has entrusted Episcopal School of Baton Rouge to educate and prepare their PreK-3 through twelfth-grade students. Our premier educational program begins with a solid foundation in Lower School with an emphasis on purposeful play and project-based learning. Middle School students benefit from social-emotional learning and age-appropriate leadership opportunities. Upper School students are provided unparalleled access to personalized college counseling to help them find the school that best meets their life goals.

Episcopal has been offering a valuable and inclusive faith-based education for more than 50 years. Episcopal schools are Christian communities whose missions integrate spiritual formation into all aspects of the educational experience in a graceful and meaningful way. Even the most diverse of Episcopal schools are created to be communities that honor, celebrate and worship God as the center of life.

Since the school was founded, Episcopal has been known for its academic rigor and a personalized approach to learning. We understand the importance of a competitive, inclusive athletic program and arts education opportunities which help students develop empathy, creativity and respect for others.

At Episcopal, we help your child foster lifelong connections and develop a deep love for learning. We provide each student the opportunity to engage, to lead and to discover his or her own path. We invite you to learn more about the Episcopal experience.

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> In Loving Memory of Nettie Lea Dickorron



Our Mission and Ministry



As a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, Episcopal School of Baton Rouge nurtures and develops the whole child -- spiritually, intellectually, morally,

physically and artistically -- through challenging academic and co-curricular programs which prepare our graduates for college and for purposeful lives.

While celebrating a religious environment in which many faith traditions exist, Episcopal's daily life of prayer and its sacred observances provide a foundation for the growth of each spiritually maturing person. In its aspiration to educational excellence, Episcopal understands the importance of a highly skilled faculty who are committed to the development of the whole child.

Our whole child philosophy means our students are prepared to meet the challenge of high academic standards, while also developing spiritually, gaining a deeper appreciation for the arts and competing in inclusive 2A sports. The strong sense of community that defines Episcopal is reflected in the cooperative effort of teachers, staff, students, parents, alumni and friends working together to create an environment that supports this comprehensive development of students.

#### History

Episcopal has grown substantially since it was founded in 1965. Beginning with fewer than 25 seventh grade students on the school's original campus at St. James Church in downtown Baton Rouge, the school now has an enrollment exceeding 900 students in pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade. In 1968 the school moved to its current location, graduating in 1970 its first senior class. In 1990, the Lower School was established, followed by the addition of PK-4 in 2004 and PK-3 in 2014. Episcopal now stands on an approximately 55-acre campus with 12 top quality buildings and extensive athletic facilities. JEHT'S A KNIGHT MATTER HOW MALLS

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Episcopal's Lower School is a warm and welcoming school family, where PreK-3 - grade 5 students thrive on personalized instruction, in small classes, and in a safe, nurturing and joyful environment. Our teachers integrate indoor and outdoor learning experiences with both traditional and innovative teaching and learning methods throughout our play-based, project-based, and inquiry-based curriculum which includes the arts, science, math, religion, language and daily physical education. Lower School students participate in experiences designed to develop the whole child — growing confidence, skills and gifts that prepare students for Middle School success and a lifetime of learning.

Project-based learning inspires students throughout Lower School to draw on personal experiences to investigate real-world issues and embrace challenges. There is depth within our curriculum. You'll see children interpreting songs on drums and Orff instruments, programming Beebots and coding, hosting a celebration of learning and donning rain boots in the PreK garden. Everywhere you look, students are motivated to learn and actively engaged.

When you step foot in Lower School, you are sure to feel the energy and excitement. It permeates the hallways and spills into the classroom and outdoors. It all begins at Morning Meeting — our daily and dynamic Lower School celebration with music, inspiration, birthdays, recognition, leadership and community building — and continues throughout each day.

## Early Childhood Learning

In our Early Childhood classrooms, each PreK-3 - kindergarten student is allowed to develop at their own pace. Young children are unique learners who need the opportunity to acquire knowledge in ways that are meaningful to them. No two children will learn the exact same way, and no two children develop at the same rate. Teachers know their students well and differentiate their instruction to meet the children at their current skill level. In the early years, students grow their language and vocabulary, learn valuable criticalthinking and problem-solving skills, and strengthen their fine and gross motor skills in order to prepare for the educational journey that lies ahead.



















## Grades 1-5 Learning

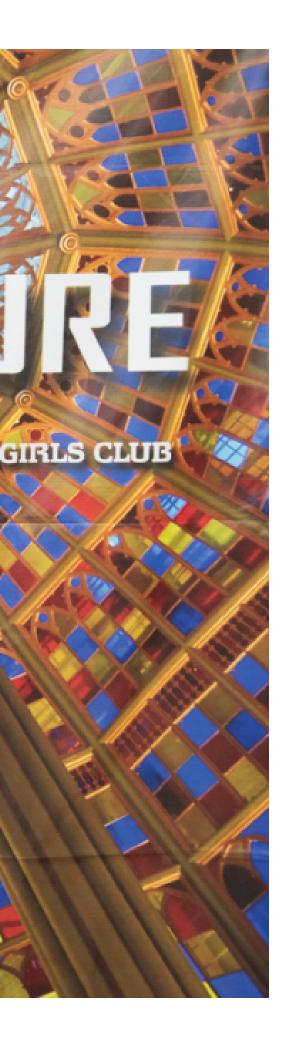
A varied and comprehensive approach to early childhood learning sets the stage for a lifetime of learning and development. As grade 1-5 students progress through Lower School, they are provided developmentally appropriate opportunities to participate in engaging lessons and boost their confidence. Project-based learning units provide students the opportunity to investigate, research and explore a particular topic. The lessons bridge all subjects and highlight the collaboration of the teaching team.

Students begin to develop critical public speaking skills early as they present what they have learned to classmates and special guests. In addition to project-based lessons, educators also use proven programs such as guided reading, Writing Workshop, Fundations, and Singapore Math, and teacher-developed science and social studies units to foster a lifetime love of learning and exploration. Students in grades 4 and 5 learn in a departmentalized environment, with one grade level teacher focusing on one content area for all students. Traveling to different teachers for these classes supports a smooth transition to a Middle School routine.

## Beyond the Core Curriculum

As a complement to our core academic curriculum, PreK-3 -grade 5 students participate in a range of special area classes. At Episcopal, physical education and special area classes are an essential piece to our dedication to supporting the growth and development of the whole child. All Lower School students participate in daily, developmentally appropriate physical education. Students also participate in music, art, religion, and two world languages: French and Spanish. Students visit the library weekly, participate in monthly social-emotional lessons with our counselor, and participate in hands-on, inquiry-based learning in the QUEST Center in Foster Hall.





Middle School

Middle School has a long history of success in meeting the developmental needs of young adolescents during a period of rapid and dramatic growth and change in their lives. The division boasts a faculty and staff who genuinely enjoy their daily work and care deeply about the physical and emotional safety, the academic progress, and the spiritual and character development of Middle School students.

Episcopal's Middle School offerings are comprehensive and broad, with opportunities for students to engage in coursework and co-curricular activities, enabling the discovery of their unique passions and interests, laying the groundwork for deeper, more focused participation in Upper School. An aligned curriculum between Middle and Upper School ensures and supports a smooth transition for students. Our students can also earn Upper School credit, allowing them to personalize their experiences and learn at their own pace. In addition to our strong college preparatory curriculum, Middle School students participate in athletics, the arts, service learning, competitive academic experiences, leadership development activities and the rich spiritual life of our community.



Middle School

## High School Credit Opportunities

Episcopal's personalized approach to education allows students to learn at their own pace. Middle School students who are ready for the rigors of Upper School coursework have the opportunity to earn Upper School credit in Physical Science, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, World Geography, French, or Spanish, thus creating flexibility for scheduling a wider variety of electives during high school and building a strong foundation for future success.

## World Languages and Culture

Middle School students choose at least one of two world languages, French or Spanish. Students studying French have a long tradition of electing an immersion experience in Quebec. Students studying Spanish can choose a similar experience in Costa Rica. There are also clubs available for students interested in exploring other cultures in a non-classroom environment.

## Leadership and Development

Opportunities to realize their leadership potential and to learn the skills of collaboration, responsibility, communication, and problem-solving abound for Middle School students. An active Student Council and Student Vestry support class and community projects, plan and lead worship, and design fun social activities for the Middle School division. Peer Leaders receive training to support and orient new students and to help resolve conflicts among their classmates. Club officers provide support and structure to ensure appropriate student engagement and responsibility in a variety of club activities.





Quest Center in Foster Hall

The QUEST Center in Foster Hall provides adaptable, flexible spaces to support the creative, hands-on learning that is the hallmark of Lower and Middle School. Within the Investigation Station, students have access to microscopes and digital data collection tools. The Spatial Learning Lab offers space for virtual, augmented, and/ or mixed-reality technology, and students learn the intricacies of coding and robotics within the Digital Media Lab. A fully functioning kitchen provides opportunities to explore cooking, baking and other food-safe sciences.

The Quest Center emphasizes a variety of learning strategies and skills – creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication – to complement traditional methods. The methods, materials, and tools employed in the QUEST Center can be updated as the need arises in the years and decades to come to ensure that inspiring learning continues for generations of Knights.





For more than 50 years, the Upper School at Episcopal has provided students with a dynamic and nurturing community in which to holistically grow. Through personalized guidance and a range of opportunities, our students find their paths to excellence at Episcopal in and out of the classroom. Our alumni have accordingly experienced tremendous success at highly selective universities and go on to lead lives of purpose and service in their communities every day.

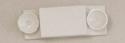
Academically, our students' days are filled with challenge and opportunity as they make the most of a variety of rigorous offerings. These offerings include everything from AP, Honors and dual-enrollment courses to original research in our signature Honors Thesis and lab-based ESTAAR programs. We offer a broad spectrum of arts courses led by masters in their fields, through which students develop creativity and take part in sold-out productions that draw audiences from throughout the region.

Our highly successful athletic teams also give our Episcopal Knights the opportunity to contend for district and state championships and learn lifelong lessons about teamwork, perseverance and leadership under the guidance of coaches who have competed at the highest levels of their sports and are renowned for producing top athletes.

Underpinning these pursuits is our Episcopal spiritual identity, which is warm, open, and focused on developing young people who live lives of purpose and service in college and beyond. Through regular Chapel service, as well as the dynamic activities of our Center for Service Learning, we integrate our spiritual lives into all aspects of the Episcopal experience.









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#### **Academic Distinctions**

Episcopal students can earn distinctions in various academic areas through the Academic Distinctions tracks. The purpose is to recognize students who excel in different areas and to encourage students to follow their own individual interests and passions. Distinctions can be earned in art, English, math, social studies, religious studies, science and world languages.

#### Thesis

The thesis program is a twoyear program affording selected students an opportunity to develop critical reading, research and analysis skills through a junior year interdisciplinary seminar and an original thesis or project reflecting scholarly research and investigation in a field of their choice. Students who successfully complete the Thesis program earn a Level I + Level II distinction.

#### **ESTAAR**

ESTAAR, or Episcopal Students Take Action in Advanced Research, is a comprehensive two-year program in which students partner with Louisiana State University professors or other researchers and graduate students to conduct scientific or mathematical research. Students spend as many as 100 hours engaging in lab work, reviewing scholarly research and preparing presentations. Students who successfully complete the ETSARR program earn a Level I + Level II distinction.

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#### University-Level Learning Opportunities

Upper School students have numerous opportunities to participate in college-level learning. Episcopal offers a rich and varied program of academic opportunities that connects students to their passions. Driven and supported by outstanding faculty/mentors, the curriculum at Episcopal is meant to evolve as human knowledge advances. Students are given the freedom to explore and discover new interests and apply what they have learned to real-world problems.

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#### Advanced Placement\*

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Episcopal's personalized approach to learning means students who are ready for the challenge can take any one of the more than 20 AP\* courses offered in the Upper School. Courses include AP Calculus (AB or BC), AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP French, AP Latin, AP Spanish, two AP English courses, six AP courses in social studies and two AP courses in the arts. Honors courses in the core disciplines provide opportunities for students who want to engage with the subject matter at an advanced level.

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#### Learning that Encourages Exploration

As students progress through our aligned curriculum, they discover their passions and find new interests. Episcopal provides countless electives and activities to encourage more in-depth study. Upper School students can choose from a range of courses, such as Religion & Theatre, Faith in Southern Literature or Spanish Ethnomusicology. Our highly trained faculty also offer a range of compelling courses in subjects including history and psychology.

We know that each student has unique interests and passions. As a result, we offer opportunities for students to

explore these topics more closely. For students with a passion for writing and helping others, the Episcopal Writing Center provides an opportunity to further develop written communication while supporting fellow classmates. Students with a talent for tech may excel in the Episcopal engineering program, which offers an opportunity to code, design, build and innovate. Future Episcopal entrepreneurs have a range of business, finance and economics courses in which to boost their expertise. Students may also participate in the Burkenroad Reports Conference or attend on-campus seminars hosted by experienced business leaders.



Heademic Commons

The Academic Commons serves as the center for Upper School math and science. The 27,000 square foot building is the first new academic building on campus in more than a decade and includes 17 classrooms, lab and project space, an engineering suite and an entrepreneurial studies center. The building was designed with student and teacher needs in mind with space for projectbased learning, experiential learning, student collaboration and traditional classroom instruction.



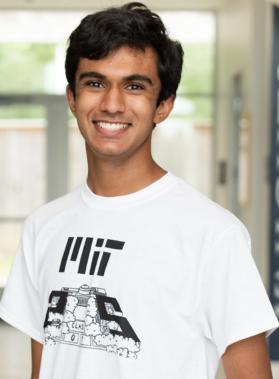
College Counseling

As a college preparatory school, Episcopal strives to help each student find the best match for advanced study and development. Our students consistently earn admission into highly selective national universities as well as universities with strong Louisiana legacies. Our proven track record of success is a result of a coordinated, aligned curriculum that builds upon itself in each division. Our comprehensive college counseling curriculum begins in eighth grade. The curriculum is designed to guide Upper School students with age-appropriate topics to discover personal strengths, values and passions with a goal of helping students discover the best colleges to help them achieve their goals and dreams.

Our three college counselors are partners in the students' college admission journey. Counselors help students understand how different aspects of their lives shape the college search process and inform their final college decision. Students meet with an assigned counselor on a regular basis to determine the best path for future success. College prep boot camps and summer programs are provided to help students prepare for admission exams and essays. Each spring, universities from across the country attend the Episcopal college fair, providing juniors the opportunity to meet with college admission experts.

This coordinated, comprehensive approach to the college admission journey helps to reduce the uncertainty of making the transition to college and ensures the student finds the right institution for his or her individual needs.







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Counseling Support Services

As a part of our commitment to developing the whole child, Episcopal employs a full-time Learning Support Services Coordinator and three professional school counselors. Counselors are assigned to support the developmental needs of students in each of their divisions.

Specific support is provided for students on a range of issues and challenges. Counselors are available for one-on-one student meetings, family discussions and support group facilitation. In addition, counselors work with students with unique learning needs to ensure that the school is meeting those needs and helping them achieve.

Social/emotional learning is fostered at all grade levels. In Lower School, teachers espouse the principles of the responsive classroom management philosophy to establish a community of empowered students who understand the expectations and behaviors required of them and the results of those expectations and behaviors. In addition, Middle and Upper School students are assigned to advisory groups in which they discuss social and academic concerns for their age group.

Episcopal is designated a Grief-Sensitive School through New York Life's Grief-Sensitive Schools Initiative. The designation signifies that members of the Episcopal faculty have participated in training in which they were introduced to the resources and information to help them support and assist students in all aspects of life, including loss.



Spiritual Life



Episcopal schools are Christian communities whose mission is to integrate spiritual formation into all aspects of the educational experience in a graceful and inclusive way. They are created to be communities that honor, celebrate and worship God as the center of life. At Episcopal School of Baton Rouge, we weave the principles of meaningful school worship, rich community life, foundational religious education and striving for social justice into the very fabric of the school's overall life. You can see it clearly as Middle and Upper School students express themselves through service learning, sharing their time and talent with the greater community. You can hear it in Lower School morning meeting as children raise their voices in song.

Episcopal schools are intentionally diverse communities. Here at Episcopal, we come together at different times, in various locations and in many ways to encourage all students to dig deep into their individual faith and develop a sense of their own spirituality, all while helping them to develop a love for both God and their neighbor. It is the core of our school's identity and what separates us from other educational options in Baton Rouge.

#### The Episcopal Honor Code

At the heart of life at Episcopal is the Episcopal Honor Code that is signed by all administrators, faculty and Upper School students and is included as a part of the school enrollment contract. The core values of the Episcopal Honor Code, respect and honesty, are incorporated into four key statements which all members of our community must uphold: respect yourself and others, take care of Episcopal's environment and materials, be honest and fair, and respect others' rights to learn. All three divisions support the understanding of and adherence to the code in age-appropriate ways. The honor code is crucial for the maintenance of a healthy and trusting community.

## The Episcopal Honor Code

- I shall be honest in all matters regarding the life of the School. My word may always be trusted, and I will always strive to be fair.
- I will always respect others.
- I will not undermine our life together.
- I will not steal or deface that which belongs to another.
- I will ensure that my actions do not infringe upon the rights of others, particularly the right that others have to learn.
- I will do all I can to defend and uphold this Code and will always be ready to explain to others, especially those new to the School, that its existence is at the heart of the quality of our life together.



The Athletic program at Episcopal challenges students to reach further, work harder and grow together as a team. It is intentional.

Team sports help our students push their limits and understand how to give their best to the team. The lessons learned on the field and on the court open new paths to understanding in the classroom and new opportunities for college and beyond.

Lower School students have daily contact with varsity coaches in physical education classes, setting the stage for our athletic offerings in Middle School. By the time students arrive in Upper School, they are familiar with their strengths and ready to participate competitively.

Based on enrollment numbers, Episcopal is classified as a 2A school. This classification size means more students have an opportunity to compete, play and achieve throughout the season. In contrast to larger high schools, it is common for Episcopal students to "letter" in more than one sport. Throughout Episcopal's history, the school's enrollment has been intentionally managed so that class sizes remain small and students benefit from personalized learning both on and off the field. Athletic experiences complement the school's whole-child philosophy through the development of discipline, character, respect and confidence, which are part of preparation for adult life. Episcopal's winning track record is a direct result of our approach and dedication to a student-centered athletic program.

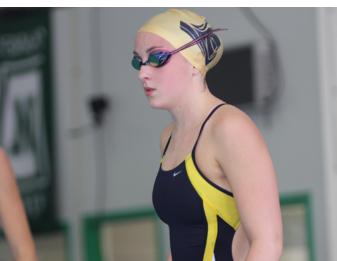
























## Field House



The Episcopal field house stands as a testament to the school's commitment to health and wellness. Students in all divisions benefit from the 23,000+ square foot facility that accommodates physical education needs, athletic training, and wellness activities, such as strength training, sports medicine, nutrition and more.

On a basic level, physical education/exercise plays a critical role in a child's development, which is why physical education classes at Episcopal are provided five days a week through ninth grade. In addition, Episcopal fields a variety of varsity and sub-varsity teams that prepare for the field of play within the field house's 10,000 square foot strength and conditioning room. The space provides the ideal space for these student athletes and rivals any university setting.



















Visual and Performing Hrts

The arts at Episcopal are a foundational part of the student experience.

We believe that creativity, expression and artistic discipline are skills that prepare students for lives of meaning. When students are aware of the beauty around them, they begin to feel empathy for others, learn to communicate their feelings and grow in their common humanity.

Episcopal offers an array of arts education opportunities beginning as early as PreK-3. Students are taught by professional teacher/artists with a passion for sharing their crafts with the next generation. Students can participate in dance, music, drama and visual arts. The Visual and Performing Arts Center is a dedicated arts facility with a 450 seat auditorium, black box theater, band hall, dance studio and dedicated art classrooms.

Art education at Episcopal truly is a key component of the Episcopal experience. As students learn to express themselves artistically, they develop confidence in themselves and respect for others that will serve them well as leaders of the next generation.



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- Middle School Н-
- Penniman Hall World Languages I -
- Perkins Hall Upper School I -
- Webster Refectory К-
- Visual and Performing Art Center L -

- M Baseball Field
- Field House N -
- Football and Track and Field O -
- P -Main Gym
- Phillips Gym Q -
- Softball Field R -
- Swimming Pool S -
- **Tennis** Courts Τ-

Our Campus

Episcopal School of Baton Rouge sits on more than 55 acres in the Woodland Ridge subdivision near interstate 12. Among the live oaks, the school's facilities provide modern learning spaces that remain true to the original, traditional style. The academic buildings include the new Academic Commons, which is the hub for science, technology and math education in Upper School. The athletic facilities include separate baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, a football field, a track, and a swimming pool. The campus Chapel is well known for serving as the primary gathering place for worship on campus. The Visual and Performing Arts building provides students a central location in which to explore their creativity. The campus and its facilities are intentionally designed to provide students an inspiring and peaceful atmosphere in which to learn and explore their world.

## Lower School Enrichments

Middle School Enrichments

### **ATHLETICS & INTEREST-BASED**

After School Offerings Vary by Quarter and Grade Level. Here are a few examples:

Cheer Clinic Flag Football Volleyball Tennis Girls on the Run Lego League Robotics Dissection Lab Forensic Science Crime Scene Investigation Math Club LS/MS Musical Interest Based Art Club

#### Service Based

5th Grade Acolytes PreK-4 - 5th Buddies Program Kindergarten & Senior Buddies Service Learning Morning Meeting Social Emotional Learning

## Service Groups

Student Council Student Vestry Peer Leaders

#### Athletics

Basketball (boys & girls) Flag football (5th & 6th boys) Football (7th & 8th boys) Soccer (boys & girls) Softball (girls) Swimming (boys & girls) Tennis (boys & girls) Track & Field (boys & girls) Volleyball (girls)

## **Interest Based**

Craftastic Future Problem Solving Knight Writer's Club LS/MS Musical Mathcounts Pep Squad (7th & 8th) Robotics Club Youth Legislature

Upper School Enrichments



## Athletics

Baseball (boys) Basketball (boys & girls) Cross Country (boys & girls) Football (boys) Golf (boys & girls) Gymnastics (boys & girls) Episcopal will sponsor participants Indoor/Outdoor Track (boys & girls) Powerlifting (boys & girls) Soccer (boys & girls) Socteall (girls) Swimming (boys & girls) Tennis (boys & girls) Volleyball (girls) Wrestling (boys)

#### **Publications**

Troubadour Yearbook

#### **Interest Based**

Bake Club Book Club Dance Club Fashion Club Film Club Grill Club Investor's Club Jazz Ensemble Poetry Club & Slam Poetry Team Select Choir Thespian Club

### **Spirit Organizations**

Cheerleading Drum Corps Fan Club Gold Steppers

#### Service Groups

National Honor Society Student Assembly Student Council Student Vestry

## **Competitive Clubs**

Mock Trial Mu Alpha Theta Quiz Bowl Youth Legislature & Model UN

## Cultural & Diversity Clubs

African Heritage Club French Club Honors organizations Spanish Club Spectrum





#### **Admission Office**

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## **Financial Assistance**

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