



# UPPER SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2024



The community class visits Freightliner as they apply the ideas of systems thinking to area businesses.

## STUDENT WORK EXHIBITION

Each semester, the Upper School holds a student work exhibition to showcase all the students' fabulous projects and learning.

This semester's exhibition will be on **December 17 from 6 to 8 p.m.** Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to drop in and check it out!

## OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP DATE

This year our grade 9 students will travel to the Natahala Outdoor Center for their overnight adventure. Grades 10 through 12 will travel to Washington, D.C.

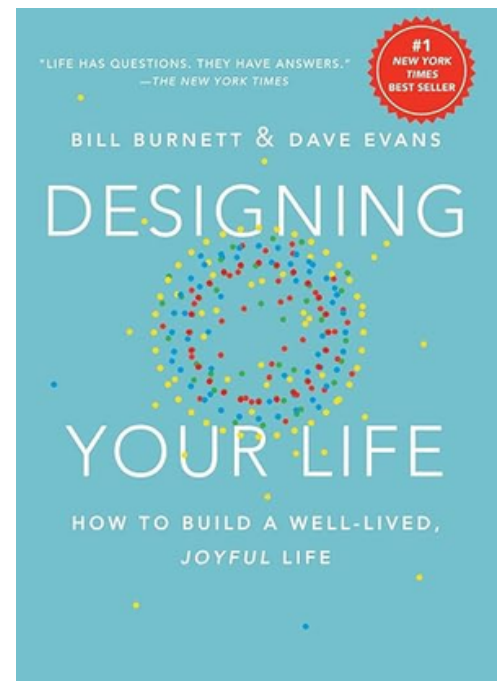
**The dates for both trips will be the last week of school, May 27 - 29.**

## DESIGNING A WELL-LIVED LIFE

Our junior and senior students have been reading Burnette & Evans' *Designing Your Life*, a book based on a Stanford course by the same name. Students are learning about the design thinking process as a way to solve problems for a specific user.

To develop their design mindset, students worked in groups to design an app for a specific user. They built on observation and interview data with the client to develop their empathy in understanding the user's needs. They then prototyped and tested various ideas. You can see the final app designs at this year's exhibition.

Next, students will apply the design mindset to their own summer or college plans as they chart forward a personal path tailored and designed to their own unique needs.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03 Liberty University Rep 12:00	04	05	06 Jr. Civitans Volunteer @ Winterfest 5-7 & 7-9 pm  Swim Meet 5:00	07 Art class puppets shown at Spencer Winterfest 5:30
08	09 Art Class to Waterworks 1:30	10 Mr. & Mrs. Ossorio Baby Shower 1:20 – 1:30	11 Art Class to Waterworks 1:30	12 To Main Campus 8:30 – 10:30 for Christmas Chapel	13 NHS Street Clean Up 1:30 – 2:30	14
15	16	17 Exhibition of Student Work 6 pm  Invite your family and friends!	18 Holiday Social 8 am  Noon dismissal	19 Winter Break Begins!	20	21

## COLLEGE COUNSELING CORNER

We continue to have visiting representatives from a variety of colleges and universities. So far this year, students have interacted with 31 schools.

All sophomores and juniors have created their individual study plans for the ACT and SAT using their PSAT scores as a guide. Encourage students to stay current on their plans.

**The ACT is March 20 and the SAT is April 16.**

Finally, FAFSA opens December 1. If you need any assistance with FAFSA, please feel free to reach out. The FAFSA is required for many of the scholarship opportunities students will apply for.