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St. Luke's Episcopal School began the school year with great momentum, setting the tone for another year of academic excellence, innovation, and achievement. We are proud of our students and faculty for their continued dedication and look forward to the accomplishments yet to come. The following highlights showcase some of the year's early successes.

Academics & The Arts

#1 Best College Prep High School in Mobile

St. Luke's is honored to be ranked the #1 Best College Prep High School in Mobile by Niche.com. This recognition affirms our commitment to rigorous academics, innovative programming, and individualized support that prepare students for success in college and life.

STEM+M Excellence (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math + Medicine)

From K2 through 12th grade, St. Luke's students experience a fully integrated STEM+M curriculum, where the defining "+M" highlights our distinctive focus on Medicine.

Five members of our faculty hold National STEM Certifications from the National Institute for STEM Education—an achievement that reflects St. Luke's ongoing commitment to innovation and academic excellence.

Our Biomedical Sciences Program provides a rigorous four-year pathway featuring seven specialized courses and one of the region's most advanced skills, simulation, and debriefing labs. The program proudly partners with 42 local businesses, five hospitals, and three colleges, and participates in 20+ medical outreach activities each year.

Recently, our Biomedical Sciences Interventions classes spent a full day at the University of South Alabama's Covey College of Allied Health Professions, engaging in hands-on learning across several disciplines, including Radiologic Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Pathology & Audiology, Biomedical Sciences, Emergency Medical Services, and Physician Assistant Studies.

Looking ahead, our Biomedical Sciences students are eagerly anticipating two of their most exciting experiences of the year—Trauma Week and Forensics Week—where they'll apply classroom learning to real-world medical simulations and investigations.

College Prep Success

The Class of 2026 continues to demonstrate exceptional academic performance, with the top 25% achieving an average ACT score of 30 and a class GPA of 3.58.

Students can earn dual enrollment credits through partnerships with the University of Alabama, Auburn University, and the University of South Alabama. Four students were recently recognized on the University of Alabama's Early College Director's List.

For the 2025 AP exam administration, 65% of Upper School students were enrolled in at least one AP course. Nineteen students earned AP Scholar distinction, completing 55 exams, with an impressive 95% earning a score of 3 or higher—a testament to their dedication and academic strength.

Performing Arts

The St. Luke's Theatre Department achieved remarkable success at the District Trumbauer Competition. For the second consecutive year, the studio piece earned both Best Ensemble and Best in Show. Individual honors included All-Star Cast recognition, Best Lead Actress, and Best Supporting Actress in a Studio Piece. In addition, our talented theatre students earned 22 Superior and 7 Excellent ratings in individual events. The department now looks ahead to competing at the State Trumbauer Festival in December.

The St. Luke's Wildcat Band also shone at the White Sands Marching Competition in Foley, AL, earning first place in their division for drum major, brass, woodwinds, color guard, auxiliary/majorette, music performance, visual performance, and overall band. They also received Superior ratings for both auxiliary and drum major for their dynamic show, "Play That Funky Music Wildcats."

Adding to their accomplishments, several Wildcat Band members have been selected to perform in the 2025 Jaguar Marching Honor Band at the University of South Alabama. On Saturday, November 22, they'll take the field at Hancock Whitney Stadium as USA faces Southern Miss—performing alongside the Jaguar Marching Band during the halftime show and in the stands before thousands of fans.

Character & Leadership Development

At St. Luke's, we are committed to developing students of strong character and compassionate leadership. From the earliest grades through graduation, our programs and traditions instill integrity, respect, responsibility, and service to others.

Honor Pledge

Each year, students in grades K2–12 participate in our Annual Honor Pledge Assemblies. Our Honor Code serves as a foundation for student conduct, guiding every aspect of school life—not just academics. It teaches students the importance of honesty, fairness, trustworthiness, and respect for others—qualities essential for future leaders. St. Luke's Honor Pledge: *"As a St. Luke's student, I will never lie, cheat, steal, intend to deceive, nor tolerate any of these acts."*

Service & Citizenship

Community service is a cornerstone of a St. Luke's education. Students are required to complete at least 80 hours of service before graduation—a milestone that reflects our belief in learning through giving. The Class of 2026 has already contributed an impressive 3,072 hours of community service. Most recently, seniors participated in a Day of Service at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Mobile.

Student Leadership Programs

St. Luke's students continue to shine as leaders in our school and community. This year, two students represented St. Luke's at Alabama Boys State and one student at Alabama Girls State, where they gained hands-on experience in civic engagement and government leadership.

We are also proud to have three Azalea Trail Maids representing both St. Luke's and the greater Mobile community with grace and service.

In addition, two students were selected for the Southwest Mobile Chamber of Commerce T.A.L.L. Program, where they will explore leadership through community engagement, business visits, and conversations with civic and elected leaders.

Five students are participating in the Crittenton Youth Ambassador Program, which provides training to mentor younger peers (ages 11–13) in service, leadership, and character development.

Finally, four students were chosen for Youth Leadership Mobile, a nine-month program that identifies and empowers high school students from diverse backgrounds across Mobile County. Through this program, students will strengthen their leadership skills, explore community issues and opportunities, and learn how to apply their talents through the lens of servant leadership.

Empowering Kindness

Our Student Support Peer Group hosted an all-girls event for grades 6–12, centered on the Finding Kind documentary—a movement dedicated to ending girl-on-girl bullying and promoting empathy, understanding, and everyday kindness.

Athletics

St. Luke's student-athletes exemplify hard work, teamwork, and leadership both on and off the field. Three athletes from the Class of 2026 were selected to compete in the AHSAA All-Star Games, and three more have already committed to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Our Volleyball Team had an outstanding season, finishing as State Runner-Up, with four players named to the AVCA 3A All-State Team.

Looking ahead, our Cross Country Teams are headed to the State Championship after remarkable sectional performances—boys placing first and girls placing second to secure their spot at State.

Community Engagement and Outreach

St. Luke's is proud to be named one of Alabama's Semiquincentennial Schools, an honor recognizing our participation in the celebration of the nation's upcoming 250th anniversary. This distinction highlights St. Luke's enduring contributions to education and its positive impact on the broader community.

As the anchor institution for the Gulf Coast STEM+M Ecosystem, St. Luke's—alongside partners including the Alabama Coastal Foundation, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Evonik, Math Circle, and the University of South Alabama School of Computing—recently hosted a region-wide, hands-on event for rising 3rd–6th graders. Students rotated through stations led by industry professionals and educators, tackling hands-on challenges across Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and Medicine.

St. Luke's also expanded its STEM+M outreach efforts through a series of STEM+M Camps, including the popular Camp Invention, which was hosted on our Lower Campus.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue celebrating service and community as we host our Annual Veterans Day events on both campuses and kick off our Pennies for Patriots service project, engaging all students from K2 through 12th grade.

Looking Ahead

This month, St. Luke's enters the re-accreditation process with the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS). The school currently holds accreditations from SAIS, Cognia, and Cognia STEM. In addition, we are pursuing National STEM Certification through the National Institute for STEM Education, a milestone that will further strengthen our commitment to innovation and excellence in teaching and learning.