

St. Luke's Episcopal School Mid Year Updates



Since our last newsletter, St. Luke's hosted the SAIS re-accreditation team with great success. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to share and showcase the many great things happening at our school. The team met with some of our students, who proudly demonstrated what makes a St. Luke's education truly exceptional. We are grateful for the chance to reflect on our growth and celebrate all that makes our school community special.

We take great pride in our students and faculty for their dedication to St. Luke's and look forward to the second half of the school year. The following highlights showcase some of our successes since our last update.

Academics & The Arts

St. Luke's hosted a Grade-Up Glimpse, giving students in K4–4th grade an exciting sneak peek into their next grade level. Students visited future classrooms, met the teachers

they'll have for the 2026–2027 school year, and took part in fun, hands-on activities that offered an engaging look at what's ahead.

Our 5th graders also visited the upper campus for a special preview of life as a 6th grader. They left excited and eager to join the “BIG” campus next year as middle school students. Also, the 5th grade finished strong in the Coastal Kids Quiz, winning money for their classroom through hard work and teamwork.

In addition, we held our annual 4th–8th Grade Spelling Bee, with the winner advancing to represent St. Luke's at the Mobile County Spelling Bee.

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

We're thrilled to announce that St. Luke's Episcopal School is one of the first schools in Alabama—and the only school in the Mobile area—to earn the National Certificate for STEM Excellence (NCSE) from the National Institute for STEM Education (NISE). This incredible honor recognizes our school-wide commitment to innovation, collaboration, and excellence in STEM+M education—from our youngest learners to our future biomedical scientists and engineers.

Our Biomedical Sciences students took part in Trauma Week, one of the program's most highly anticipated experiences. Throughout the week, students engaged in hands-on, real-world learning as they followed the full healthcare continuum—working through patient care from start to finish in an immersive, scenario-based experience unique to each year.

Students also toured Spring Hill College to learn more about its pre-health and nursing programs. In addition, Interventions in Biomedical Sciences students visited Saad's Hospice, where they toured the beautiful facilities and learned about the compassionate services provided to patients and families.

Our K5 Littles had a wonderful time visiting their 8th-grade Bigs at the upper campus to enjoy hands-on STEM+M activities.

The Robotics team competed and brought home top honors, earning the Trojan Way Award for outstanding character and sportsmanship—an honor voted on by their peers. They also captured 1st Place in Robot Performance.

College Prep Success

Our seniors are off to an incredible start! Midway through the year, the Class of 2026 has already earned an impressive \$1,345,000 in scholarship awards and submitted applications to 71 colleges and universities. We are so proud of their hard work, ambition, and bright futures ahead.

Fine and Performing Arts

St. Luke's proudly had four students accepted into the AVA All-State Choir. These students will rehearse and perform at Samford University in March, joining more than 200 talented singers from across the state for this prestigious musical experience.

Center Stage hosted its 2nd Annual Trumbauer Showcase, giving St. Luke's families the opportunity to preview competition pieces ahead of a highly successful weekend at the State Trumbauer Festival. Students competed in individual events and performed a studio piece, earning an impressive 1st place in an individual event, along with 10 Superiors and 10 Excellents, one All-Star Cast, Best Supporting Actress and Best Supporting Actor in a Studio Piece, and Best in Show for the Studio Piece.

Our K3 and K4 students took the stage for the annual Thanksgiving program. It was a joy to watch, and we're truly blessed to provide our young students with opportunities to shine in front of a crowd.

In addition, the Art Department earned 3rd place in the Annual Mobile Regional Airport Christmas Tree Decorating Contest, showcasing creativity and school spirit.

Character & Leadership Development

At St. Luke's, we continue developing students of strong character and compassionate leadership from the earliest grades through graduation.

Student Leadership Programs

Our current Azalea Trail Maids visited Chicago to participate in the Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade, proudly representing Mobile and St. Luke's. We also had three students selected as Mobile Azalea Trail Maids for the 2026–2027 school year, with one of those being chosen as the Queen, a first for St. Luke's. We couldn't be prouder of these exceptional young women and the way they represent St. Luke's and our community.

Athletics

Postseason awards continue to roll in, and we could not be more proud of our student-athletes. Their hard work, dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship have led to outstanding accomplishments both on and off the field.

St. Luke's athletes added another state runner-up finish, with both the girls' and boys' cross country teams earning a coveted red map. Two students were named Optimist Club Cross Country Runners of the Week for their outstanding performances at the Mobile County Championship, and one volleyball player earned Kiwanis Club Player of the Week honors.

In addition, five volleyball players and two cross country runners were named to the All-County Team. Five football players and five volleyball players earned spots on Lagniappe's 2A–5A All-Area Team, while two football players were recognized as Coastal Alabama 1A–7A Honorable Mentions. Three volleyball players were named to the Press-Register All-Region Team.

At the state level, one football player was named to the All-State Team, and four volleyball players earned All-State honors, including one named 3A Setter MVP. To cap off an incredible postseason, two volleyball players were recognized as Super All-State 1A–7A Honorable Mentions.

These achievements reflect the excellence, commitment, and pride of St. Luke's athletics.

Community Engagement and Outreach

St. Luke's hosted a community golf tournament to begin raising funds for a new school van, helping ensure our students can travel safely to athletic events, field trips, and community activities.

We held Veterans Day Tributes on both campuses that were heartfelt and meaningful, honoring the brave men and women who served our country. In addition, our students honored veterans through Pennies for Patriots, raising funds to support local veterans' organizations. This initiative taught valuable lessons in gratitude, generosity, and service.

Our Annual Family Thanksgiving Feast on the lower campus brought students, parents, and staff together in a joyful celebration of gratitude and community.

To show appreciation for our supportive families, we hosted a Parent Appreciation Day, handing out hot chocolate in the carpool line as a small but heartfelt thank-you for their partnership and presence.

St. Luke's K5 students enjoyed giving back at Murray House, an Episcopal Diocese-owned assisted living residence in Mobile. They brightened residents' days with sweet songs and thoughtful, handmade artwork.

The Annual Christmas Under the Oaks on the lower campus was a magical evening of family fun, filled with holiday cheer, smiling faces, and happy St. Luke's students.

Our Girl Scouts spread Christmas joy by creating handmade cards for residents of Asher Point Independent Living Community and collecting essential items to fill backpacks for young girls through the Compassion Ministry.

We spread holiday cheer across both campuses with Christmas Sing-A-Longs filled with festive music and joyful voices! These special moments brought our students together to celebrate the season and build excitement as we headed into Christmas break. A wonderful way to end the semester and share the spirit of the holidays with our St. Luke's community.

The Board of Trustees helped make the season bright by hosting a festive Christmas Mingle for faculty and staff, complete with games, good food, and meaningful time to connect and celebrate before Christmas break.

We wrapped up the year on a joyful note with a St. Luke's Alumni Christmas Party, an evening filled with holiday cheer and reconnections.