NORFOLK COLLEGIATE

2016-17
BACK-TO-SCHOOL GUIDE

NorfolkCollegiate.org
Dear Norfolk Collegiate,

Norfolk Collegiate has spent 69 years serving our students and the families of Hampton Roads, and this year promises to be one of the most exciting in the school's history. After a strong admissions season, we are welcoming 107 new students and their families to our school. We also are welcoming several new faculty members who have joined our community because they believe in serving students and engaging them in their development in and out of the classroom.

As you remember, last year an accreditation team from the Virginia Association of Independent Schools had a successful visit that resulted in our strong, unanimous re-accreditation decision by the association whose 94 members represent the strongest independent schools in the state. What made this visit especially impactful is that we used this process to develop an exciting strategic plan. We examined all of the constituency survey responses received from parents, alumni, faculty and students to identify what was important to our community. We also examined the mission of the school to ensure it reflected the new energy surrounding our program. Here is what resulted from your feedback:

**Our vision**: Innovative learning for a changing world.

**Our mission**: Norfolk Collegiate develops critical thinkers, doers and explorers through innovative, engaging instruction in an inclusive and supportive learning community.

**OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

**Academic Innovation**: Encourage innovative teaching and learning that is informed by current dialogue and research in education.

**Real-World Experience**: Create real-world learning opportunities through collaborative partnerships with organizations and institutions in our local community and beyond.

**Well-Being & Community**: Cultivate a climate of personal integrity and well-being that engenders socially conscious thinking and respectful relationships.

**Cultivation of Talent**: Attract and develop diverse, exceptionally talented faculty, administrators, and staff committed to the mission and academic initiatives of the school.

**Learning Spaces**: Update the campus master plan to reflect the quality and value of our innovative program.

**Decades to come**: Secure a vibrant and financially sustainable future.

You will be hearing much more about the plan, our initial work and our collective vision for the future throughout the school year. In the meantime, please enjoy the last remaining days of summer holiday. I look forward to seeing you and our students on campus soon.

Sincerely

Scott G. Kennedy
Headmaster
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ALL PARENTS

☐ Return Emergency Information Verification Form to appropriate school office by Aug. 25

☐ Review Parent-Student Guide posted on Norfolk Collegiate’s website

☐ Submit birth certificates for all new students to the Admissions Office before the first day of school, Aug. 25. Lower school parents may leave a copy of the certificate at the lower school office.

LOWER SCHOOL

☐ Purchase supplies (listed on Norfolk Collegiate’s website)

☐ Submit updated immunization records (for all students) to school office before the first day of school, Aug. 25

☐ Attend new student and parent orientations on Aug. 24

☐ Bring school materials to set up desks and cubbies during Open House for returning students on Aug. 24

☐ Label student’s name in books and other school materials

☐ Submit application for Extended Care Program, if applicable

MIDDLE SCHOOL

☐ Plan to attend locker setup social Aug. 23 from 4-5:30 p.m. or Aug. 24 from 2:30-4 p.m. 
Note: Middle school students should not purchase a lock as they will be issued one.

☐ Attend new student and parent orientations on Aug. 24

☐ Purchase supplies (list on Norfolk Collegiate’s website)

☐ Grade 6: Return Tdap immunization record to school office before first day of school on Aug. 25

MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL

☐ Purchase books (listed on Norfolk Collegiate’s website)

☐ Label student’s name in books, calculators, and (highly recommended) clothing

☐ Purchase lock for locker from school store (upper school students only)

☐ Purchase PE uniform or Collegiate shorts and T-shirt from school store; put student’s name on front

☐ Attend parent orientation on Aug. 24, which is for ALL parents of freshmen and parents new to Collegiate.

☐ Athletes: Review Athletic Handbook
   Submit Norfolk Collegiate Athletic Physical Form before first day of practice
   Check Norfolk Collegiate website for first day of athletic practice
   Purchase, if needed, appropriate athletic gear, e.g. mouth guards, cleats
# Important Dates 2016-17

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SERVICES
Extended Care For Lower School Students: Extended Care is available from 7–8 a.m. and 3–6 p.m. every day school is in session, as well as teacher work days, parent-teacher conference days and faculty in-service days. Before school care: daily $6 and weekly $30; after care: daily $18. Faculty in-service days, hours 7 a.m.– 6 p.m.: $50 (does not include lunch). Half days and early dismissal days, dismissing at 1 p.m. is $25 and 11 a.m. is $35 (does not include lunch). You are only charged for days that your child attends the Extended Care Program. The extended care application is available online. Contact Alex Bartlett, director of auxiliary programs, at 757.626.1820 or abartlett@norfolkcollegiate.org with any questions you may have.

Billing, Student Accounts and Transportation: The business office is your main point of contact for questions about financial aid, payment plans and transportation. Norfolk Collegiate provides bus transportation from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. Contact Carleton Bryant III at 757.583.0919 for transportation questions and LaTonya Hunter with any questions or concerns regarding billing and student accounts at 757.282.5313.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS
NorfolkCollegiate.org: The website is a great source of school news and scheduled events.

Parent-Student Guide: The 2016-17 Parent-Student Guide details important policies on many aspects of school life, as well as useful information on a wide variety of topics. Students are responsible for adhering to the policy, so it is important that they, as well as their parents, understand this guide.

School Directory: The 2016-17 School Directory provides contact information for all faculty, staff, departments and current students. This directory is available on the website under the parent portal.

Oak Connection: This e-newsletter is emailed to parents of K-12 students during the school year and includes feature stories, news items, upcoming events and parent notices.

The Collegiate: Year in Review Magazine: The magazine chronicles the events and happenings that occurred over the past year and highlights the achievements of our Norfolk Collegiate community.

Division-Specific Communications: Each division and head of school will communicate throughout the year with newsletters, blogs, student publications and more.
NetClassroom: Grades K-12 utilize this web-based program to post grades and assignments and facilitates communication between teachers, students and parents. To access NetClassroom, visit NorfolkCollegiate.org and click the login button. For login information, questions and technical support, please contact Bev Shore at 757.480.2885, ext. 1147, or email at bshore@norfolkcollegiate.org.

**SPECIAL EVENTS & WHERE TO FIND THEM**

**Parents’ Night:** You’ll hear first-hand about progress on our strategic plan and school-wide enhancements, followed by opportunities to visit your child’s classroom and talk with teachers. The lower school Parents’ Night is Sept. 1, at 7 p.m., and the middle and upper school Parents’ Night is Sept. 8, at 7 p.m.

**School Calendar:** The school calendar is an excellent guide to 2016-17 school year activities and opportunities to get involved with the community. The printed calendar is mirrored by an electronic version at NorfolkCollegiate.org/Calendar, which has additional details including specific times, locations and contact information and is updated throughout the year.

**Social Media:** The school uses Facebook and Twitter to remind parents and students of upcoming events. Follow us at Facebook.com/NorfolkCollegiateSchool and Twitter.com/NrflkCollegiate.

**School Closures:** If the school should need to close due to inclement weather or for an unforeseen emergency, the school will communicate with parents via phone, email and text, as well as post it on the homepage of our website, on Facebook and Twitter. In the event of inclement weather closures, notices will also be posted on the closure scrolls on local news stations.

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**Contacts at a Glance**

**ADMISSIONS**
- Mary Peccie, Director of Admissions
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- John Bain, Middle & Upper School
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  E: jbain@norfolkcollegiate.org | P: 757.282.5300
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- Alex Bartlett, Director of Auxiliary Programs
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- Helen Younce, Upper School Counselor
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**ATTENDANCE HOTLINE**
P: 757.282.5317

**BUSINESS OFFICE**
P: 757.583.0919

**DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**
P: 757.480.2348
Dear Parents,

I would like to begin by welcoming all our new families to Norfolk Collegiate and say welcome home to our returning families.

Here is to a year of possibilities! A year filled with words such as “Why,” “Why not?” and “What if?” A year that will be spent pushing intellectual boundaries and creative horizons, be it in our classrooms or on the playground. Our lower school faculty and staff will spend the next 365 days striving to inspire and embolden your child socially, emotionally and academically.

We — students, teachers and administration — are a learning community here at Norfolk Collegiate. All of us strive to bestow our mighty Oaks the utmost quality of instruction based on best practices and proven research. Our faculty works diligently to provide a respectful, responsible and safe learning environment where your child can thrive and become an autonomous thinker and creator.

However, to inspire and promote this high level of inquisitiveness and determination, we need your assistance. In order to begin this new adventure together, we need you to be an integral part of the partnership. Your involvement is a key component to a successful school year. We welcome your assistance — be it with volunteering on field trips, being a mystery reader, assisting with homework and test readiness or working in classrooms — the possibilities go on. Please let us know of ways you would like to become involved in our school family. We truly value this shared responsibility and welcome your positive and productive suggestions and input. We want this to be a year of growth for our entire Oak community.

It remains an honor and privilege to serve you as head of the lower school. I welcome your positive energy, ideas and enthusiasm as we work together to create another dynamic year of doing, exploring and thinking together. Noted author and civil rights activist Pearl S. Buck once stated, “All things are possible until they are proven impossible.” Let’s commit to doing the impossible together!

Go Oaks,

Cleteus Smith
Head of Lower School
Kathryn Calzini, fourth-grade teacher

Kathryn Calzini, who worked at Collegiate from 2008-11, considers Collegiate one of her favorite places to work and is thrilled to be returning to teach fourth grade. Calzini is rejoining us after spending a few years at Forsyth Country Day School in North Carolina. Calzini, who has an extensive background in literacy and math, is motivated by her love of collaboration and teaching children. She holds a bachelor’s from Duke University, a Master of Education from Lesley College and a Master of Library Science with a certification in school media from the University of Maryland. Welcome back, Kathryn.

Lauren Langley, third-grade teacher

As a graduate of Cape Henry Collegiate School, Lauren Langley knows the independent school system well. Before joining us, she worked at Cooke Elementary and Hermitage Elementary where she taught a diverse population of transient and military students while helping to build beneficial relations with parents. She was the lead second-grade teacher at Cooke and served as grade-level chairperson on the Principal’s Advisory Committee. Her hard work and love for teaching will be a great addition to our lower school community. Outside of teaching, Langley runs marathons, plays the violin and enjoys yoga.
Dear Middle School Families,

Like most of you, the middle school faculty and staff have spent the summer catching up with friends and enjoying some leisure time. We have also taken this time to read, reflect and to develop additional skills to bring to our students this coming year. As is true of any vibrant faculty and staff, we are lifelong learners as well as teachers and mentors. We are all partners in the teaching and learning endeavor.

Because I am new to our middle school, I invited each faculty member to stop in to chat for about an hour. It has been a wonderful opportunity for me to get to know everyone far better than I did when I was in the Admissions Office. I can say with complete conviction that the knowledge and enthusiasm shown by all of our teachers for their subjects is extraordinary. Of equal importance is their understanding and commitment to the distinct aspects of being a middle school student. To the person, our faculty recognizes that the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development during the middle school years presents a challenge that is unique to each youngster. As such, we will know who your youngster is today as well as whom he or she is striving to become. With this in mind, we will guide them and “stretch” them on their journey to becoming solid young adults.

As an independent school educator with decades of experience I will share with you my two guiding principles for all ages and in all situations.

Relationships that have respect and kindness at the center are healthy and safe. Within the context of these two values we can safely share our unique experiences, be confident enough to take risks and thus be free to learn and grow. Said another way, respect for the rights, the feelings and the beliefs of others will be the hallmark of the middle school at Norfolk Collegiate.

If you or your children have any questions please feel free to contact me at school.

Once again, welcome! I am honored to call each of you a fellow Oak!

My very best regards,

Susan C. Bryant
Interim Head of Middle School
Jill Archer, English teacher

Jill Archer considers her love for teaching and working with students the best part of her. She is happiest when students make new connections and have the “Aha!” moments of learning. She taught at Osbourn High School in Manassas for 11 years as an English teacher before becoming the literacy instructional coach and reading specialist. Archer holds a master’s from George Mason University and a bachelor’s from Old Dominion University.

Christopher Hairr, math and science teacher

Our new middle school science teacher Christopher Hairr is thrilled to share his love for chemistry with our students this school year. Hairr holds a bachelor’s in chemistry from Christopher Newport University and a bachelor’s in history from Virginia Polytechnic Institution and State University. He has served as a chemist for the Food and Drug Administration and helped to develop innovative methods for teaching at Denbigh Baptist Christian School in Newport News.
Dear Upper School Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff, welcome to the 2016-17 school year! We look forward to having our students back on campus in just a few short weeks. While the summer has offered time to reflect on the past school year and plan for the year ahead, we’ve missed our students’ energy and enthusiasm in the halls, which have been too quiet without them.

From the first day of freshman year to the moment our students walk across the stage at graduation, their experience in our upper school provides opportunities for academic and personal growth. Students begin our program as adolescents and leave us as young men and women. Our dedicated faculty are committed to guiding and supporting our students as they take on new challenges during this important and formative time in their development.

These four years hold much change in the lives of our students as they develop into critical thinkers and doers, begin to determine what they may want to do next in life, and contemplate their place in the world. It is an exciting, sometimes confusing and often challenging time in their lives. As such, every member of our upper school faculty, staff and administration is invested in helping each student find the path that best reflects his or her own individual strengths and interests. While our destination is the same—helping our students grow into young men and women of character and substance—the path each student takes to get there is, and should be, uniquely their own.

Our learning community allows our students to explore their interests and challenge themselves in a variety of ways. From our AP Capstone program, to our senior project or new MakerLabs, Norfolk Collegiate helps our students develop as independent thinkers and problem solvers. We help them develop their individual identity, while preparing them for an increasingly globally connected and team-oriented work force. Our academic program not only prepares our students to perform at a high level, but it also teaches them the value in making meaningful contributions to whatever community they are a part.

The 2016-17 school year will be filled with outstanding faculty who will challenge our students to be their best selves and to learn from their successes and their stumbles; students who will work to meet those challenges and who can expect us to guide and support them; and a community where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. We are a Collegiate family. As with any family, we are filled with many different personalities, perspectives, opinions and life experiences. As we look to the year ahead, we will see the best in each other, hope the best for each other and make time to find joy and laughter along the way. I look forward to our work together.

Go Oaks!

Anne Claud Claywell '88
Interim Head of Upper School
Jeremy Alessi, computer science teacher

Jeremy Alessi is a software entrepreneur with nearly 20 years experience in the business and development of games, Bitcoin options, and everything in between. He is the founder and CEO of Midnight Status, a consulting, app development, advertisement and web development company. For the past two years, Alessi has been mentor to Norfolk Collegiate’s Dev Team, a video game and app development after-school initiative in our upper school, and he has led many camps at Collegiate’s Summer Under the Oaks over the years. Jeremy is married to Norfolk Collegiate graduate Hillary Willson Alessi ’00 and is delighted to be teaching Introduction to Computer Science at his wife’s alma mater.

Paul Behson, math teacher

Behson is thrilled to join our upper school division to teach Algebra I and II and Introduction to Calculus. He holds a Master of Education with a concentration in mathematics from the University of Virginia and a bachelor’s in electrical engineering from Old Dominion University. Behson is passionate about technology, math and physics and hopes to share that passion with our students. He recently taught at Princess Anne High School where he served as the varsity tennis coach and school webmaster.

Aaron Gregory, history teacher

Aaron Gregory has more than five years of experience in the independent school system teaching World History, A.P. U.S. History, government and politics. He joins us from Fork Union Military Academy where Gregory helped to develop a digital citizenship curriculum to improve collaboration across the school’s curriculum. He also taught within a 1:1 laptop environment to produce versatile learning. Outside of the classroom, Gregory coaches basketball and serves as a media spokesperson and a web publisher for Virginia Independent School’s Athletic Association. He holds a bachelor’s and master’s from The College of William & Mary. Gregory also is an avid piano player who uses his talents to teach others for relaxation.
James Moskowitz, social studies teacher

James Moskowitz is a passionate scholar who believes in cultivating a classroom where learning becomes expressive and interactive. He is driven by the opportunity to be creative and to promote students’ academic growth. With a bachelor’s in government and a master’s in political science, Moskowitz is ready to make history come to life for our upper school students. In his spare time, Moskowitz is a coach and the managing editor of Perspectives on Politics, a flagship journal of the American Political Science Association published by Cambridge University Press. In his spare time, he enjoys coaching tennis at Cape Henry Racquet Center and chasing his toddlers, Michael and Louise, everywhere they go.

Henry Meredith ’11, computer science teacher

Henry Meredith ’11 is excited to be returning to Norfolk Collegiate in his role co-teaching Introduction to Computer Science in the upper school alongside Jeremy Alessi. Upon graduating as valedictorian from Virginia Military Institute in 2015, Henry joined Midnight Status as a game developer. He is experienced in Agile Methodologies, web development and video game design.

Amy Robb, English teacher

Amy Robb is sure to teach our upper school students the fundamentals as our new English Literature teacher. Having taught at Tidewater Community College for the past five years and at Kellam High School prior to that, she is skilled in motivating, involving and leading students to achieve classroom goals. Her well-balanced educational experience and exposure will be a great addition to the Collegiate family. Outside of teaching, Robb loves everything outdoors from spending time hiking to sightseeing, yet more importantly, she loves to read.

Ian Robinson, strings teacher

Having played the cello for more than 20 years, Robinson is eager to share his passion for music with our students. He previously taught middle and high school students at the Hampton Roads Chamber Players and the Academy of Music in Norfolk. Robinson holds a bachelor’s in cello performance from Indiana University and two master’s degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music. One interesting fact about Robinson is that he was a childhood actor who appeared in commercials for Life® Cereal and Sears®. He later used the money from the commercials to purchase his first cello.
Helen Younce, upper school counselor

Helen Younce has joined the Norfolk Collegiate family as our new upper school counselor. Younce holds a Master of Education in agency counseling from the College of William & Mary and a bachelor’s in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She recently served as the director of auxiliary programs at Norfolk Academy where she also taught fifth grade. She enjoys spending time with her family, especially bonding with her daughters.

Anne Claywell ’88, interim head of upper school

Anne Claywell ’88, former director of academic advising and counseling, is serving as the interim head of the upper school. With Claywell’s expertise in education and counseling and her ties to this community, she is well-suited to lead our upper school. During her 13-year tenure at Collegiate, Claywell has developed a deep understanding of all aspects of the upper school and is working to ensure a smooth launch of the 2016-17 school year.

Sue Bryant, interim head of middle school

Sue Bryant is returning to Collegiate to serve as the interim head of the middle school. Bryant is a familiar face to many of our families, having served as interim director of admissions during the 2014-15 school year and as head coach of our varsity golf team for the past few years. She has more than 40 years of experience in educational leadership, and we are very excited to have her on board in our middle school.

Administration
Dear Parents and Student-Athletes,

While summer winds down from vacation, the activity level in the Norfolk Collegiate athletic department is on the rise. Tryouts are being planned and competition schedules are being made. This enthusiasm is just how Assistant Athletic Director Taylor Kelly and I like it. Each of us misses the sound of shoes squeaking on the courts and balls being hit or kicked on our turf fields.

Last school year, our mighty Oaks delivered a very successful athletic year. Our teams, as well as individual athletes, received numerous accolades and titles, including TCIS championships in sailing, boys’ basketball and girls’ soccer. We also saw two state runner-up teams for boys’ tennis and girls’ soccer. Last year’s success has provided a great launching pad for this coming athletic year, and we are excited to see what is in store for our competing Oaks in 2016-17.

To get things started, our fall season tryouts are right around the corner. We’ve grouped our sports teams in three levels and our fall sports include boys’ soccer, girls’ tennis, girls’ volleyball, girls’ field hockey, co-ed cross country and co-ed sailing. Choose your sport and come tryout:

- Monday, Aug. 15: Varsity tryouts for athletes in grades 8-12
- Monday, Aug. 22: Junior varsity tryouts for athletes in grades 6-10
- Tuesday, Aug. 30: Middle school tryouts for grades 6-8

As we approach tryouts and the athletic year, it is imperative that all student-athletes have a current sports physical on file. Before any student-athlete can train there must be a valid sports physical on file with our athletic trainer Justin Seligman. Physical forms can be downloaded from the athletic page of the school website. If you have any questions regarding the physicals, please contact Justin Seligman at Justin_Seligman@bshsi.org.

Please plan on attending our Fall Athletic Middle and Upper School Orientation Night on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at 7 p.m. in the Watt-Baker Gymnasium. We will give an overview of our school’s athletic philosophy as well as information on the Oaks athletic programs. All student-athletes and their parents are encouraged to attend.

We look forward to seeing our returning students as well as some fresh faces as we start our new athletic year.

Go Oaks!

Sincerely,

Jon Hall
Director of Athletics
Stay Informed

We have several systems in place to keep our student-athletes and fans up to date on athletic events.

1 The athletic calendar available online at NorfolkCollegiate.org/Athletics/Athletic-Calendar provides detailed season schedules for each sports team.

2 The team pages also provide up-to-date season sports scores at NorfolkCollegiate.org/Athletics/Team-Pages.

3 The school uses Facebook, Twitter, our website and voicemail alerts to communicate last-minute changes, such as weather cancelations.

4 Athletic updates can be found in the Oaks in Action blog at ncsathletics.wordpress.com, in the Oak Connection and on the school’s social media outlets.
With the support of our donors during the 2016 Annual Auction, our Fund-An-Item raised $25,050 to create community hubs for innovation and hands-on learning at Norfolk Collegiate. These spaces, known as MakerLabs, are places to reinvent old ideas with new conceptual frameworks, utilize advancements in thinking and doing, and investigate and construct a hybrid of fine arts, sciences, crafts, industrial technologies, inventions, textiles, digital media, upcycling, STEAM and D-I-Y concepts. Each MakerLab is outfitted with a unique set of developmentally suitable tools and materials to promote flexibility and opportunity in student projects.

“The general concept of a MakerLab is a physical location where students gather to share resources and knowledge and work on projects within a school setting,” said Brendan Hoyle, coordinator of maker education, who is heading up the spaces with science teachers Claire Fornsel, Melissa Silverman and information technology integration specialist Kathy Windley.

The MakerLab will function under the model of inquiry-based learning and will allow students the opportunity to solve problems, work on projects that they identify with and are passionate about exploring. Students will be tasked to ask their own questions and seek their own answers with the MakerLab’s tools and materials serving as enablers on their quest.

“These students will be connecting the dots in their studies by building things that support their ideas about what they are learning,” Hoyle said. “Each division’s MakerLab will have aspects that will be primary focal points, including robotics, coding and basic programming in the lower school; Destination Imagination and related projects in the middle school; and larger team and individual projects in the upper school.”
**WHY VOLUNTEER?**

As a nonprofit, Norfolk Collegiate is focused on using our resources wisely. As such, we rely on the generosity of volunteers to help us meet our goals. It's also a great way to...

- Become involved in the school community;
- Build relationships with your children's teachers and friends' parents;
- Use your talents;
- Feel good about giving back

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**MAKE YOUR IMPACT**

SUPPORT FOR NORFOLK COLLEGIATE COMES IN MANY FORMS.

Whether you’re looking to volunteer in the classroom or to assist with special events, there are many ways to leave your mark at Collegiate. If you would like to talk to someone about additional ways to volunteer, please contact Parent Relations Coordinator Rita Frankenberry at rfrankenberry@norfolkcollegiate.org. Here are some ways:

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**LIBRARY**

Lend a hand at the lower school library. Contact librarian Mary Creekmore at mcreekmore@norfolkcollegiate.org.

**ART EVENTS**

Help exhibit student artwork in the hallways or assist in the classroom by contacting lower school art teacher Melinda Vooss at mvooss@norfolkcollegiate.org.

**SCHOOL STORE**

Lend a hand at the school store on both campuses by contacting Jackie Burke at jburke@norfolkcollegiate.org.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

Lend your talents during our Fall Fair, Annual Auction or Golf Classic by contacting Kate Pringle at kpringle@norfolkcollegiate.org.

**CONCESSIONS**

Help keep our cheering crowds hydrated and full by selling concessions during basketball games by contacting Jon Hall at jhall@norfolkcollegiate.org.
Every year brings new opportunities for our students and faculty to pursue new ideas to enrich their learning. Through Norfolk Collegiate’s Annual Fund, you can help make an impact. The Annual Fund is a yearly campaign to raise unrestricted gifts to bridge the gap between tuition and the true cost to educate each student. It’s fueled entirely by support from alumni, parents, faculty, staff, friends and students passionate about the value of a Norfolk Collegiate education.

A Tradition of Giving

For nearly seven decades, parents, grandparents, alumni, trustees, faculty and friends have generously supported Norfolk Collegiate. We are grateful to those who have believed in our vision for the school and supported us throughout the years. Your gifts also help to provide the best teachers, educational resources and facilities. Most importantly, your gifts have a lifetime impact on our students. Below are some ways in which you can give to Norfolk Collegiate.

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**Did you know that...**

- $150 will purchase an iPad® tripod and mount for student video production
- $379 will purchase an iPad® Air 2 for a lower school classroom
- $500 will fund a middle school field trip to the Casemate Museum at Fort Monroe to study the history of Virginia and the U.S. from the colonial period to the 20th century.
- $2,500 will purchase a college-level library database subscription for upper school student research

These are just a few ways that the Annual Fund enhances our students’ experience. Together, let’s put the right resources in place and watch them thrive!
We host special events throughout the year. All proceeds from our events directly support the Annual Fund. We encourage you to join an event committee. It is a great way to meet new parents, help the school make connections to the community and it’s fun!

- Annual Auction: April 29, 2017
- Golf Classic: June 13, 2017

**Annual Special Events Sponsorship**

There are a vast number of opportunities for organizations to maximize their investment in Norfolk Collegiate. Donors have the opportunity to sponsor annually, make a one-time donation, or customize an ongoing donation. Marketing, advertising, branding and recognition will be based upon your donation plan. If your company chooses to donate time and/or in-kind donations, we can work with you to create a sponsorship rewards package that is right for you.

By investing in the special events offered at Norfolk Collegiate, your company will have the opportunity to interact with and engage our school community members in a variety of ways.

Please contact Kate Pringle, Annual Fund and special events manager, at kpringle@norfolkcollegiate.org to learn more.

**Designated Giving Initiatives**

- Booster Club (Athletics)
- Library Fund (Birthday Book)
- Endowment and Planned Gifts
- Scholarship Funds
- Take-a-Seat Campaign (Center for the Arts)

**Community Partner Programs**

There are many ways to support Norfolk Collegiate while you shop, such as:

- AmazonSmile
- Box Tops 4 Education
- Campbell’s Labels for Education
- The Farm Fresh 123-4 Program
- Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to Norfolk Collegiate
- Target’s Take Charge of Education Program
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