

# ELITE ACADEMY

“Better together”

## ESY REMINDERS TO PARENTS

### \* Falcon Fridays

Every Friday during ESY, we fill up our pools and break out the waterslide for supervised water play.

On these days we kindly ask that student’s bring swimsuits, sunscreen, a towel, and/or a full change of clothes.

### \* Bike Riding

Another fun-in-the-sun activity is bike riding! During ESY, students have been riding bikes on campus. Bike safety is paramount. Our students have demonstrated incredible care and safety with the bikes, with some even able to make their own repairs – with staff assistance of course!

### \* Field Trips

Elementary students have field trips on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Upper School students go on trips on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please call the school before bringing your child in after 9:00 AM; if staff has left, guardians must transport their child to the designated location.

Extended School Year

## Otter-ly Amazing Scavenger Hunt

In June, our students went on an otter-tastic adventure, joining *Fredericksburg’s Otter-ly Amazing Scavenger Hunt!* Armed with maps and clever clues, they tracked down local river otter sculptures which link the Rappahannock River and Riverfront Park to the Downtown Business District.

This project was like a magical map urging our students to explore downtown, leading them to Riverfront Park, Hurkamp Park, and other historical gems in Fredericksburg.

But wait, there’s more! The real kicker? This project is a hometown hero, crafted with love by our very own local artists and businesses! The sculptures, artwork, website, and even the hints are homegrown masterpieces.

For those who weren’t able to participate, the maps and hints are attached to this newsletter message so you can set off on your own adventures!



Helpful Information

## Update Student Information for the Upcoming School Year

Please keep an eye out for an email regarding the update of student information.

As the new school year draws near, we respectfully request that all guardians log into Gradelink to review the existing information and make any necessary updates.



Academic Feature

## Independence Day

Independence Day in America is celebrated every year on July 4th. It's a special day because it marks the anniversary of when the United States declared its independence from Great Britain in 1776. Before that, the 13 American colonies were under British rule, and they wanted to be free to make their own decisions. So, they wrote the Declaration of Independence, which is like a big announcement saying they wanted to be their own country.

On July 4th, people all across America celebrate this important day with lots of fun activities. Families and friends often have barbecues and picnics with delicious foods like hot dogs, hamburgers, and corn on the cob. Many people enjoy watching parades, where you can see marching bands, colorful floats, and sometimes even people dressed up as historical figures like George Washington.

One of the most exciting parts of Independence Day is the fireworks. As soon as it gets dark, the sky lights up with bright and colorful explosions. People gather in parks or their backyards to watch the fireworks and celebrate their freedom. It's a day filled with fun, family, and a lot of red, white, and blue to show pride in being American!

## Mandatory Immunizations

All incoming 7th and 12th graders must have their immunizations updated and provided to Elite Academy **PRIOR** to the start of school on **August 10**.

### Requirements for Rising 7th Graders:

- ✓ A booster dose of the Tdap vaccine
- ✓ The Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) vaccine
- ✓ The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine

### Requirements for Rising 12th Graders:

- ✓ The Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY) vaccine



Reminder

## Important Dates

- July 24            Last day of ESY
- August 10        First Day of School

