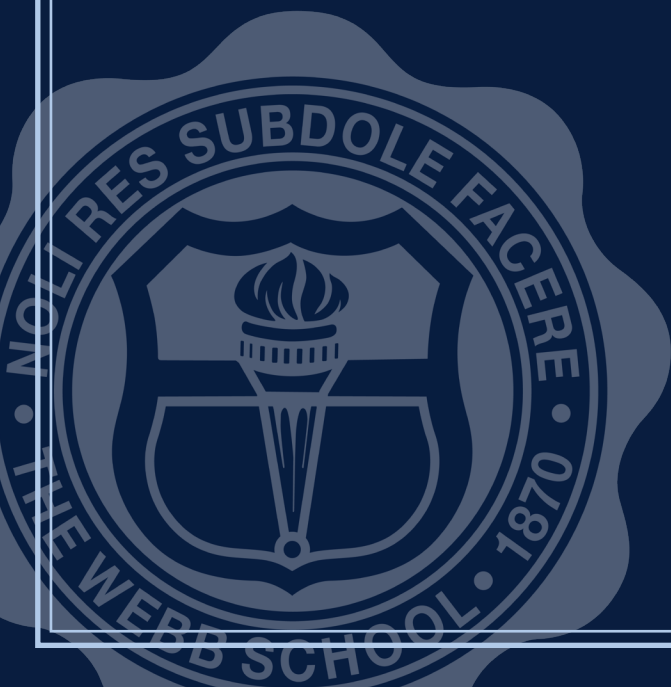


THE WEBB SCHOOL
BELL BUCKLE

Family Guidebook

2025-2026





Noli Res Subdole Facere

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ABOUT THIS GUIDEBOOK

The Office of Alumni & Development is delighted to provide you with this short guidebook highlighting the family experience. This guidebook serves as an overview of the School and family activities.

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Centrally located
but a world
away, The Webb
School is nestled
on *150 picturesque
acres* in Middle
Tennessee
between
Nashville and
Chattanooga.

40%

STUDENTS
OF COLOR



25

COUNTRIES
REPRESENTED



12

STATES
REPRESENTED



424

BELL BUCKLE
POPULATION

**All numbers are from the
2024-2025 academic year*



Middle School

Approximately 120*
students in Grades 6-8

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:
12-15

Total Student Body

APPROX. 420 STUDENTS*

13:1 STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO

Upper School

Approximately 300*
students in Grades 9-12

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE:
15-18



Class Years

GRADE 6 Class of 2032

GRADE 7 Class of 2031

GRADE 8 Class of 2030

GRADE 9 Class of 2029

GRADE 10 Class of 2028

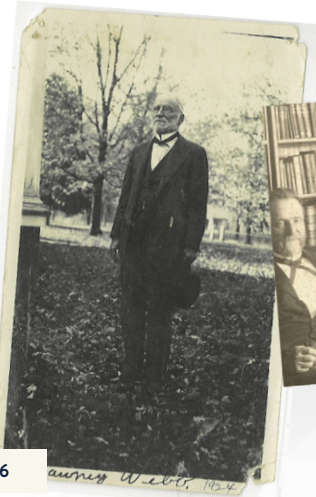
GRADE 11 Class of 2027

GRADE 12 Class of 2026

Founded in 1870 by former United States senator and noted educator, William R. “Sawney” Webb, The Webb School of Bell Buckle, Tennessee, is the South’s oldest continuously operating co-ed boarding and day school.

OUR MISSION

“To turn out young people who are tireless workers, and who know how to work effectively; who are accurate scholars; who know the finer points of morals and practice them in their daily living; who are always courteous.”



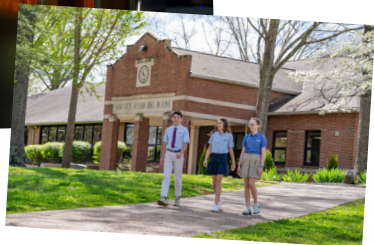


OUR MOTTO

Noli Res Subdole Facere

Do Nothing On The Sly

Adapted from The Honor Code, The Webb School motto encompasses the understanding that all Webb community members are expected to hold themselves and others to the highest standards of personal integrity.



OUR VALUES

What We Believe

The Webb School faculty endorses these enduring understandings.

These beliefs are the foundation of our curriculum and all that we stand for.

Integrity is a cornerstone of a flourishing life and community.

Self-Discipline and autonomy are essential to success.

Learning is an enjoyable and ongoing process.

Each person has unique gifts and capacities and a **responsibility** to develop them.

Respect for self and others is essential to a harmonious society.

Each person shares the responsibility and honor of **serving others**.

School Organization

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Supports and furthers Webb's mission and vision for the future; responsible for big picture (not daily) operations.
- Stewards the School finances with fiduciary oversight of Webb's budget and investments to ensure long-term viability.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

- Responsible for daily School operations and oversight of School finances; reports to the Board.
- Partners with the Board to articulate Webb's vision for the future.
- The Head of School is the Board's only "employee."

2025-2026 Board of Trustees

Farrar Vaughan '95, P '18, *Board Chair*

Chase Spurlock '05, *Vice Chair*

Ashley Anderson P '24

Michael Babineau '02

Keith Barton '75

Ben Blakeley '93

David Brown P '22, '24, '29

Hudson Byrd '05

Drew Carrington '83

Evan Cope '94, P '32, '32

Rob Gardner '72

Liza Palmer Gipson '99

Bill Hardin '79, P '15

Jeffrey Howard P '25

Matt Layman '03, P '32

Joe Mooney '83

Gwen Jones Owen '75

Sandi Jobe Puett '95

John Rogers Roberts '06

Melora Turner '80

Jeff Whorley '79

David Wiley '73

Lee Woosley '79

'P' indicates Parent of Webb alumnus/a or current student



LEADERSHIP TEAM

- School employees who provide leadership and management expertise for key areas including academics, admissions, athletics, communications, curriculum, finance, fundraising, marketing, student and residential life and strategic priorities.
- Assists the Head of School in managing operational issues, achieving strategic goals and setting the School climate.

FACULTY & STAFF

- Bring expertise and energy to shape the academic program and Webb experience.
- Partner with families to ensure each child's success.

PARENTS

- Partner with faculty and staff to ensure their child's success.
- Support the School and its mission through annual giving to The Webb Fund and other fundraising priorities.
- Actively participate in promoting family fellowship through the Webb School Parents' Association (WSPA).
- Serve as ambassadors for Webb within their community, helping to attract mission-appropriate and qualified students.

Webb Branding



Shop Spirit Gear

Show your Webb Pride with spirit wear for the whole family.
Webb-themed clothing and accessories can be purchased online at

WWW.BKSTR.COM/WEBBSCHOOLSTORE

THE WEBB SCHOOL

BELL BUCKLE

THE SCHOOL LOGO

This is the official logo of The Webb School. It is intended to be used on all official communications on behalf of the School. The primary mark includes “Bell Buckle” to identify and differentiate The Webb School from The Webb Schools - Claremont and Webb School of Knoxville.

THE SEAL



The Webb seal is the signature mark of the Webb brand. It features several elements: the Motto, the Shield and the Torch. Our motto, “Noli Res Subdole Facere,” graces the top arc. It generally translates to “Do Nothing on the Sly.” The Shield and Torch represent the tools a student carries into the world as a servant leader to humanity. The “Shield of truth and honor” is also represented in our School song *Integer Vitae*.



THE POWER W

The Webb Athletics ‘W’, also referred to as the “Power W,” is the primary logo used by Athletics.



THE FOOT

The Foot, drawn by Class of 1974 alumnus Casey Jones, is the official Webb School mascot. The Foot is our mascot across our entire community.

PRIMARY SCHOOL COLORS



Webb Blue



Webb Gold

Glossary of Terms and Traditions

THE WEBB FUND

The Webb Fund provides resources beyond tuition that support all areas of the School and benefit all students in the academic year the funds are donated. This is the School's top fundraising priority each year.



SENIOR BLAZER DAY

Every year, during the week of founder Sawney Webb's birthday in November, there is a ceremony on campus in which every Webb Senior is presented with their blazer. Members of The Webb School Alumni Board participate in the ceremony.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

This Webb School holiday tradition began in the 1980s and is modeled after the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College, Cambridge. It takes place in Follin Chapel on the second Thursday of December annually.

BELLES AND BUCKLES GALA

A primary fundraising event for the Webb School Parents' Association (WSPA), money raised through the sale of tickets and sponsorships directly benefits our students, faculty, staff and campus.

EMERGING VOICES PROGRAM

- Declamation - Sixth through ninth graders present a declamation, a memorized piece of literature with an original introduction written by the performer.
- Oration - Tenth graders present an oration, a memorized original statement of belief.
- Junior Project - Eleventh graders complete a creative project and show the process and the product.
- Senior Symposium - Twelfth graders complete a capstone research presentation.

HONOR CODE

Summarized by the phrase “I will not lie, cheat, or steal,” The Honor Code forms the foundation upon which character is built. Each year, all students at Webb sign a pledge book affirming their intention to follow that code. Students continually commit to The Honor Code by writing the following on all tests and assignments:

I pledge my word of honor as a Webb lady/gentleman that I have neither given nor received any help on this test/quiz/assignment/project.

Webb alumni Charles Ottley and James Brodnax, Class of 1889, were instrumental in developing the Honor System at Princeton University.

HONOR COUNCIL

The oldest student organization on campus, students are elected to the Honor Council annually by their classmates. Honor Council members are responsible not only for upholding The Honor Code through personal example but also for educating the student body in the finer points of honorable behavior. The Honor Council investigates violations of The Honor Code and recommends penalties for offenders to the Head of School.

INTEGER VITAE

The School’s alma mater, which means “an upright or blameless life.”

PREMISE PLEDGE

Every student signs a book, pledging, “I will be on my proper premise when the curfew bell tolls at night.” “Being on my proper premise” represents a commitment to uphold agreements made with others and to honor the standards of the community.

DEMERIT

A demerit equals four hours of detention to be assigned by the Student Affairs Office.

PREFECT

Webb utilizes a student prefect system to help faculty members manage dormitories, to afford leadership roles within the residential community, and to assist younger students with meeting the challenges of daily life in a boarding community.

STANDING FOR ADULTS / VISITORS

Standing when adults or visitors enter a room on campus is a way that Webb students demonstrate respect.

BOOK AWARDS

A way of annually recognizing outstanding student achievement.



W.I.L.D.

Wilderness Instruction and Leadership Development is Webb's outdoor experiential learning program.

PEDIGREE YOUR ANCESTORS

This saying of Sawney Webb means that Webb students, regardless of their background, define themselves by their actions here, and therefore, bring prestige to their family.

WSPA

An abbreviation for the Webb School Parents' Association.

THE FOOT

The School's mascot.

NOLI RES SUBDOLE FACERE

The School's Latin motto, which means "do nothing on the sly".

CULLEOKA BELL

This bell, which according to oral history was the bell in Culleoka where Sawney Webb and his brother John started their school, was added to The Webb School campus in 2013.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Teaching outdoors is an enduring tradition at The Webb School that honors founder Sawney Webb's preference for outdoor learning.

BLUE IVY COACHING

Webb partners with Blue Ivy Coaching to offer college counseling for Upper School students. This is an exclusive partnership within the state of Tennessee.

THE WEBB SCHOOL ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

An annual October event that draws more than 100,000 visitors to Bell Buckle.



TRAPPING

A longstanding classroom game to promote learning and healthy competition.

WEBB LADY & GENTLEMAN

A Webb lady/gentleman seeks to live a life of honor, integrity and service at Webb and beyond.

SENIOR BOARDS

Each member of the Senior class carves or paints their name on their class' senior board before graduation to be displayed in the Alumni Center.

SENIOR SURVIVAL

For their final W.I.L.D. trip, the Senior class embarks on an outdoor adventure one week before graduation, which involves canoeing, white water rafting, camping and hiking 20+ miles of the Appalachian Trail.

SENIOR BIBLE

Each Senior receives a bible or book of their preferred faith along with their diploma.



Giving To Webb



Make Your Impact Today!

Your investment in The Webb Fund is an investment in your child's future. Thank you for partnering with us!

THEWEBBSCHOOL.COM/GIVE

931-389-5724

A_DWEBB@WEBBSCHOOL.COM



A Tradition of Generous Support

At Webb, philanthropy is woven into the fabric of our community. Alumni, faculty and staff, friends and families of current and past students all contribute to ensure Webb's continued excellence and accessibility. This culture of giving reflects our shared commitment to the School's mission and the transformative experiences it provides. Families of current students play an especially crucial role in this annual tradition, demonstrating their belief in Webb's approach to education through their generous support.

Supporting Excellence: The Webb Fund

The Webb Fund, our School's most important fundraising priority, directly enhances your child's educational experience every day. As a Webb family, your contribution helps bridge the critical gap between tuition revenue—which covers only 76.7% of the School's overall budget—and the actual cost of providing the exceptional education that attracted your family to our community. The remaining 23.3% comes from gifts to The Webb Fund and earnings from the School's endowment. Your support funds innovative classroom technology, competitive faculty salaries, enriching extracurricular programs and campus improvements that benefit students immediately.

- **Community Strength:** Family participation, no matter the monetary level, demonstrates to foundations and major donors that our entire community believes in Webb's mission
- **Immediate Impact:** Unlike endowment or capital gifts, Webb Fund contributions are used in the same year they're received
- **Flexible Giving:** Options include one-time gifts, monthly recurring donations, employer matching and stock transfers
- **Giving Options:** While most Webb Fund gifts are unrestricted—allowing resources to be directed where most needed—you may designate your gift to support specific areas such as athletics, academics, the Library or scholarships
- **Additional Opportunities:** Beyond the Webb Fund, families can support other important priorities including capital campaigns for new facilities, athletic sponsorships, and endowments for scholarships, chairs and programs

The Webb School Parents' Association (WSPA) serves as a vital bridge between parents and guardians, administration and faculty. This dedicated group works closely with the Head of School to support our community through volunteer service and fundraising initiatives. By contributing their time, talents and resources, WSPA members become true partners in Webb's success, strengthening our traditions while investing in our future.

Signature WSPA Initiatives

- **The WSPA Belles and Buckles Gala** brings together parents, alumni, faculty and staff to celebrate Webb's rich history while supporting its bright future. This beloved tradition serves as the WSPA's primary fundraising event, with proceeds from ticket sales and auction items directly benefiting our students, faculty and campus.
- **Uniform Exchange Sale** helps families purchase and sell gently-used school uniforms. Uniform drop-off occurs in May, with the annual sale taking place during orientation weekend in August and January.
- **Snack Depot** provides nourishing treats and refreshments to students during midterm and final exams, free of charge. Parents contribute food and drinks to create this highly anticipated resource for students during challenging academic periods.
- **Thankfulness Baskets** are assembled annually for all faculty and staff members. These thoughtful collections of homemade gifts, gift cards, supplies and special items represent a cherished Webb tradition that our educators eagerly anticipate.
- **Campus Decorating** transforms the School grounds each fall and holiday season, creating a festive atmosphere for the entire Webb community.



Connect with WSPA

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WSPA Leadership 2025-2026

President: Ashlea Shepherd P '22, '30

Vice President: Amy Jackson P '28, '28, '28

Secretary: Kathie Elfersy P '28

Treasurer: Kacy Riley P '29

Past President: Carrie Brooke Simmons P '28

School Liaisons: Dr. Polly Parker, Head of School

Emmy McClain P '32, '32, Assistant Head for Student
and Residential Life

We encourage all parents and guardians to participate in WSPA activities and discover the many ways they can enhance their child's Webb experience while connecting with other families in our community.



School Communications

Through weekly emails, the School calendar, social media, and more, Webb's Office of Marketing and Communications strives to keep you informed and up-to-date with information from the School.

ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Webb School Athletics App, powered by Ballfrog, keeps our community connected to all the exciting sports action on campus. Parents, students, faculty, alumni and fans can access live scoring, complete schedules, breaking news and team updates for all participating Webb Feet athletic programs. Download The Webb School app to your mobile device via the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.

SportsYou is our primary communications platform for all team-related updates, schedules and announcements. Download the SportsYou app in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and use the team/group code provided by your child's coach.

EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

The "Webb Weekly" Newsletter provides parents, students, faculty and staff with timely updates, important announcements and upcoming event information on Fridays throughout the academic year. This essential communication ensures our immediate community stays informed about campus activities, academic deadlines and student achievements.

WEBSITE

The Webb School Website (www.webbschool.com) serves as our digital campus, welcoming visitors and providing essential resources for our entire community.

SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

The Webb School offers multiple ways to engage with our vibrant community life in real-time. Follow us on **Facebook, Instagram, X, Threads, TikTok, YouTube, Vimeo, and LinkedIn** for daily glimpses into campus activities, student and alumni achievements, and special events and messages.

The Webb School Parents' Association maintains dedicated **Facebook and Instagram accounts**, providing specific resources, volunteer opportunities and connection points for our parent community.

TEXT COMMUNICATIONS

The Webb School Text Alert System delivers time-sensitive information directly to your mobile device. This essential communication tool provides immediate updates on campus emergencies, weather-related announcements, important reminders and special event notifications.

The Alumni and Development Text Program connects our extended Webb family with meaningful giving opportunities, campaign updates and special fundraising events. **Scan the QR code to sign up.**

PUBLICATIONS

The Webb School Magazine, published annually, offers parents, alumni, grandparents and friends an enduring, tangible connection to campus life.

Main School Accounts

FACEBOOK

@thewebbschool

INSTAGRAM / THREADS

@thewebbschool

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@thewebbschool

YOUTUBE

@TheWebbSchool1870

LINKEDIN

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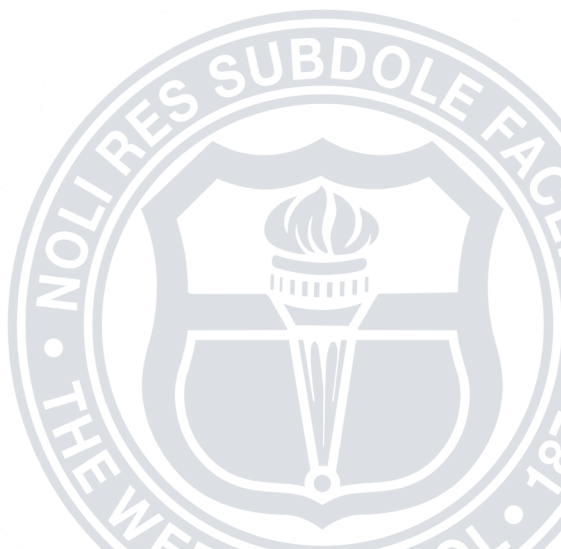
School Calendars

At-a-Glance Calendar provides a streamlined monthly overview of Webb's most significant events, deadlines and activities. This user-friendly resource helps families quickly identify key dates, including holidays, special events and major academic milestones, allowing for efficient family planning throughout the school year.

Academic Calendar offers comprehensive information on all educational schedules and deadlines. Students, parents and faculty rely on this detailed resource for exam periods, grading schedules, parent-teacher conferences and academic recognition events. The calendar ensures everyone stays aligned with Webb's educational rhythm and important classroom milestones.

Athletics Calendar keeps our community informed about all Webb Feet competitions and sporting events. Featuring game times, locations and opponent information for every athletic team, this specialized calendar helps fans plan attendance, coordinate transportation and never miss an opportunity to cheer on our student-athletes.

WWW.WEBBSCHOOL.COM/CALENDAR





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