

Mead Hall News & Notes



February 2010

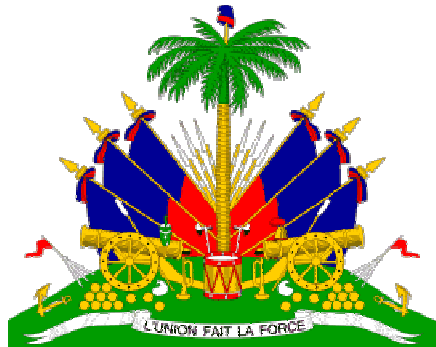
Upcoming Events

- February 2, 3
Virtual Archery Tournament
- February 5 (6:30 p.m.)
Evening of Dinner & Jazz
- February 8
Board of Trustees
- February 10
DAR Recognition Ceremony
- February 10 (5:00—6:30)
Science Fair
- February 11 (8:15 a.m.)
Third Grade Wax Museum
- February 12-15
Winter Break
- February 16 (6:00 p.m.)
Pancake Supper
- February 17 (7, 11, 7:00)
Ash Wednesday Services

H1N1 Vaccinations

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) will provide a second H1N1 vaccination to students nine years of age and younger. A team from DHEC will be on campus at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, February 8, to administer the immunizations. Consent forms have been sent home with eligible students and must be returned by that Monday morning. Please call the school office if you have any questions.

Students Respond to Haiti



After disaster struck in Port-au-Prince, Haiti on January 12, Mead Hall's student government leaders felt compelled to take action. President Marko Zotovic explained, "When I saw it on the news, I thought we should do something as a school, and that the student government would be a good way to do it." So the student government officers met to plan their response. They sent a letter to every Mead Hall family and suggested a donation of \$10 per family. That would have brought in about \$1500, which could go a long way in providing aid to the poor nation. Money came

pouring in steadily for the next two weeks, and the student government leaders even set up a collection at the basketball tournament which Mead Hall hosted. When the funds were counted, the total was an incredible \$3036! Marko was grateful for the kindness of his fellow students. "They were bringing in their own money, and everyone was excited to be helping out. We doubled our goal; without the generosity of the students we couldn't have done it."

The money raised by Mead Hall will be combined with that collected by St. Thaddeus and other churches in the diocese. The funds will then be used to construct a new water supply system in Cange, Haiti. Cange is a vibrant community about 40 miles northeast of Port-au-Prince. Because Cange has a hospital, many displaced and wounded Haitians have arrived here, taxing the already scarce resources.

Lady Panthers Capture Second Place in Tournament

Mead Hall hosted the Augusta/Aiken Middle School Athletic League basketball tournament January 28-30. For three days the Panthers' den was filled with basketball fans from all across the CSRA.

A young Panthers boys' team lost in the first round to a talented team from Curtis Baptist. They played a great game and vowed to grow a few inches over the next year to return as a fierce competitor when basketball season starts again in December.

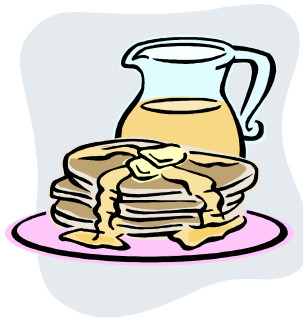
The girls team had a fantastic season, winning tough matches against some formidable opponents. They won their first tournament game against Hillcrest. In the finals, the girls succumbed to an older and more experienced Curtis Baptist team, but they earned a fine trophy to mark their amazing second-place finish.

Thank you, to our incredible coaches: Tim Frelin, Anthony Glover, Meredith Legg, Cristie Shuford, and Romney Lee-Frelin (pom squad).

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras, is the day before Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent. Historically, people observing Lent would give up foods rich in butter, eggs, and milk during the 40-day period of prayer and fasting. Since these items would not keep well until the end of Lent, a dinner of pancakes on Fat Tuesday was an easy way to use the perishables which they would not eat until Easter.

St. Thaddeus hosts a Pancake Supper each year for Shrove Tuesday. Pancakes will



be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. The youth group will have a cake walk to raise funds for their summer mission trip. The evening is fun for the whole family, and Mead Hall families are always welcome.

Re-Enrollment Time

The last day for priority re-enrollment for current Mead Hall families is February 5. After that date, new families will be considered for admission. A number of our grades have a demand greater than we can accommodate, so please send your re-enrollment forms to the office in order to guarantee your child's place for next year. Remember that the re-enrollment form must be accompanied by the \$250 fee in order to secure a place for 2010-2011.

Virtual Archery

On Feb. 2, 3 Mead Hall middle school students will compete in a virtual archery tournament. The sport of archery is becoming a popular one in our state thanks to funding from the SC Dept. of Natural Resources. In order to determine which students go to state, schools hold a virtual tournament. The state event will take five teams for competition at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Last year Mead Hall ranked 4th in the state. Coach Roger Pizio is looking for our team to place well again this year.

Ash Wednesday

Mead Hall families are invited to attend

Ash Wednesday

services at 7:00 a.m., 11:00

a.m., or 7:00 p.m.

Students will attend at

11:00. All services will be

in the St. Thaddeus

sanctuary on Feb. 17.

Mead Hall Students Place in Local Competitions

Mead Hall is quite proud of our middle school students who have shown themselves to be worthy competitors in several local events.

Bradley Staggs was the school champion for the National Geographic geography bee. He has taken a written test to qualify for the state competition in April, and since Bradley qualified for state last year, we fully expect he will for a second year running.

Four students have earned recognition in the DAR American history essay competition. **Sarah Grace Heaton** (6th grade, 1st place), **Will Hamilton** (6th grade, 2nd place), **Brooks Flickinger** (7th grade, 2nd place), and **Kennedy Ezekiel** (8th grade, honorable mention) will attend an awards ceremony on February 10 at St. John's United Methodist.

The Maniacs, Mead Hall's Lego League robotics team,

came in 2nd at the regional tournament last month. They won 1st place in robot design and earned a spot at the state competition in Clemson on March 6. Team members include **Brooks Flickinger, Christopher Plummer, and Nick Segres.**

And **Libby James**, who won our school spelling bee and took 2nd place in the Aiken County Area 1 bee, went on to take home 3rd place in the district bee.

Ordering Mead Hall Uniforms

Amy Neeley of The Curiosity Shop has begun taking orders for Mead Hall uniform items for the coming school year. The Curiosity Shop is the only local supplier of our plaid uniform pieces; they can order khaki items, as well. Waist, hip, and length measurements are helpful when choosing sizes. Amy will take orders through Feb. 19, and items

should be delivered by mid-May. Be sure to get your orders to Amy because the manufacturer won't take orders again until next spring. No money is required to place an order. The Curiosity Shop will contact you when uniforms arrive, and you will have 30 days to pick them up. You may call Amy at 644-0004 if you'd like to place an order.

More exciting news...

The tenth annual **Evening of Dinner and Jazz** is almost here! If you haven't gotten your tickets yet, just call the school office. The event is a fundraiser for our school and is always lots of fun. Dinner is catered by Newberry Hall. Fabulous auction items are calling your name!

And...have you heard? Mead Hall's middle school students will be going to **Williamsburg, Virginia** in April. They will have three days and two nights of learning, sightseeing, and fun. A chartered tour bus will carry the students and their chaperones to their destination and back.