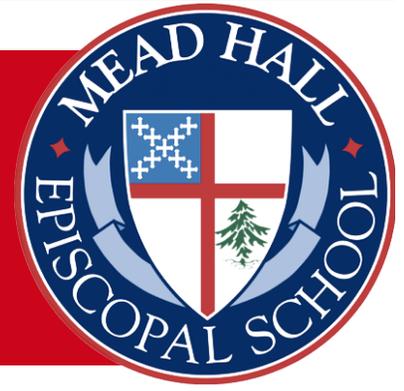


# MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Mead Hall Episcopal School



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With our first full week now behind us, I'm delighted with what I've seen from our Middle School students. We made it through our first unplanned fire drill, sheltering in place during a tornado warning, and to and from chapel in an orderly fashion despite the heat. It was eventful and our students reacted well! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me ([criley@meadhallschool.org](mailto:criley@meadhallschool.org)) if you have any questions or concerns. I'm happy to help!

## UPCOMING DATES

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 13-17 STANDARDIZED TESTING GRADES 5-8
- 20-24 MAKE-UP STANDARDIZED TESTING
- 22 SEE YOU AT THE POLE
- 25 PTO RUMMAGE SALE (APC GYM)



## MORNING CAR LINE - WHAT TO DO BEFORE 8:15

Parents who need to release their student to the school prior to 8:15 a.m. should do so at the front of the school. The student will then proceed to the cafeteria. Arrival between 8:00-8:15 occurs without a fee. Students should *\*not\** be dropped off on Florence in the Car Line area. Please wait for an administrator to arrive and remove the cones in order to drop off your student.

## CHAPEL TIME

Each Wednesday, we travel to chapel beginning at 12:50. While our return time is somewhat of a variable, it will typically occur after 2:00 p.m. If you'll need to pickup your child during our chapel period, please call the office and we can allow your student to remain on the APC campus in the office for pickup.

## CHAPEL UNIFORM

For chapel, students must wear a white button down shirt with khaki pants, a belt, and dress shoes. The tie is not required for the first 4 weeks. The blazer is not required until October. Girls must wear a white collared dress shirt with plaid skirt/skort and flat closed-toed dress shoes. The navy blazer or cardigan is not required until October.



## WATER BOTTLES

Due to COVID-19, water fountains are not available on campus. Instead, students have access to water filling stations. Additionally, please ensure your child's name is written in permanent marker or with a sticky label on the water bottle. Water bottles are available for purchase at the MH Store for \$10. There are only two ways for students to hydrate throughout the day. First, by using a water bottle that they brought. Second, by drinking water during lunch. Please support hydration by ensuring students have a water bottle at school.

## ECDs IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Electronic Communications Devices (ECDs) include cell phones, gaming systems, and now, as articulated in yesterday's In The Loop: Smart Watches. I apologize for the miscommunication in last week's Middle School News. Moving forward, smart watches qualify as ECDs. Here is what our student handbook says about ECDs in Middle School:

**“Students in grades 5-8 must keep any ECDs silent and in their lockers, cubbies, or backpacks from 7:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.”**

**This means cell phones and smart watches are not permitted to make noise and must remain inside the backpack or locker. ECDs that make noise during the school day or that are seen outside of lockers, cubbies (5th grade), or backpacks will be confiscated and turned into the Head of Middle School.**

