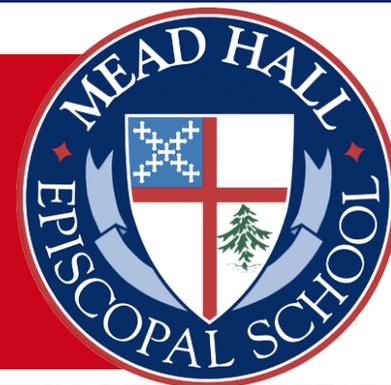


# UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

Mead Hall Episcopal School



## LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF THE UPPER SCHOOL

Excellence. I strive for it. I get upset with myself when I feel like I don't achieve it. I want to show excellence in everything I do, and when I feel like I can't achieve it, I am so tempted to just give up. But I once read that excellence is simply doing better than the day before. It is not the equivalent of "excellent" or "outstanding." Excellence is not the description of an end product, but rather an ongoing process of doing better. Progress, not perfection. In my years of teaching, I have seen students struggle with the same quest for excellence. Some become paralyzed by a small error that produced a 99%. Others do nothing because they can't imagine success. Mead Hall's mission statement says that we encourage students to pursue academic excellence. I want our students and families to know that academic excellence does not mean straight As. Academic excellence does not mean that all of our students pass all of the AP exams. Academic excellence means that our students are working hard to get better every day. Academic excellence means that each day all of our students do one thing better than they did the day before. Academic excellence means our students learn to put forth effort to improve each day. My prayer is that Mead Hall is a school that allows your student to experience the pursuit of academic excellence in a supportive, caring environment. May our students learn to celebrate and value the attitude of excellence, one day at a time.

## UPCOMING DATES

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 25 RUMMAGE SALE





## GET THE SCOOP

We have “In the Loop” and “In the Hoop”, and now, presenting...”Get the Scoop”  
Join Heather Wiseman, Head of the Upper School, Sundays at 8:00 p.m. for  
informational zoom sessions about the following topics:

August 22 Absences, Attendance, and balancing sports and attendance at Mead Hall

August 29 Cell phones

September 5 No zoom meeting this week due to Labor Day weekend

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76029572472?pwd=Z1N5NEV1MDNTRVZndUorVi8zMtPUTo9>

Meeting ID: 760 2957 2472

Passcode: 3vpYk4

If you are unable to join us on Sunday nights, I am going to try to record the sessions  
and will post links after the original meeting.



## CELL PHONES

Upper School students are allowed to have their phones at school. However, they should only be used at lunch time. Lunch time is 1:00 to 1:50 every day except Wednesday (12:10-12:50). If you need to reach your Upper School student during the day, please contact the office and Mrs. Hardy will get the message to the student. Cell phones that are seen during the school day will be turned over to Mrs. Wiseman and can be retrieved at the end of the day from Mrs. Wiseman's office.

## CARLINE PROCEDURES

<https://www.meadhallschool.org/upper-school-carline/>  
Please note that the morning procedure is different from last year. If students arrive before 8:15, they should enter the school through the front door of Harrington Hall off of Barnwell Avenue. The back door of Harrington Hall will be locked until 8:15 when the carline begins.

