

UPPER & MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Mead Hall Episcopal School



CARLINE

School carlines can cause a significant amount of stress, but with the invention of memes I've seen some funny references to carlines that make me smile. Some memes show parents teaching their children to curl up in a ball and get rolled out the door as the car keeps moving. Kermit the frog folds his upper lip over his lower lip to show his anger at someone cutting him off. There are pictures of people falling asleep behind the wheel because they showed up an hour before school let out. One of my favorites is a picture of Gene Wilder dressed as Willy Wonka saying, "Tell me about this magical place where schools have no lines to drop off or pick up your kids."

Even though I can laugh about carline, our students' safety is something we take very seriously. I know that waiting in carline can be very frustrating and is not as comical as the internet makes it seem, and we need your help in keeping our students safe. Here are a couple of guidelines to help afternoon carline go smoothly:

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1. Please pick up your children on Florence Street and not on Barnwell Avenue. Children should not be crossing Barnwell Avenue and the median to get to cars going northwest on Barnwell Avenue.
2. Please pull all the way forward on Florence Street to the sign that says “Afternoon carline starts here”
3. When the students first leave the school building, we will allow them to go to their car if it is on Florence Street. Once the cars start moving, we will restrict students to getting into cars between the driveway into the school on Florence Street and the sign that says “Afternoon carline starts here”
4. Supervisors will direct students to stand in the grassy area between the driveway and the sign that says “Afternoon carline starts here”

Most days the afternoon carline takes no more than 15 minutes from start to finish. If there are extenuating circumstances that require you to forgo the typical carline procedure, we can set up an arrangement for you to come into the office to sign your student out and leave from the circle drive. Please contact Dr. Riley or Mrs. Wiseman if you need to set something up with the front office. With your cooperation, we can make the afternoon carline almost painless and as safe as possible.

Thank you!

Heather Wiseman and Chris Riley

IMPORTANT DATES

October 29: Halloween Dress Down Day
Middle School Dance
Upper School Movie night/cookout

November 3: Picture Day for 5th through 11th graders
November 4: College Fair (virtual), 5:00-8:30 p.m.
November 4: 5th grade art block classes change
November 10: Senior pictures and retake picture day for 5th-11th graders
November 11: 8th-12th graders visit with a resource officer about making smart choices regarding drugs and alcohol. 7th grade will join the meeting for advice on managing the challenges of social media
November 12: Gold Bars (Upper School travels to Hitchcock Woods) Details to be announced soon

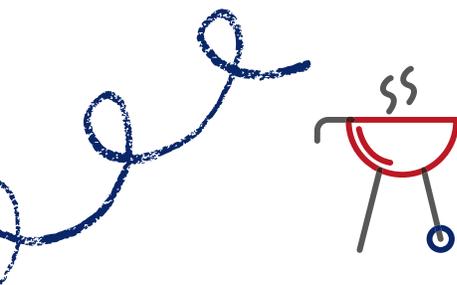
WEDNESDAY FORMAL UNIFORM AND PICTURE DAY ON NOVEMBER 3

Please check your student's shoes on Wednesdays before they head out the door. Students should be wearing black, brown, or navy dress shoes. Tennis shoes and canvas shoes are not allowed unless they have been approved for medical reasons. Students may not wear sweatshirts on Wednesdays. Ties should be Mead Hall ties. Blazers and cardigans are required starting next Wednesday, November 3, picture day on the Aiken Prep campus. If you have ordered a blazer and it has not yet arrived, please let Dr. Riley and/or Mrs. Wiseman know.



MIDDLE SCHOOL HALLOWEEN DANCE - TONIGHT - OCTOBER 29 6-8:00.

Details regarding pick-up and drop-off instructions will be sent out earlier this week. Parents will enter through the faculty parking lot on Barnwell, follow the trail next to the soccer fields to the outdoor gym, and will exit through the US parking lot on Florence near Richland.



UPPER SCHOOL COOKOUT - TONIGHT - OCTOBER 29 5:00-7:00

Tonight, Student Council is sponsoring a cookout. Come enjoy the great fall weather, play games, and eat dinner on the Aiken Prep Campus by the tunnel.

