

# IN THE HOOP

## NEWS FROM PANTHER ATHLETICS

August 26, 2022



## MS Golf Wins Opener

The Middle School Golf Team took on Tall Pines last Tuesday, in the first home match of the season. The Panthers showed how much they've worked, defeating their opposition 192 - 185. Their coaches are looking forward to seeing the continued growth of their young team! Go Panthers!

## What's in this week's issue?

- *MS & Varsity Volleyball Results*
- *News from the Rededication Ceremony*

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# Tennis & Gym Rededication



Wednesday evening we had a good crowd brave the afternoon rain to gather for the rededications of the Aiken Prep Tennis Courts & Gymnasium and enjoy a reception given by our Panther Club. Prayers were offered by Father Joseph Whitehurst and there was a ribbon cutting for each. Emily Murphy joined us from the Chamber of Commerce for the ribbon cutting.

At 100 years old, the Aiken Prep Gymnasium needs our loving attention due its historic significance and its continued use for Mead Hall physical education and athletics. We marveled at the restoration of the floor and interior walls and we look forward to plans to paint the exterior this year. This restoration was made possible by the fundraising efforts of the Panther Club Golf Tournaments over the past two years. We recognized the 2020-2021 Golf Tournament organizers chaired by Tiffany Boyd and the 2021-2022 Golf Tournament organizers chaired by Karene Abrams and Keri Wilhelm. We also thanked Charlie Stanley for the significant donation of materials and labor for the work on west wall foundation and floor. We also thanked all who were involved in the work on the gym including our Facilities Manager, Jeff Brown who put his heart into overseeing the work. The ribbon was cut by Becky Marks, the Panther Club President.

The project began with the a treatment of polyurethane on the walls that sealed in the history of the gym where for decades balls were bounced off the walls by Aiken Prep students. There was then substantial foundation work that had to be completed before the floor could be refurbished. Stones Floor Finishing sanded the floor, replaced some floorboards, and brought the originally hickory back to a beautiful shine. Finally, the lines were painted, including lines for archery, which uses the gym throughout the winter season.

We thanked The Kevin and Brittany Kisner Foundation for the grant that made the renovation of the tennis court possible. With this generous grant for youth sports, the court was resurfaced with the traditional grass and clay colors, a new net was purchased and installed, two foursquare courts added because the students love to play foursquare at recess, and a commemorative bench installed. Brittany Kisner cut the ribbon and she was joined by foundation board members Leanna Wanta, Frank Townsend, and Jason Rabun. The tennis court has been transformed and now students enjoy playing tennis during recess, aftercare, and PE.

After Dr. Sawyer provided the story of the work and thanked all involved, we also heard from Becky Marks on behalf of the Panther Club, Brittany Kisner on behalf of the Kisner Foundation, and Student Council Secretary Jack Thomas Hamrick on behalf of the students.



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# Acknowledgements



## Thank You To All Who Contributed to the Tennis Court Renovations

- The Kevin and Brittany Kisner Foundation for the \$10,000 grant that made it possible to resurface the tennis court, provide a new net, and a bench.
- Jeff Brown for the installation of the bench.
- Aurelio Guzman and Superior Tennis Courts for the court resurfacing.

## Thank You To All Who Contributed to the Gymnasium Renovations

- Panther Club and the Golf Tournament Committees: 2020-2021 Chair Tiffany Boyd and 2021-2022 Co-Chairs Karene Abrams and Keri Wilhelm
- Charlie Stanley of Stanley Builders (donation of the work and materials for the work on the foundation and floor of the west wall)
- David Stone and crew from Stones Floor Refinishing (contracted work on the floor)
- Marty Padgett and the crew from Mount Valley Foundations (contracted work on the foundation)
- Jeff Brown & Dean Bryce (polyurethaning of the interior walls)
- Cameron Hearn Of Sherwin Williams (advised us on the correct treatment of the walls)
- Russ Hayes Legacy Homes (sub-contracted for the painting of the lines on the gym floor)
- Todd Gauls and Designer Homes (donation of professional clean-up of the gym after project completion )
- Art teacher Kathy Nowlin (restoration of the Aiken Prep Sign)
- Staff: Liz Minard and Kevin White, who joined Jeff Brown and helped with gym organization
- Coaches: David Nichols and Roger Pizio for measuring up the archery lines
- Parents: Steve Steiner, Dana Massey and others
- Students: Michael Dean Bryce, Ben Weidenman, Ashton Stroud, Wyatt Geitner, and others
- Jeff Brown for his coordination of the projects, re-hanging the banners, etc.



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## MS & V VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS NEWBERRY

### Varsity

The girls played so well. We had a lot of serve aces, assists, and kills. In the beginning, they were a little nervous, but they pulled through with a win and worked great as a team. We have a lot to work on throughout the season, but they have improved so much from our first 3 games. We tried a new rotation, and they adapted so well.

During our practice, we work on our defense majority of the time, and they did everything we've been practicing. We talked, moved, and performed as a team should. It was amazing.

I hope to continue to grow, improve, and win for the remainder of the season.



### Middle School

What a great Middle School Volleyball game last night winning in 2 games! The girls really came together and played as a team. There was a lot of talk during play and cheering on each other for great hits and even on some miss placed shots. Their movements on the court were very fluid and smooth. Everyone made some great saves that Newberry Academy did not expect resulting in the Panthers getting the points. They continue to impress and at times surprise me. As I told them, not one ball hit the floor in the "campfire" spot.

A big thanks the Anna Palmer for keeping the book for us and Trey Brown for line judging.

See you at the home game Thursday against Augusta Christian.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of Augusta 29 - September 3

## Monday August 29

**Volleyball (Away) @ SMAK**  
**MS A 4:00 PM | MS B 5:00 PM**  
*Dismissal 3:00 PM*

118 York St SE, Aiken SC 29801

## Tuesday August 30

**MS/V Cross Country (Away)**  
**JV 5:30 | V 6:45**

2463 Augusta Hwy,  
Lexington SC 29072

**MS Golf (Home) 4:00 PM**  
*Dismissal 3:10 PM*

555 Highland Park Dr SW  
Aiken SC 29801

**MS Tennis (Away) 4:00 PM**  
**vs. Augusta Prep**  
*Dismissal 2:45 PM*

285 Flowing Wells Rd  
Augusta GA 30907

**Volleyball (Away) vs Augusta  
Eagles**  
**MS 4:00 PM | V 5:00 PM**

*Both Dismiss 2:45 PM*

2367 Washington Rd  
Augusta GA 30904

## Wednesday August 31

**MS Tennis (Away) vs EDS 4:00 PM**  
*Dismissal 2:45 PM*

3103 Wrightsboro Rd Augusta GA 30909

## Thursday September 1

**MS Cross Country (Away) vs  
Augusta Prep 4:00 PM**  
*Dismissal 2:45 PM*

285 Flowing Wells Rd  
Augusta GA 30907

**Volleyball (Home) vs SAB**  
**MS 4:30 PM | V 5:30 PM**  
*MS Only Dismiss 3:15 PM*

## Friday September 2

**No Athletic Events**

## Saturday September 3

**No Athletic Events**

### a word from coach grant



Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.



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