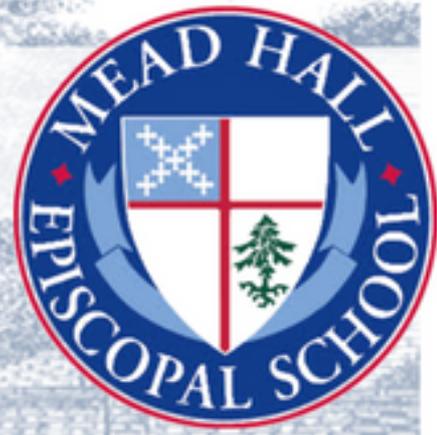


IN THE LOOP



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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Dear Mead Hall families,

At Mead Hall we are continuing to be mindful of the impact of the pandemic on our students and we are learning more through the studies that have been done. Recently, researchers at the Florida State University College of Medicine conducted a major study of five key personality traits in 7000 Americans before the pandemic and during the 2021-2022 year of the pandemic. The researchers found small personality changes that would normally take a decade to shift. The traits that dipped, particularly in younger adults, included extroversion, openness, agreeableness, and conscientiousness. The study was published in PLOS One and this summary comes from Scimex.org.

What this and other studies mean for us at Mead Hall is that we have to continue to put more of our energy into the spiritual, moral, emotional and social development of our students. We are concerned about our students and that we must both tend to them in their emotional fragility and challenge them towards good character and lives of kindness. All this has certainly impacted my preaching with an emphasis on personal development. For this reason I preached on the Lost Sheep a few weeks ago and reminded the students that even though we may give up on God or ourselves, that God never stops loving and believing in us, a message that we need to hear. Similarly, on Mead Hall Sunday my theme was to be strong and courageous and not to hold back from doing good and doing our best.

In the middle and upper grades, where the social effects are more pronounced on our students, we will use the curriculum of the Social Institute this year, which we piloted in the spring of 2022. At the fall meeting of the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools last week, the middle and upper school administration heard from Laura Tierney, the Founder and CEO of the Social Institute, who identified lots of issues that students are facing including the challenges of social media. This curriculum addresses issues of the emotional and social lives of young people and seeks to build respectful communities and the healthy use of social media. Dr. Buck will spearhead this program in grades 5-12 that will be built into the curriculum over the course of the year and provide our students with real life skills.

Before I close, I do want to emphasize that it is so important that our students have a good night's sleep before coming to school each day. You have no doubt heard how vital sleep is to the health and academic success of our children. Mead Hall has taken this so seriously that we even moved the start of the day later a few years ago for students in 5th-12th grades based on research. Studies show that removing screen time from children and youth an hour before bedtime helps them get to sleep and that taking the phone or other technology away from them each night helps provide a sound night's sleep.

At Mead Hall we strive to ensure that every child is known and loved which is God's call to us as a school. It is my hope that the education and nurture that we offer your children will bless them and prepare them with skills for life and bright futures.

God's blessings,
Frank Sawyer

MEAD HALL SUNDAY

On Sunday we celebrated Mead Hall at the morning services at St. Thaddeus Church. We were glad to welcome students as readers and acolytes. At the 9:00 am service we had the lower school chapel singers share some songs with us and at the 11:15 am service we had the band play some pieces. Between the services families were able to enjoy a pancake breakfast provided by the PTO and prepared by our wonderful kitchen staff. Students who attended were also able to enjoy a dress down day on Monday this week. As I highlighted in my sermon, we are blessed to be the parish day school of St. Thaddeus Church, and thankful for their constant prayers and support.



HOMECOMING

On Friday we had a Homecoming Celebration for our 7th-12th grade students at the end of a week of spirit dress in the middle and upper school. This year we had a pep rally followed by a Boys Varsity vs. Girls Varsity Volleyball Game. Our boys played a strong game and won all three sets but our girls were of good courage on the court and they all had fun.

Homecoming Dance was a gift to our students from the school and coordinated by the Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees, because our current students are our future alumni.



PUMPKIN WALLS AND ST. THADDEUS PLAYGROUND

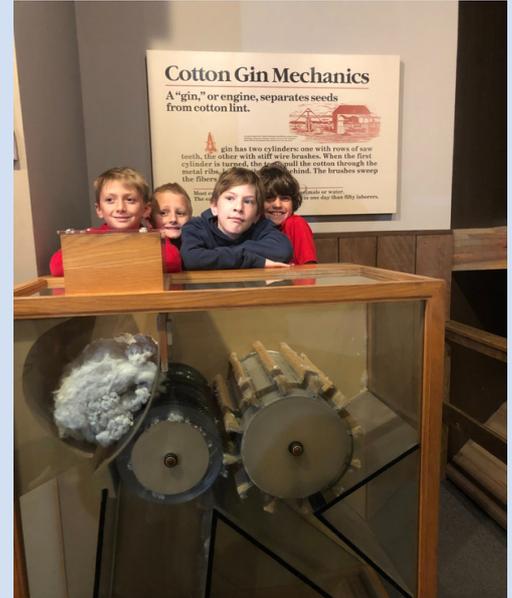
We are looking forward to our Pumpkin Walls on Friday, October 28th, at both campuses. We hope to see lots of creatively decorated pumpkins from our amazing families. Lower School parents and family are invited to walk the pumpkin wall after car line, enjoy some coffee and community, and see the plans for the renovation of the St. Thaddeus Campus playground.



5TH GRADE INUIT GAMES CHALLENGE



On Monday, which happened to be International Indigenous Peoples Day, the fifth grade had fun finishing their study of Canada with the Inuit Games Challenge. Inuit games are traditional activities and sports enjoyed across all circumpolar countries, including Canada, the United States, Greenland, and Russia. These games broadly serve two main purposes: survival and recreation or celebration.



4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP: SC STATE MUSEUM & EDVENTURE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

The 4th grade students recently experienced a full day of exploration and investigation in history and science at two of South Carolina's most notable museums in Columbia.

The students enjoyed a morning full of inquiry at the SC State Museum while participating in the "Habitat Earth" show at the digital dome planetarium, inspecting the historical exhibits for clues during their scavenger hunt, and actively participating in question and answer presentations on various displays that depicted their social studies and science curricula.

During the afternoon, the students visited the EdVenture facility where they participated in a hands-on lab about viscosity, and they also had the unique experiences of engaging in "real life" engagements with unique reproductions of displays ranging from a fire station, a news station, a jetliner and flight simulator, and a cafe to name a few. The students also participated in several hands-on exhibits in engineering and art to create some fascinating items.

PTO EVENTS AND UPDATES:

Friday, October 28th - Great Pumpkins at STC and APC

Carve, Paint, or Decorate - show off your creativity for the Great Pumpkins Wall. All grades are encouraged to participate! We will display pumpkins along Greenville St. and Florence St. for all to enjoy. Students will take home their pumpkins at the end of the day.

Friday, November 18th - Chick-Fil-A Lunch Day at STC and APC

Pre-orders will begin the week of November 7th! If your student would like to enjoy a Chick-fil-A sandwich or nuggets for lunch on Nov 18th, orders will need to be received by Tuesday, Nov 15th. Stay tuned for more information...

Sunday, December 11th - Aiken Jaycees Christmas Parade

Make plans to join us on our Mead Hall float and be a part of the parade! We will have candy canes and cocoa in the STC large parlor immediately following the parade.



FALL FESTIVAL

October 30 1pm-4pm
Aiken Prep Campus

Inflatables, Games, Trunk or Treat, Costume Contest, Food Trucks & Photo Ops. Fall fun for all ages!



FREE Admission - food & drinks available for purchase from Kona Ice, Hometown Grounds and Crazy Kravin'

FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - [CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



FEATURED ITEM

Crewneck Sweatshirts have been restocked in all sizes! Available in YXS - A2XL for \$25 each



SCHOOL STORE

School Store Hours
the week of October 17th - 21st

Open: Tuesday - Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Afternoons by appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org

Did you know when you go to the grocery store, shop online or enjoy a Coca-Cola product, it's also an opportunity to give back to your school?

Here are 6 Easy Steps to Help Support Mead Hall! Share the steps! Every donation counts! You can make a difference!

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Shop at smile.amazon.com for the same products, same prices, same services, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to your favorite charitable organization, at no cost to you. [You can Get Started today.](#)

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Scan Your Receipt and Earn for Your School

Use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online. From playground equipment to technology to library books, your school can use this money to help teachers and students get the supplies they need. Receipts are redeemable for 14 days plus you can also **access special bonus offers**. Get Started today, visit the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) !

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3. [Coca-Cola Give](#)

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4. [Kroger Community](#)

Kroger Community Rewards Program Makes Fundraising Easy

Kroger will donate to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you need to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card. Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at **no added cost to you**. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations. Follow the below steps to [Get Started](#) today!

- Create a digital account. A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.
- Link your Card to an organization. Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.
- Sign into your digital account.
- Search for your organization [here](#)
- Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support.
- Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save".
- Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

Note: If you are a customer, make sure you have a preferred store selected to view participating organizations. If you are applying on behalf of an organization, please select a store in the same area as your organization.

15. Publix Partners

Participating is Easy!

Sign up with Club Publix or log in to your existing account and every time you shop at Publix, pay with the Publix app or enter your phone number at checkout, we'll give back to the school of your choice—one of the many perks of being a Club Publix member! Get Started today at [Club Publix !](#)

When you log into Club Publix, select Mead Hall under the "My Publix Partner" in the account settings. Then by simply entering your phone number at checkout, eligible purchases* at Publix will help earn money for your school. Your school chooses how to use the money. Whether your school needs computers or microscopes, art supplies or sports equipment, Publix Partners can help make it happen.

**All purchases are eligible with the exception of gift cards, alcohol, lottery items, money services, postage stamps, prescriptions, purchases from Florida stores, purchases from Publix GreenWise Market locations, and purchases for delivery or curbside pickup, both Powered by Instacart.*

6. SRP Debit

Like Mead Hall, SRP is Committed to Community and Making a Difference.

The SRP High School Affinity Debit Card Program was designed to help provide funding to our local high schools. Every time a purchase is made using one of our High School Debit Cards, SRP donates money to that school. The school can use these funds to purchase books, equipment, materials, fund programs or for other needs. Make sure to get your High School Affinity Debit Card and help raise money for your school with every purchase you make. Join SRP in their efforts to give back to our school by requesting a Mead Hall Debit Card, making a difference could not be easier with SRP.

To Get Your High School Affinity Debit Card, please follow the below steps to become an SRP member or to change your existing SRP card.

- **Not an SRP member?** Join today! Click the link to Get Started today at [SRP Debit](#). Simply open a checking account and select the school of your choice for your affinity debit card.
- **If you are a current SRP member,** to switch your current card you can send a Secure Message through SRP Online or call 803-278-4851 or visit your local branch.

Thank you for supporting Mead Hall!

Panther Club

We couldn't do it without you!

Each week, the Panther Club's presenting sponsors will be advertised In The Loop. This week's spotlight is on **The Sullivan Turner Team**. For all they've done in the past and continue to do for our school, For all they've done in the past and continue to do for our school, we thank you!

**Become a member of
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ST. THADDEUS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

7:45 A.M. - Rite I (No Music)
9:00 A.M. - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
11:15 A.M. - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY

10:00 A.M. - SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL
FOLLOWING BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Sunday services. You may also attend virtually at the VIMEO link above. For those watching at home, the bulletin can be found at the SERVICE BULLETIN link above, and on the [St. Thaddeus website](#).



Saturday, November 5
5:30 PM at St. Thaddeus
Shrimp boil, hot dogs, and all the extras!

Beer, wine, and non-alcoholic drinks provided.

Come join the fun!

Movie for the kids, puzzles and games for adults (bring whatever you like)
COST: \$10/PERSON or \$40/FAMILY

Deadline to sign up is Tuesday, Nov. 1st using the link below.
(no late sign ups will be accepted - food must be ordered)

[SIGN UP](#)

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