



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

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Buck's Bulletin

What's in a Number?

We recently returned individual PSAT results to our 8th-11th graders. The PSAT is basically a practice test for the actual SAT. While the results are only a snapshot in time of how a student performs academically, they are a fairly accurate predictor of future performance on the SAT. Of course the study habits and work ethic of the students can greatly impact their future SAT performance. The results also serve as an indicator to our faculty and staff about how well we are preparing our students for these assessments. On that note, I am pleased to report that the class average for our Junior Class, those students likely to take the SAT next year, predicts an average SAT score of 1195 next year. For reference purposes, the most recent South Carolina state average SAT score is 1030. The most recent National average SAT score 1050. As you can see, our students will be well prepared academically for the next phase of their lives. While some colleges and universities are "test optional" these days, many still want to use the test scores for admission purposes and for awarding scholarship money. Please encourage your children to take advantage of the free resources available through the College Board. I can tell you from personal experiences with my own children, the practice tests can positively impact future performance. Please see the following announcements about upcoming events on the next page.

May you and your family have a blessed Christmas Season!

Events & Announcements

The Aiken Downtown Christmas Parade is this **Sunday, Dec 11th at 2:00 p.m.** Mead Hall will have a float and I encourage students in all grades to participate! The SUG link is here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f44a5a72fa46-christmas1>

I'd especially love to see more student athlete representation - they can earn service hours! All the info is on the SUG. Parade theme is Fave Christmas Movie and we have chosen Frosty the Snowman.

Thank You!

Courtney Bruckner

Jan. 31, 2022 @ 6pm APC Auditorium Junior Symposium

All juniors and their parents are invited to hear from college representatives about the admissions process.



Mead Hall Beta Club is supporting the St. Thaddeus Soup Kitchen Reverse Advent Calendar Bags for the holidays! Each bag will contain the items listed below and will be distributed at the December St. Thaddeus Soup Kitchen. Please bring any of the items and place them under the Mead Hall Christmas tree in the parlor area (see attached picture). Your family can also support an entire bag if you want to pick one up under the tree. Beta Club will organize and assemble the bags for delivery to St. Thaddeus. Deadline for receiving items is **Monday, December 12th**. Thank you in advance for your support!

Hand Sanitizer
Can of Spaghetti-Os
Socks
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Tuna in a Pouch

Peanut Butter Cracker
Packs (or Cheese
Crackers)
Scarf
Canned Chili with Beans
Bar of Soap
Granola Bars or Trail Mix
Deodorant

Band-aids
Ritz Crackers
\$10 Walmart Card
Peanut Butter
Fingernail Clippers
Ramen Noodles
Shampoo
Chicken in a Pouch

Mrs. Brown's literature classes are stoked about tie-dyeing as a culminating celebration of the novel, *Schooled*. The main character, Capricorn, was stuck in a sixties vibe when he was thrown into a present day middle school. Weather permitting, we plan to "shake that thing" to the Beatles and the Beach Boys, "let it all hang out" with tai chi, and tie die some "psychedelic threads" on **December 15**. Parents who would like to help with this groovy scene from the sixties should email Mrs. Brown at abrown@meadhallschool.

Livi Cato will be recognized by DAR, The Henry Middleton Chapter of The Daughters of the American Revolution for receiving the Good Citizens Award. The presentation will begin at 9:45 am on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022**, at St. John's United Methodist Church Ward Hall, Aiken, South Carolina.

*MLK Community Wide Celebration at USC Aiken on **January 22, 2023**.

