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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

On Saturday I had the privilege of giving the eulogy at St. Paul's Church, Augusta, for Mrs. Martha Scroggs, who taught my older daughter, Maggie, in the threes class at Episcopal Day School. Mrs. Scroggs taught kindergarten and then the threes there for a total of 55 years, which is an amazing ministry in education that made the difference to the first experience of school for generations of Augustans. I have been reflecting on the wonderful start that Maggie received in her school life with Mrs. Scroggs and how now she is preparing for graduation and college.

Looking back on her high school education I am grateful for the dedication and love of Maggie's teachers over many years that have prepared her for this stage of her life. I am particular thankful for the last four years that she spent at Mead Hall, which has provided many college acceptances, including in Canada where my wife and I grew up and attended the University of Toronto, as well as the high school education that has prepared her for a rigorous university education. All of her teachers at Mead Hall have contributed so much to her academic and personal development. The one teacher that she had for her four years here,

Mrs. Dickey, has challenged Maggie in her honors and AP English classes to really think critically and write effectively, which will make a huge difference in her future. Her readiness for college is a great comfort to me. I truly appreciate what teachers do each day and the challenges they face. A study published by McKinsey and Company last week found that almost a third of American K-12 teachers are considering leaving the profession before the beginning of the next school year. This research is a reminder that we must do everything we can to support teachers and encourage them in the essential work that they do for America's children. At Mead Hall, I appreciate the support given to our teachers and that our school has identified the strategic goal of retaining and attracting highly qualified faculty. Therefore, it was a blessing to have Faculty and Staff Appreciation last week and a day for professional development. May we as a school always strive to support and encourage our teachers to deliver the best possible education to our students.

Blessings,

Frank Sawyer



LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

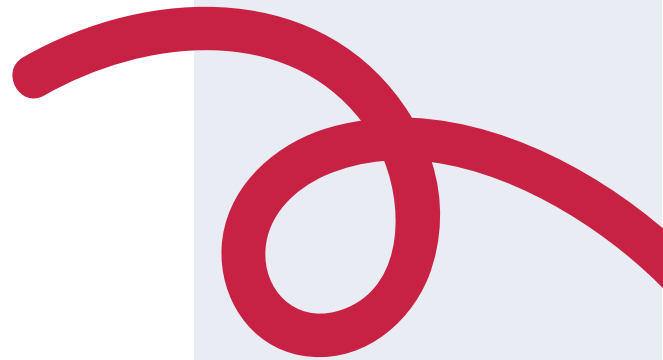
READ ACROSS AMERICA

Students celebrated Read Across America last week with our annual Dr. Seuss dress-up events. With crazy socks and hats, red and blue clothes, and dressing for future occupations, our students enjoyed a week of reading activities and fun.



FIRST GRADE ENVIRONMENTAL TRIP

First grade students traveled to Bridgestone for the B.E.E.P program (Bridgestone Environmental Education Program). The students were able to "adopt a tree" and use technology and measurement tools to make observations. They gained a better understanding of the structures, functions, and the life cycle of plants. They also went on an adventure with Stickman and made some great observations of the world around them! It was a great way to wrap up our unit on plants.



DECLAMATION SHOWCASE

What an impressive group of students entertained and amazed us during our Declamation Showcase on Tuesday Evening. Thank you parents, and faculty for helping students prepare for this important Mead Hall event. Also, thank you to our preliminary judges: Ann Fornwald, Marianne Swearingen, Ellison Weist, Adelle Dennis, and Terrie Lehi. We appreciate your time and care in selecting our finalists.



LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

MARCH

- 16 Q3 REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE ON FACTS FAMILY PORTAL
- 17 DRESS DOWN FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY WEAR GREEN
- 23 PTO CHICK-FIL-A DAY
- 30 STC EASTER PARTIES
- 31 (NO SCHOOL)
- 31-APRIL 7 SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)





MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

WHY DECLAMATION?

Our wonderful students have been participating in a longstanding tradition of delivering their Declamations in front of teachers and peers. You can be extremely proud of how they have met the challenges of memorizing material and facing the fear of public speaking. I have heard several students and a few adults asking "why do we have to do Declamations?" Employers from virtually every business or industry rank good communications skills near the top of characteristics they are looking for in potential employees. The ability to synthesize material and communicate it coherently and confidently, sets job candidates apart from the field. We are striving to prepare our students for life beyond high school. Based upon what I have seen and heard, Mead Hall students will be well prepared for whatever future path God has for them!

Go Panthers!

Mike

FINALISTS FOR DECLAMATION COMPETITION, MONDAY EVENING, 13 MARCH

5th Grade: Madison Austin, Elly Brown, Ryder Hayes, Adelaide McKenna, Elizabeth Grace Reynolds

6th Grade: Jalen Calvin, Noah Layne Stalvey, Zella Meldrum, James Carlson

7th Grade: Ella Heath, Ryals Connor, Graham Wilson, Landon Spaeth, Marilyn Washington

8th Grade: Pippa Elliott Sawyer, Carly Brown, Willson Lee Lawson

9th Grade: William Becker, Destini Trowell

10th Grade: Ben Herron, Caroline Johnston

11th Grade: Lauren Bey, Katie Brown, Peter Garrison, Kate Smith

12th Grade: Joseph Zeller, Arein Delariarte

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN JOYE IN AIKEN

The students at Mead Hall had the incredible opportunity to watch and participate in Joye in Aiken this week. During the concert, they learned all about Jazz and the Blues. Several students got to participate in the dancing and singing on stage! The students had a great time on the trip. Some students were so inspired, they created their own music at home. This is all part of our goal to provide excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts.



INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS STUDENT COUNCIL CONVENTION

by Chuck Stanley, Mead Hall Student Council President



On Monday and Tuesday of this week the Mead Hall student council traveled to Myrtle Beach to participate in the 2023 SCISA Spring Convention. On Monday the group joined in with around 400 other students to hear from various speakers and watch the campaign skits of students running for a statewide student council office. These skits included one by Mead Hall's very own Jack Thomas Hamerick who ran for President. Later that afternoon a beach volleyball tournament was held where Mead Hall students placed 3rd out of roughly 20 schools. On Tuesday morning elections for state office were held. Unfortunately Jack came up short in his try for president however, we are still very proud of him for putting in the effort to run.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB MAKES APC IMPROVEMENTS



Mead Hall's Environmental Club is undertaking the task of improving the Aiken Prep Campus with new bushes, flower beds, and beautiful gardens. This will greatly improve the aesthetics of our school by adding new color to the campus and will embody the beauty of our school's community. New, charming projects like a refurbishment of the front, teacher, and student parking lots, an addition of butterfly gardens, and even a lovely herb garden will soon be present on our campus. If you would like to help out on this endeavor, please donate to the Mead Hall Environmental Club with a check to the school or reach out to the office!

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

March

10	End of 3rd Quarter
13	APC Declamation (MS and US) 7:00 p.m.
14	Pi Day - APC
17	Dress Down for St. Patrick's Day WEAR GREEN
16	Report Cards available in FACTS
17	Golf Tournament at Aiken Golf Club
17-19	Alumni Weekend and Soccer Game
18	Night of the Arts at the Museum - 6 pm
18-29	Art Show at the Aiken Museum
21	Spring Band Concert
22	SCISA Math Competition
23	PTO Chick-Fil-A Day
28-30	7th/8th Trip to Williamsburg
29-30	5th/6th Trip to Charleston
31-April 7	Spring Break (No School)

**US Lock-in w/8th grade has been postponed to Friday, April 14*



Class of 2023

87 college acceptances | 52 colleges and universities in US and Canada | 14 states

**Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky,
Massachusetts, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, South Carolina,
Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia**

Scholarships Awarded: \$2,595,672

(Revised 3/8/23)

Aiken Technical College, SC
Anderson University, SC
Appalachian State University, NC
Auburn University, AL
Belmont Abbey College, NC
Berry College, GA
Catholic University, Washington, DC
Charleston Southern University, SC
The Citadel, SC
Clemson, SC
Coastal Carolina University, SC
College of Charleston, SC
Converse University, SC
Denmark Technical College, SC
DePaul University, IL
Eckerd College, FL
Francis Marion University, SC
Franciscan University, OH
Gardner-Webb University, NC
Georgia College, GA
Georgia State University, GA
High Point University, NC
Houghton University, NY
Iona University, NY
Lake Forest College, IL
Lander University, SC
Loyola University Chicago, IL
Marshall University, WV

Marymount Manhattan College, NY
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Mass
North Greenville University, SC
Presbyterian College, SC
Queen's University, Canada
Queens University of Charlotte, NC
Saint Leo University, FL
St. John's University, NY
Tri-County Technical College
University of Kentucky, KY
University of North Carolina, Asheville, NC
University of North Carolina, Wilmington, NC
University of South Carolina, Aiken, SC
University of South Carolina, Beaufort, SC
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
University of Tennessee, TN
University of Toronto, Canada
Valdosta State University, GA
Virginia Institute of Technology, VA
Western Carolina University, NC
Western University Canada
Wingate University, NC
Winthrop University, SC
Wofford College, SC

SILHOUETTE FUNDRAISER

Capture a beautiful memory of your child by getting a silhouette done by artist and Mead Hall parent, Diana LaLuz. You can either get a paper silhouette (\$40) or a watercolor silhouette (\$60).

The images of your child will be taken on March 23-24. They will be returned after spring break. They will be 8 x 10 size and easy to frame. If you would like a silhouette of your child, as a wonderful keepsake, please send a check into the school by the 23rd to secure your child's spot. Please write silhouette in the memo line of the check. This is a fundraiser for the yearbook.





SCHOOL STORE

School Store Hours for March 13th - 17th
Monday - Thursday at 8:00 a.m.
Closed: Friday, March 17th

Afternoons by Appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org.

FEATURED ITEM



Where Do Panthers Go?

Grab a Panther Plush from the School Store for only \$7 and document your travels. Snap a pic with your panther and use the hashtag [#wheredopanthersgo](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/wheredopanthersgo) on Instagram to show us where your panther is traveling this spring and summer!



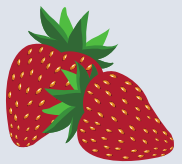
PTO NEWS AND EVENTS

Chick-fil-A Lunch Day Thursday, March 23rd

at STC and APC.
Order forms will be sent home next week. Deadline to order will be Monday, March 20th (we can not accommodate late orders or food substitutions).



Saturday, April 22nd - 39th Annual Strawberry Festival



on the APC field 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed - be on the lookout for a Sign Up Genius link soon! Information pertaining to classroom donations will be sent home after spring break. Each grade level is assigned a specific item (sodas, chips, candy, condiments etc.) to be delivered the week of April 17th.

Pre-Orders for T-Shirts and Wristbands will go home next week! T-Shirts \$15 each, All Access Wristbands \$25 each or buy both for only \$35. Strawberry Festival t-shirts will be worn to school on Friday, April 21st. Deadline to pre-order is Friday, March 24th. All Access Wristbands will include unlimited access to Carnival Games, Inflatables, Train, and Face Painting! (wristband excludes Rock Wall and Mechanical Bull)

Admission is FREE - there will be Food and Ice Cream Booths, Casseroles & Bake Sale, Gurosik Strawberries, Silent Auction, Music by DJ Kenny Ray and the Mead Hall Band and plenty of entertainment for the whole family!



Thank you

On behalf of the PTO and our Mead Hall Faculty & Staff, we would like to say THANK YOU to our parents that provided both our campuses with delicious breakfast items and thoughtful mailbox treats each day! Your support of PTO fundraisers also made it possible for us to provide all of our faculty and staff with Downtown Dollars and a catered lunch. We appreciate your continued support!



PANTHER CLUB ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



THE PANTHER CLUB
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2023
AIKEN GOLF CLUB
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

ONLINE
REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN



DOWNLOAD &
PRINT
REGISTRATION
FORMS



UP TO 4 PLAYERS / CAPTAINS CHOICE
\$500 / TEAM OR \$125 / PLAYER
BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED
PRIZES & RAFFLES

REGISTER ONLINE OR
FORMS & CHECKS MAIL TO

PANTHER CLUB | 619 BARNWELL AVE. NW. | AIKEN, SC 29801

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE IMPROVEMENT OF MEAD
HALL ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Golf Tournament Donations for a MS/US Dress Down Day

Middle School and High School students will earn a dress down day (to be announced) by donating the following items for the Panther Club Golf Tournament. Please help support our Golf Tournament and your child's grade earning a dress down day! All donations should be brought in from **Monday, March 13 - Thursday, March 16**, to the front office to Ms. Joyce or Ms. Gail.

5th grade - 12 pack canned Cokes
6th grade - 12 pack canned Sprites
7th grade - 12 pack canned Diet Coke
8th grade - case of bottled water
9th grade - case of bottled water
10th grade - case of bottled water
11th & 12th grade - box of small individual bags of chips

"Night Of The Arts"

Mead Hall Episcopal School cordially invites you to attend the opening of the

First Annual Art Performances and Exhibition

Saturday, March 18, 2023 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Branksia - The Aiken County Historical Museum

Theatrical Performance by Drama Students

Musical Performance by
The Mead Hall Band

Meet the Visual Artists

Competition judged by the esteemed artist

Ms. Leslie Alexander

Art Available for Purchase

Champagne and Hors-d'oeuvres

~A suggested donation of \$20 per family is appreciated -
All funds raised directly benefit the Mead Hall Arts Programs ~

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 9:30 A.M. BIBLE STUDY 11:00 A.M. - SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL Please join us for Sunday services. You may also attend virtually at the [VIMEO link](#). For those watching at home, the bulletin can be found at the SERVICE BULLETIN link above, and on the [St. Thaddeus website](#).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNAL PRAYER IN LENT

During Lent there will be morning prayer Monday-Friday at 8:00am in the chapel. Please enter through the chapel door for morning prayer. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 5:30pm in the sanctuary.

LENTEN YOUTH DINNER

The fourth weekly Lenten dinner will be special this year. The Wednesday dinner on March 22nd will be hosted by the Episcopal Youth Community of St. Thaddeus. It will feature a "Best Chili Contest" along with the typical soup and salad. If you want to enter the competition please contact the church office. There is opportunity for the 1st and 2nd place winners to receive some grand and glorious prizes: 1st place wins a free cruise. *
2nd place wins a three-course dinner for two.**

Come out and support our newly formed youth group!

*A 30-minute boat ride in a local pond. **Includes a hamburger, fries, drink, and one piece of candy.

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