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Mead Hall Episcopal School



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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Last week at chapel I had the opportunity of sharing the chapel talk to middle and upper school on the Gospel lesson of the Man Born Blind. It is a long reading in which the man is healed by Jesus and then a whole lot of discussion and frustration arises because of those who do not believe that Jesus is from God. The frustration arises because those who can't and won't see what Jesus has done right in front of them are truly the blind ones in this reading. Too often we cannot see or don't want to see things as they are, and I spoke to the students about this challenge and our human weakness in blinding ourselves for many different reasons. I challenged them to make this time of Lent an opportunity to open their eyes and see things objectively and themselves objectively so that they can be agents of change in their own lives and in the world around them.

Speaking of seeing, I was delighted to see the artwork of our middle and upper school students at the Night of the Arts on Saturday. This show can be viewed at the Aiken County Historical Museum through Monday. Seeing the students' artwork,

individually and collectively, was a powerful experience for me as to their creativity and ability. I am very impressed with what our students are capable of and thankful for the way that they can express themselves as artists. Similarly, I am equally impressed with their ability to express themselves in music and in the dramatic arts. I am also eager to see the art of our lower school students which we will show in the spring at Family Day. I was happy to share the show on Wednesday with the Director and Curator of the Morris Museum of Art, Kevin Grogran, and the Assistant Curator of Education, Matt Porter, who kindly came up from Augusta to view the art. Matt Porter made an important observation, that viewing art builds empathy, because we have to see the world through the eyes of others. As we see our students' art, and as our students view one another's art, may we all see clearly and grow in empathy for one another, for this is God's call to us.

Blessings,

Frank Sawyer

STEEPLECHASE

Drop by and see us at the Mead Hall hospitality tent at Steeplechase. We are inside the rail at space 876



MEAD HALL PANTHER CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT



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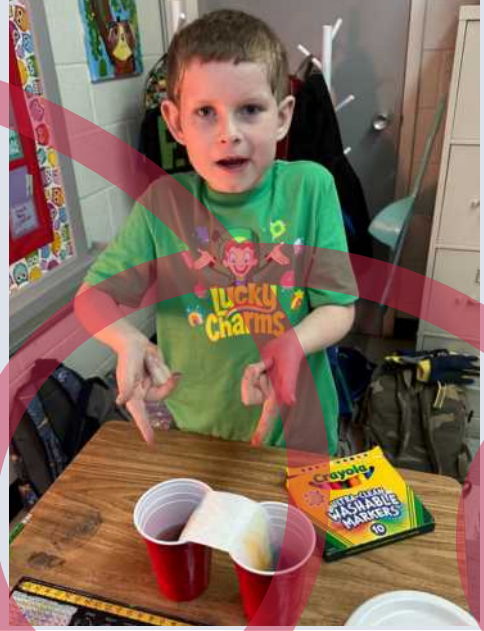
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LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Students came to school on St. Patrick's day to discover leprechauns had made a mess of rooms in the lower school, tracked paint down the halls, and even stole chairs from third graders! Students enjoyed a "green-themed" dress down day with St. Patrick's Day activities which included setting leprechaun traps, decorating shamrocks, and learning about the colors of the rainbow. Students even discovered some gold (chocolate) coins along the way.





PRESENTATION OF FOURTH GRADE CLASS SHIRTS

At chapel this week, Dr. Sawyer presented each of the fourth grade students with their class shirt. The shirts display the names of all of the students in the class, and are given to celebrate the upcoming completion of their fourth grade year, and their transition from the St. Thaddeus Campus to middle school at the Aiken Prep Campus. Dr. Sawyer congratulated them on their progress thus far and offered a prayer of blessing for the students. We are proud of our fourth graders!



CHARLOTTE'S WEB NOVEL STUDY

Students in Mrs. Brown-Hook's 2nd grade class are studying Charlotte's Web and are stuffing their own handmade pillows representing the beloved character, Wilber the pig.



STC HEADMASTER'S HONOR ROLL

3RD GRADE

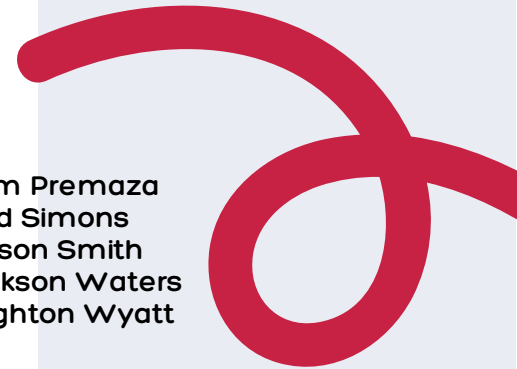
Cooper Alexander
Eli Burke
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Kate Grande
Pierson Hall
Zoe Hanna

Kate Kisner
Penelope LaLuz
Melina Powers
Kensie Ravenel
Benjamin Reynolds
Hogan Starks
Mya Tarver

4TH GRADE

Delfie Berdie
Avery Cooper
Cade Haddock
Knox Hearne
Camden McEntarffer
Emma McMurtrie

Liam Premaza
Ford Simons
Carson Smith
Jackson Waters
Leighton Wyatt



BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Our March Birthday Book Club members include Pierson Hall, Jack Buchanan, Kate Grande, Emma McMurtrie, Luke Bruckner, and Miles Bruckner.

Our June Birthday Book Club members include Hamp Andrew, Vin Harper, and Michael Whitehead. James Lockwood had a August birthday

These students enjoyed picking out a title from our new book selection in the library. After reading the book they donated the book to our library for other students to enjoy! We are thankful to these students for their generous donations.





EASTER PARTIES

On Thursday, March 30, STC students will enjoy Easter parties and classroom activities. This will be a dress down day for students.



Lost & Found

We will be taking all unclaimed and unlabeled lost and found items to ACTS or our Mead Hall school store on March 30th. The lost and found is located in the main office should you need to check for anything prior to Thursday, March 30th.

LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

MARCH

- 28 FIELD TRIP - PK TO PUBLIX
- 30 STC EASTER PARTIES (DRESS DOWN DAY)
- 31 (NO SCHOOL)
- 31-APRIL 7 SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)

APRIL

- 17-22 BOOK FAIR IN APC GYM
- 18 SPRING PICTURES STC (WEAR NICE SPRING OUTFITS)
- 22 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
- 24 FIELD TRIP - K TO RPSEC
- 25 3RD GRADE WAX MUSEUM IN CAFETERIA FOR STC STUDENT TOURS
- 27 4TH GRADE POSTERS IN CAFETERIA FOR STC STUDENT TOURS





MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

MEAD HALL MATH TEAM

The Mead Hall Upper School Math Team attended the SCISA High School Division II Math Meet this week in Sumter, SC. Eleven students attended and formed two teams of five students each with one alternate. The competition included both a written test and a speed round for each team member. Congratulations to Roland Yang who placed 5th in the State Individual Awards. In addition, Roland Yang and Esther Marks received medals for highest scoring team members.



MEAD HALL'S GIRLS STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Congratulations to Esther Marks, Class of 2024, for being selected this year as Mead Hall's Girls State representative this summer from June 11 - 17!

"American Legion Auxiliary Palmetto Girls State is a one-week leadership and citizenship training program, held at Presbyterian College, created to educate outstanding high school students about state and local government and citizenship."

\$438.95 DONATED TO THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY



The Aiken Prep Campus dress down day in February raised \$438.95 through the donations of students and faculty. In the letter to Mead Hall from LLS, the Society states, "Your kindness is bringing new hope to blood cancer patients across the country." Thank you to Anne Fenton Massie and Abbe Stanley for organizing this dress day and to all who participated and donated to this important cause.

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL HEADMASTER'S HONOR ROLL

5th Grade

Madison Austin
Parker Burke
Charles Davis
Mackenzie Goodwin
Evelyn Greer
Ryder Hays
Annie Lindroth

6th Grade

Vivian Arvizu
Mary Irving Calfee
Clarke Connor
Kai Huskey
Meredith Langford
Taylor McEntarffer
Chase Shepherd
Will Simons
Aiden Smith
Noah Layne Stalvey
Everett Stanley
Emma Statkus
Keeley Taylor
Savannah Warren
Grice Wyatt

7th Grade

Hayden Baisch
Phil Belcher
Madison Boyd
Trinity Carpenter
Evan Collum
Ryals Connor
Cody Hanna
Ella Heath
Wes Herron
Maggie Palmer
Hanna Pribilovics
Landon Spaeth
Ella Statkus
Loren Wilkins

8th Grade

Avery Abrams
Lucy Arvizu
Prisha Bhavsar
Gabby Blaszcak
Carly Brown
Ryan Buckles
Gabby Davis
Anrei Delariarte
Pippa Elliott Sawyer
Macy Belle Harper
Willson Lee Lawson
Malia Pemberton
Layla Scott
Anika Spaeth
Walker Wiedenman
Hyatt Wilhelm

9th Grade

Faye Becker
Bryona Bibbs
Lily Carroll
Taylor Houck
Maddie Leluc
Russ McLaren
Ronald Shepherd

10th Grade

Taylor Abraham
Brooks Abrams
Maddie Godard
Tori Goodson
Ben Herron
Xander Leigh
Caroline Wiedenman
Roland Yang
Julia Young

11th Grade

Piper Barth
Lauren Bey
Katie Brown
Peter Garrison
Jack Thomas Hamrick
Esther Marks
Anne Fenton Massie
Helaina Pemberton
Kate Smith
Abbe Stanley

12th Grade

Livi Cato
Arein Delariarte
Wyatt Dixon
Wyatt Geitner
Erin Grandy
Virginia Gwinn
Jason Leonard
Isabella Shappell
Joseph Zeller

SPRING BAND CONCERT AND AWARDS

On March 21st, the Mead Hall Band Program presented their annual Spring Concert held in the APC Gym. Both the Concert and Beginning Bands presented challenging works to an audience of well over 100. Deserving students were also presented awards sponsored by The Instrumentalist, which is a scholarly journal highlighting research and teaching involving band and orchestra. The awards and recipients are listed below:

Instrumentalist Magazine Musicianship Awards:

Esther Marks (11)
Peter Garrison (11)
Carly Brown (8)
Cody Hanna (7)
Taylor McEntarffer (6)
Zoey Meldrum (6)



Instrumentalist Magazine Merit Awards:

Caroline Johnston (10)
Ben Herron (10)
Hayden Baisch (7)
Ryals Connor (7)
Benjamin Berdie (6)
Meredith Langford (6)

MS & US Headmaster Honor Roll Students and Declamation Winners



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

March

- 28-30 7th/8th Trip to Williamsburg
- 29-30 5th/6th Trip to Charleston
- 29 Beta Club Induction during Chapel
- 31 Spring Break (No School)

April

- 1-7 Spring Break (No School)
- 13 EDS High School Admissions Fair @ 6:00 pm
- 14 All County and Da Capo Bands at NAHS
- 14 Upper School Lock-in with 8th grade
- 17-22 Book Fair in APC gym
- 19 Spring pictures APC
- 21 Solo & Ensemble Competition @ Aiken High School
- 22 Strawberry Festival
- 29 Prom at Aiken Historical Museum



SCHOOL STORE

School Store Hours for March 27th - Thursday, March 30th at 8:00 a.m.
Spring Break March 31st - April 7th
Will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 10th

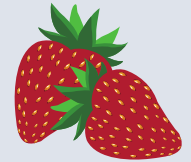
Afternoons by Appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org

PTO NEWS AND EVENTS



Night of the Arts Success

Our first annual Night of the Arts - Art Exhibition at the Historical Museum was a huge success and we appreciate everyone who came out to support the arts programs. Thank you to our talented art instructor, Mrs. Nowlin, and her creative students for showcasing their artwork. All monies raised will directly benefit our art and band programs at the Aiken Prep Campus.



Saturday, April 22nd - 39th Annual Strawberry Festival

Our final planning meeting will be held on Thursday, April 13th at 8:45 a.m. in the APC Cafeteria - all are welcome!

Please be on the lookout for a SUG link for volunteer sign up - the PTO needs numerous volunteers on event day as well as donations of baked goods and frozen casseroles.

Important Dates - A letter regarding classroom donations will be sent home the week of April 10th. Pre Ordered t-shirts will be distributed the week of April 17th for students to wear to school on Friday, April 21st. All donations should be brought to school the week of April 17th - 21st.

39th Annual Strawberry Festival
April 22nd • 10am - 2pm
619 Barnwell Ave NW

Vendors, Games, Rides, Inflatables, Bake Sale, Food and Ice Cream Tents, Silent Auction

FREE ADMISSION!
Family fun for all ages

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StrawberryFestival@meadhallschool.org





ANNUAL FUND

Enriching our Education
Improving our Facilities
Strengthening our School

Tuition covers only 90% of an individual's Mead Hall education. The gap this year is \$774.00 for each student. The Annual Fund has a tremendous impact on the quality of the Mead Hall experience.

Annual Fund gifts will contribute to this wish list:

- Retaining and attracting top faculty
- Middle School science curriculum and lab equipment for hands-on/STEM learning
- New Die Cut System for the St. Thaddeus Campus
- Additional trikes and scooters for the renovated St. Thaddeus Campus playground
- Providing further opportunities for enrichment and competition in the fine arts
- New telephone/intercom systems for the St. Thaddeus & Aiken Prep Campuses
- Technology maintenance and network security
- New carpeting and flooring for both campuses
- Continue to grow our Athletic program, including expanding lower school sports
- Annual maintenance and improvements to both campuses
- Improve landscaping on both campuses
- Painting and restoration of the exterior of Harrington Hall, Aiken Prep Campus





MEAD HALL PANTHERS

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 **Sullivan Turner**. 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, For all they've done in the past and continue to do for our school, we thank you! your continued support!

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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](#).

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