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Mead Hall Episcopal School



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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON FRIDAY

This week we recognize our teachers and staff during our Faculty Appreciation Week. I want to thank our teachers for the education and support that they offer our Mead Hall students each day. The last few years have been a challenge for teachers everywhere through the impact of the pandemic and its lasting effects on education, our students, and all of us. I am grateful that our faculty has weathered this storm with hope and faith. At Mead Hall I have the opportunity to witness a faculty of dynamic teachers that is dedicated to the education and nurture of our students each day, and have a genuine joy in their call as educators. Please join me in thanking our teachers and all of our administration and staff that are here each day to raise up our children in learning and in life. I appreciate the PTO for providing all of the food, treats, and gifts that our faculty and staff are enjoying this week. This affirmation of their work means a lot and we appreciate all the support that you give our faculty and staff.

All of our students have a day off tomorrow's in-service will be a session on teaching literature given by Dr. Rebecca Harper, Associate Professor of Literacy in the College of Education at Augusta University, and FOSS Science training for lower and middle school faculty. The FOSS program is our new 1st-8th grade science curriculum, with an emphasis

on inquiry-based, hands-on, and STEM learning, which we are in the process of implementing. Please see the description of FOSS below. We will also have CPR/First Aid training which is provided to our staff every other year and DSS training for our early childhood educators.

The faculty and staff will also be trained on our new phone/intercom system which is in the process of being installed on both campuses. This is a big step forward for our communications and campus safety. The new phone/intercom system is made possible by Annual Fund which allowed us to increase our budget and implement this vital system. Our Annual Fund makes a huge contribution to our school's facilities and the enrichment of the education of our students, so we deeply appreciate the donations on Giving Day, which we are celebrating in today's In the Loop, and all of the gifts to Annual Fund. With \$122,226 raised, we are on the way to our goal of \$225,000, and we cannot achieve this without your support.

May this Faculty Appreciation Week be a shining reminder of how our teachers are essential to the education and development of our children.

May God bless our teachers and staff!

Frank Sawyer

FOSS Science for 1st - 8th Grades, is described as follows:

FOSS is not a passive curriculum. Instead, it challenges students to actively participate in the world around them and gather evidence to explain real-world phenomena. Lessons include investigation experiences that build an understanding of science and engineering concepts and practices. Concrete texts and background are used for further exploration of STEM concepts through reading, writing, integrated technology, and outdoor exploration. Students don't simply ask "Why?" They ask "What's next?"



THANK YOU!

*We want to celebrate the generous gifts we received for our **Giving Day 2023**. We raised **\$11,862** from Thursday through the weekend. Thank you all so much for your generosity.*

Giving Day provides an essential contribution to our Annual Fund.

*With the success of our **Mead Hall Giving Day**, donations to our Annual Fund have reached **\$122,226**.*

*We are on our way to reaching our goal of **\$225,000**.*

Please consider a gift to the Annual Fund between now and June 30, 2023 so we can meet our goal and enrich the education and learning environment of our students!



"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.

Banksia - The Aiken County Historical Museum

Theatrical Performance by Drama Students

Competition judged by the esteemed artist

Musical Performance by

Ms. Leslie Alexander

The Mead Hall Band

Art Available for Purchase

Meet the Visual Artists

Champagne and Hors-d'oeuvres

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



LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

GLOBAL FOCUS DAY

Last Friday was a special day on the St. Thaddeus Campus. Students spent time learning about other countries around the world during our second annual Global Focus Day. From our preschool students learning about Brazil to our third grade students each researching a country of their choice, to our fourth grade students studying the origins of winter sports around the world - each grade took time to expand our understanding of cultures outside of our own.

The day began with a "parade of nations," ([Watch Here!](#)) and a campus-wide assembly where Mrs. Cohen, who teaches Spanish on the APC, spoke to our students about her native country of Peru. The learning continued in classrooms with guest speakers, special foods, and a show and tell of items from various international cultures.



HERITAGE FLAG CEREMONY

Students in fourth grade took part in the Heritage Flag ceremony on the soccer field Friday. [Watch Here!](#) Eugene Hough, founder of The Legacy Marker Program, came to campus to teach the students the proper treatment for our nation's flag. Working together with Mr. Hough, students cooperated to unfurl, display, rotate, and refold a large American flag while learning lessons in teamwork and respect for the flag and those who lead.



DECLAMATION SHOWCASE FINALISTS

Mead Hall families are cordially invited to the St. Thaddeus campus Declamation Showcase. Selected students from each grade, PK - 4th grade, will perform memorized selections in the St. Thaddeus sanctuary on Tuesday, March 7, at 5:30pm.

Our Showcase Finalists Include:

Heidi Joehnk
Henry Meyer
Rebekah Fish
Colin Ring
Lukas Chartier
Presley Jane Johnson
Sasha Cohen
Grayson Shaffer

William Brown
Lauryn Woody
Rosalind Carter Doran
Michael Whitehead
Meyer Grande
Maddie Yapoujian

Beckham Thomas
Maggie Wood
Eli Greer
Dallas Trowell-Simpkins
Win Hartnett
Alina Marrone

Benjamin Reynolds
Emma Kleintop
Skylar Siegfried
Hogan Starks
Ford Simons
Leighton Wyatt
Ayden Brooks
Jones Stewart

LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

MARCH

- 2 FACULTY IN-SERVICE (NO SCHOOL)
- 6 FIELD TRIP - KIDZ BOP @ USCA 10:00AM 3RD AND 4TH GRADES
- 7 STC DECLAMATION SHOWCASE (PK- 4TH 5:30)
- 8-10 FIELD TRIP - 4TH GRADE TO BARRIER ISLAND
- 10 END OF 3RD QUARTER
- 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
- 24 FIELD TRIP - K TO RPSEC
- 30 STC EASTER PARTIES
- 31 (NO SCHOOL)
- 31-APRIL 7 SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)





MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

MEAD HALL STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS FOR ANIMAL SHELTER

Our sixth grade entrepreneurs raised almost three hundred dollars to donate to the Friends of the Animal Shelter (FOTAS). These enterprising young people sold doggie treats, buttons, bandannas, and an assortment of homemade treats to raise funds.



A celebration of our flag with our middle school students

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!





DECLAMATION IN MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL

The Declamation Contest is an Aiken Prep tradition. It began in 1946 when the Aiken Prep School boys wrote historical essays and then demonstrated their rhetorical skills and excellence in elocution by reading their essays before a large audience. Today, students at Mead Hall study historical and literary pieces and then recite them to an audience from memory. This week at Mead Hall, middle and high school students (grades 5-12) have been reciting their pieces in class,



and their teachers have selected the finalists who will advance to compete in the 2023 Declamation Contest on Monday evening, 13 March, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the auditorium at the Barnwell Street campus. We are looking forward to enjoying these talented young speakers.

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

March

6	Kidz Bop @ USCA 10:00 am (3rd, 4th, 5th grades)
6-7	SCISSA Student Council Spring Convention
9	Young People's Concert @ USCA 10:00 am (6th, 7th, 8th grades)
10	End of 3rd Quarter
10	US Lock-in w/8th grade
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)



SCHOOL STORE

School Store Hours for March 6th - 10th
Open Monday - Friday at 8:00 a.m.

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 on Instagram to show us where your panther is traveling this spring and summer!

PTO NEWS AND EVENTS

Chick-fil-A Lunch Day ***Revised Date***

at STC and APC will take place on **Thursday, March 23rd**. Pre-Orders will begin the week of March 13th and the deadline to order will be Monday, March 20th.



39th Annual Strawberry Festival



on the Aiken Prep Campus will take place on Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Planning Meeting - The PTO will host our next festival planning meeting on Thursday, March 9th at 8:45 a.m. in the APC Cafeteria. Please join us and learn more about how you can help! Contact StrawberryFestival@meadhallschool.org for more information.

Biggest Needs - Numerous volunteers are needed on event day. We also need donations of frozen casseroles/pies, individual baked goods, pound cakes and silent auction items.

This festival is the PTO's largest fundraiser of the school year and its success is only made possible by the help and generosity of our Mead Hall families. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

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](#).



MARCH FIRST SATURDAY PLEASE SIGN UP BY MARCH 1st:

Please join us for our First Saturday event on March 4 from 5:30 - 8:30pm in the large parlor. We will have pizza, salad, and dessert. Those interested can participate in a puzzle contest complete with bragging rights or bring your favorite board game to enjoy. The kids will have games in the gym.

Remember our First Saturdays are now BYO. Tea and lemonade will be provided. Cost is \$10 per person or \$25 per family of three or more. Sign up using this [LINK](#) by March 1 so food can be ordered. Hope to see you there.

ST. THADDEUS CAMPUS 803.644.1122

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