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Mead Hall Episcopal School



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SENIOR PROJECTS AT MEAD HALL... "A TRADITION UNLIKE ANY OTHER"

I am not sure who first coined the phrase "A Tradition Unlike Any Other" for the Masters golf tournament, but it is marketing genius, and it certainly fits the topic of our Senior Projects. Each year, our Seniors are expected to participate in a culminating project where they have personally selected a topic that they are passionate about to research and present to an audience.

Though the projects are as diverse as our student body, the process is much the same for all the students. There may be grumbling along the way, but our students greatly benefit from the tutelage and mentoring of a member of our faculty and staff throughout the year. From brainstorming to a rough draft and, finally, a finished product, our students learn valuable skills that transfer to a myriad of college majors and future occupations.

I have had the privilege of attending three presentations to date, and I plan to attend as many more as possible. I watched our students present with poise and confidence on such topics as Pain Management Nursing, How Statistics Have Changed the Game of Baseball, and The Evolution of the Japanese Car Market and Manufacturing Process. I have been so impressed with our students. We all know the fear of public speaking, but our students have been able to "stand and deliver" 15 to 30 minute presentations in front of peers, parents, and faculty members. Our students are amazing!

Though they may not remember every individual lecture at Mead Hall, they will likely always remember their Senior Project. It will continue to be "A Tradition Unlike Any Other."

Blessings,

Mike





LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

STC FAMILY DAY - MAY 5

This week in backpack mail, STC families received important details about our upcoming Family Day event. With hundreds of adults joining us on Family Day, it will be important that our guests follow the specific schedules outlined on the handout so that all can enjoy the event without overcrowding classrooms or event spaces. Thank you for your cooperation.

Guests can access the campus from Greenville street or Pendleton Street, and Mead Hall employees will be available throughout the morning to assist guests with questions and directions.

Additional handicapped parking will be available along the school side of Pendleton Street.

Public parking is available in lots on both corners of Pendleton Street as well as along both sides of Pendleton, Hayne, and Greenville Streets.

If you feel comfortable walking, parking is also available in the upper school student lot on the Aiken Prep Campus.

"Adult size" bathrooms are located outside of the gym/cafeteria in the Stephenson McClellan Building as well as in the Main Office building.

We are excited about sharing the day with our Mead Hall families!



WHAT:

Spend the morning enjoying music, art, and classroom visits on the STC.

WHERE:

Cafeteria, Gym and Classrooms of St. Thaddeus Campus

WHO:

Parents and grandparents of STC students are welcome to attend.

NOTES:

School will be dismissed at noon for families to enjoy lunch together.

No aftercare offered on Family Day.

We want our Family Day to be a wonderful experience for everyone, and with over 500 guests expected to attend, you can imagine how important it will be to follow the schedules provided for each family.

GARDEN CLUB

Congratulations to Emma Kleintop (3rd) and Emmie Bryce (4th) who were winners in the Aiken Garden Club poetry contest. Club member, Frances Reynolds, presented a certificate and cash prize to our students last Wednesday during chapel.



LOWER SCHOOL SCIENCE

Students in Mrs. Water's second grade class learned about the important work of pollinators by mimicking the actions of bees who visit flowers for nectar and spread pollen from flower to flower as they go.



ACCELERATED READER QUARTER 3

These are the 3rd Quarter students who have the most Accelerated Reader points in their class. Miles Stewart, Thomas Reynolds, Grayson Cloessner, Kensie Ravenel, Banks Andrew, Jackson Waters, Eli Greer, Ivy Parrot, Cordy Henley, and Ella Kucharski



LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

APRIL

- 22 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
- 24 FIELD TRIP - K TO RPSEC
- 27 4TH GRADE "HISTORY COMES ALIVE" IN CAFETERIA FOR STC STUDENT TOURS

MAY

- 2 3RD GRADE WAX MUSEUM IN CAFETERIA FOR STC STUDENT TOURS
- 5 STC FAMILY DAY/SPRING PROGRAMS (1/2 DAY) NO EXTENDED CARE
- 9 PK FIELD TRIP TO RIVERBANKS ZOO
- 22 STC SENIOR WALK AT 8:30-8:45
- 23 K/LS END OF YEAR PARTIES (NO DRESS DOWN)
- 24 K CLOSING EXERCISES
 - PS 8:30
 - PK 10:00
 - K 11:30

- 24 LS FIELD DAY (ATHLETIC CLOTHES - SHORTS AND T-SHIRT)
- 24 END OF 4TH QUARTER - NOON DISMISSAL (NO EXTENDED CARE)
- 25 CLOSING EXERCISES
 - 8:30 AM 1ST GRADE
 - 9:30 AM 2ND GRADE
 - 10:30 AM 3RD & 4TH GRADE





MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

PRESENTATION OF EIGHTH GRADE CLASS SHIRTS

At chapel this week, we celebrated the 8th grade class as they prepare to complete middle school. Dr. Sawyer presented the 8th grade students with their class shirts. The shirts display the names of all of the students in the class and their high school graduating year, 2027. Dr. Sawyer congratulated them on their progress thus far and offered a prayer of blessing for the students. We are proud of our 8th graders who will soon be ready for high school.





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Wyatt Dixon

Class of 2023



"What can I say? Wyatt makes me laugh." says Mrs. Dickey. "His positive attitude and energy are infectious!" Mrs. Wiseman agrees, saying, "Wyatt and his group of friends were an endless source of entertainment," while Mrs. Vance-Kraus calls his dry sense of humor "fantastic!" But more than that, "Wyatt values his friendships, which is a high honor," adds Mr. Fraley. Wyatt himself says he hopes to be remembered "as a funny, nice person."

Wyatt joined Mead Hall in his sophomore year and played both basketball and soccer for the Panthers. When he came out for basketball, Coach Grant vividly recalls that he seemed quiet at first, but his personality came out on the court. There, he became known not only for his 3-point shot but for his signature saying, "Stroke that thing cuzzo!" But ultimately, soccer was Wyatt's favorite sport "because I'm good at it." Mrs. Dickey was one of Wyatt's most memorable teachers. "I always enjoyed her humor and her personal stories. I also liked how stern but nice she was." And he will always remember Mr. Fraley "because he made sure class was always entertaining and kept me busy." One of Wyatt's favorite classes was drama where "we would have discussions that were hilarious." Drama teacher Mrs. Ferguson recalls, "We wrote a script called Rhonda's Restaurant, but never got to perform it. Wyatt and Jack managed to work a human-sized rat named Rhonda into every scene!"

Mead Hall shaped Wyatt by "helping me become more of a social person," and he will miss his friends as well as soccer. Next fall he will be attending the Citadel in Charleston, where he hopes to combine his interests in medicine and athletics into a career in physical therapy. As Mr. Fraley notes, Wyatt's athleticism and great sense of humor will serve him well at his chosen college, and we wish him every success as a cadet!





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Maggie Elliott Sawyer

Class of 2023



"Maggie has an infectious sense of joy that permeated our class." Mr. Head captures it best, but every teacher echoes him - "so cheerful," "positive and smiling," "a joy to see." Mrs. Beadles says, "Maggie's smile lights up a room, as well as the halls of our school." But Mr. Head notes that her influence on the Class of 2023 went beyond the smile: "She genuinely sensed when a student was having a bad day and would go out of her way to say a kind word."

Joining Mead Hall as a freshman was a big change for Maggie. "I stood out, not only for being the principal's daughter but because I had just moved from Europe." She credits her first Mountain Madness trip with helping her adjust - "I met a lot of new people and made new friends...without it I don't think I would have made the bonds I have today." The whitewater rafting and caving continue to be favorite memories, along with trips to Flanigan's for ice cream during APUSH. Mr. Head was her most memorable teacher not only for leading those trips but "because of his happy disposition," plus "he pushed me to try my best." Maggie juggled many extracurriculars starting with 4 years on the volleyball team, which she captained her senior year. Coach Wiseman recalls her as a threat as a right-side hitter, but even more "she always had a smile when she was playing sports - it was a joy to watch her play and a privilege to coach her." Maggie also swam for two years, making state both years, and brought her "positive energy" to Interact as secretary and community service chair.

Maggie will miss "all the teachers, plus Miss Joyce and Coach Grant," saying "they have really prepared me for college, both socially and academically." She looks forward to attending the University of Toronto in Canada to major in either psychology or marketing. "My goal is NYC, working as a child psychologist or in fashion marketing." Dr. Pontoo sums up, "What makes Maggie different is the spirit that she brings to whatever she is doing." With that spirit, we are confident Maggie has a bright future!





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Isabella Shappell

Class of 2023



"Bella is both fiercely competitive and the ultimate team player, a constant cheerleader."

This seemingly contradictory statement by Mrs. Vance-Kraus is repeated by teachers and coaches alike. "Sweet yet a great competitor," says Coach Grant. The lollipop award Bella gave him years ago to thank him for his support still hangs on his office wall. Mrs. Wiseman says, "Sweet, polite, and friendly...but her grit and determination endeared her to me." Ms. Rogan calls her "a positive, friendly influence" and will miss her enthusiastic participation in math class, while Mrs. Dickey will miss this "gifted student of literature" who "always had a book on hand."

Bella has attended Mead Hall since 4K - "Mead Hall was part of my childhood!" She vividly remembers marching fearlessly into her 4K class, yet she cried when she moved to the upper campus for 5th grade because "I was afraid of those big kids." Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Sadler from 4th grade, who enlivened break time by "doing hilarious things (like) pretending to sumo wrestle." An 8th grade incident with a boy who got his braces caught in his sweatshirt still makes her laugh, and she loved the class trip to Williamsburg that same year. Her high school memories revolve around varsity swim team (where she made state several times), soccer team, and her service work with Interact and Beta Club. "I will miss swim team the most!" she says. "I love my teammates...we were able to make a really comfortable atmosphere."

Bella fell in love with the University of Kentucky when she attended swim camps, and after graduation she will be heading there to study business. An added bonus is her grandparents will be 20 minutes away! Mrs. Bruckner declares, "Bella is so motivated and will no doubt succeed in anything she sets her mind to," and Bella herself wants to be remembered "as a fierce, driven girl who strived to improve the community around me as well as myself." She is all that and more, and we know she will do well!



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

April

- 22 Strawberry Festival
- 29 Prom at Aiken Historical Museum

May

- 1-2 Senior Project Presentations continued (5th period)
- 10 Athletic Awards (6 PM STC gym)
- 17-19 Final Exams

AP Test Schedule

- T 5/2 AP Psychology (8:00 AM)
- W 5/3 AP Literature and Composition exam (8:00 AM)
- W 5/3 AP Computer Science A (12:00 PM)
- Th 5/4 AP Statistics (8:00 AM)
- F 5/5 AP US History exam (8:00 AM)
- F 5/5 AP Microeconomics (12:00 PM)
- M 5/8 AP Calculus exam (8:00 AM)
- T 5/9 AP Language exam (8:00 AM)
- W 5/10 AP Biology (8:00 AM)
- F 5/12 AP Music Theory (8:00 AM)

End of Year Events Schedule for APC

- M 5/22 Senior Walk at STC (8:15 AM)
Graduation Practice (after Senior Walk)
- T 5/23 Senior Dinner (6:00 PM)
- W 5/24 Half Day and Last Day (end at 12:00 PM)
- Th 5/25 Closing Exercises
5th-7th Grade (1:30 PM)
Upper School (3:00 PM)
8th Grade (5:00 PM)
- F 5/26 Graduation (10:00 AM)



SCHOOL STORE

School Store Hours for April 24th - 28th
Open: Monday - Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Closed: Thursday, April 20th

Afternoons by Appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org

PTO NEWS AND EVENTS



Saturday, April 22nd - 39th Annual Strawberry Festival

Plan to join us this Saturday, April 22nd for the 39th annual Strawberry Festival! See flier for more information.

Volunteers STILL Needed - Please click [here](#) for the **SUG Link** and sign up where you are able! The Strawberry Festival is our largest fundraiser of the school year and truly an "all hands on deck" event. Numerous volunteers are needed to assist at the festival in the Food and Ice Cream booths as well as donations of individually wrapped baked goods and frozen casseroles. We can't do without you! Thank you for your support.

**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**

www.meadhallschool.org
StrawberryFestival@meadhallschool.org



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 **Aiken Endocrinology**. 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!

Mead Hall *Presenting Sponsor*



Go Panthers!



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](#).

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

10:00 - 11:00 A.M.
Children - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, upstairs in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg Led by Anna Akins
Drop In Class - Small Parlor in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg Led by Kathie Fowler
Adult Sunday School Class - Large Parlor (cafeteria) in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg Led by Gibert Kennedy

In addition to these Sunday classes, there is a book study that meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30AM. They meet in the sitting room in the Cornish Bldg. It is led by Burt Tiffany. Following the book study is the 11:00AM Rite II Eucharistic service held in the chapel.

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