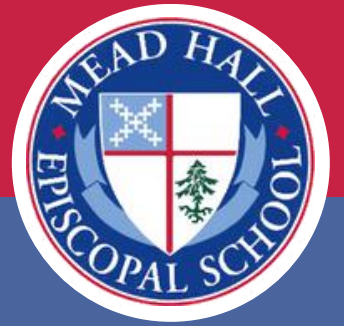


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LOWER SCHOOL NEWS



LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL INFORMATION



Please note the following information concerning the last days of school.

Monday, May 22 is a regular day of school with yearbook distribution. Students wear regular uniforms.

Tuesday, May 23 is a regular day of school with end of year parties (Homeroom teachers will provide details for each class). Students wear regular uniforms.

Wednesday, May 24 is a half day with noon dismissal. Students arrive in the carline or at morning care; PS, PK, and K students will leave with parents after Closing Exercises; 1st - 4th grade students leave in the carline at noon. There is no extended care.

1st - 4th grade students will enjoy field day activities and should wear shorts, T-Shirts with sleeves, and sneakers.

Thursday, May 25 is the day for 1st - 4th grade Closing Exercises. Students should arrive 30 minutes before their program. Homeroom teachers will designate a drop off location for your child. Parents and guests may then park and find a seat in the sanctuary for the program. Students will leave with families after Closing Exercises. See additional details below.

CLOSING EXERCISES SCHEDULE



Closing Exercises will be held in the sanctuary on **Wednesday, May 24** for students in **PS, PK and Kindergarten**, and on **Thursday, May 25** for students in **1st - 4th grades**.

PS, PK, and Kindergarten students should wear their best regular uniform - khaki bottoms and red or blue polo shirt.

Lower School students should wear "Spring Formal" uniforms which include long khaki pants for boys and plaid skirts or jumpers for girls along with red or blue polo shirts.

Parents, grandparents, and other guests are welcome to attend Closing Exercises and can enjoy a popsicle treat and a time of fellowship with students in the churchyard after the program.

Closing Exercises - St. Thaddeus Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 24		Thursday, May 25	
Time	Grade	Time	Grade
8:30	3K	8:30	1
10:00	4K	9:30	2
11:00	5K	10:30	3 and 4

LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

MAY

- 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 11:00

- 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



Kate Kisner is a member of our birthday book club. She will celebrate her birthday in June. After reading the book she will donate it back to the library for other students to enjoy. Thank you Kate for your donation!



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

2023 SENIOR SIGNING DAY

On May 16, 2023, family members, friends, coaches, and teammates of Virginia Gwinn, Chuck Stanley, and Ashton Stroud gathered in the auditorium to celebrate these young people signing with their respective colleges to continue their academic and athletic careers. Virginia Gwinn, a former state champion will run cross country at Berry College. Chuck Staley, also a state champion in golf, will continue his career at Gardner-Webb College. Ashton Stroud, a standout on our basketball team for many years, will take his skills to Catawba College. We have been blessed to watch these young people grow and excel here at Mead Hall. We wish them well as they transition to the next phase of their lives.

Go Panthers!



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



National Honor Society taking their pledge. From left to right :Joseph Zeller, Abbe Stanley, Kate Smith, Helaina Pemberton,, Anne Fenton Massie, Esther Marks, Jack Thomas Herrick, Wyatt Geitner, Maggie Elliot Sawyer, Arien, Delariarte, Livi Cato, Madeline Carroll, Katie Brown, Lauren Bey, Piper Barth.



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Olivia Cato

Class of 2023



"Her sweet spirit is a joy to be around." writes Mrs. Bruckner, while Ms. Rogan calls her "a warm and friendly influence on everyone around her." Mrs. Wiseman agrees that "she encourages her friends to do great things," but also recalls a day "when Livi told me that she was done being nice. She quickly realized that it is simply not in her nature to be unkind." But that sweetness is matched by a determination to challenge herself. Mrs. Dickey tells how Livi "challenged herself in AP courses, going above and beyond on assignments, with an attitude of perseverance second to none." Mr. Fraley sums up, "Livi will enjoy much success in her life because of her diligence, brilliance, and joyous attitude."

Livi joined Mead Hall in 9th grade, and her sweet spirit was on display from the start as she served in Interact, student council, and Beta Club. "These clubs are particularly special to me as they have allowed me to be involved without feeling out of place." Dr. Pontoo points to her cheerful willingness to volunteer, even for a 7 a.m. event. But Coach Grant says that Livi's competitive determination showed on cross-country, where she "never gave up, always pushed through." Mr. Fraley is her favorite teacher both for his joking manner and because "he makes me feel seen and heard," and one of her most cherished memories is garden day with the Environmental Club in spring of her junior year. "This day is special to me because it was a beautiful day to care for the land with some of my favorite people."

Livi concludes, "Mead Hall has provided me with the support to grow into myself. When I came here, I was timid and skeptical, but through the feeling of community and love that overflows at Mead Hall, I have grown into a faith-filled, ambitious person." She will miss "Mrs. Judy's kindness in remembering what I eat everyday and Ms. Nowlin's storytelling." Livi has not decided on her college, but she plans to major in biochemistry with the goal of becoming a cardiothoracic surgeon following medical school. Ms. Rogan says Livi is "always setting higher limits for herself and never accepts that something can't be accomplished." With her sweetness and determination, we are confident Livi will achieve her goals!





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Owen Velie

Class of 2023



"Owen possesses a rare kind of quiet leadership and dedication," observes Father Joseph. "He is thoughtful and insightful...and cheerfully works behind-the-scenes to ensure the success of his classmates and the school." Mrs. Beadles commends "the fine young man Owen has become" and his dedication to helping around the school. Similarly, Mrs. Wiseman appreciates Owen's "willingness to do any chore, big or small," as well as "his mature perspective on chapel services...something he helped instill in younger students." And while schoolwork "might not have been Owen's favorite thing," Mrs. Dickey remarks, "His ability to write deeply and thoughtfully about literature was on display in his classes."

Owen joined Mead Hall in 8th grade and became known for "my loud sticky truck" and the well-honed skills and competitive spirit he brought to the Panther soccer team. In addition to soccer, some favorite school memories are primitive technology day and "the tales and adventures of Branchville," while Father Joseph is his most memorable teacher – "His classes are the best!" Favorite activities outside of school included playing Dungeons and Dragons with his friends and "urban exploring," discovering abandoned buildings around Aiken. "I like their dystopian feeling." Owen's motto is "Life is an adventure—just go for it!" so it's no surprise that he would like to be remembered as "the wild rebellious adventurer."

Reflecting on his time here, Owen says, "I gained some new family members in the last five years, some of the best friends I could ever ask for. Mead Hall gave me a new social life and helped me academically as well. I'm so thankful for that." He will especially miss the guys' locker room along with Mrs. Raye's and Mrs. Judy's fabulous lunches, the support of Mrs. Liz and Mr. Jeff, and D2. Upholding a long family tradition, Owen will attend the Citadel where he will study engineering, with the ultimate goal of a career in the Marines. We look forward to seeing where life takes this adventurer!



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

May

- 22 Senior Walk at STC (8:15 AM)
Graduation Practice (after Senior Walk)
- 22 Full Day for MS (US will dismiss at 12:50)
- 22 Interact Celebration for Ms. Beadles @ 12:50
- 23 9th-11th Grade: USC College Tour Field Trip (8:30-2:00)
- 23 Full Day for MS with Yearbook Celebration at 2:30
- 23 Full Day for HS with Yearbook Celebration at 2:00 (Last Day for HS students)
- 23 Senior Dinner (6:00 PM)
- 24 Half Day and Last Day (MS end at 12:00 PM)
- 25 Closing Exercises (in Sanctuary)
 - 5th-7th Grade (1:30 PM)
 - Upper School (3:00 PM)
 - 8th Grade (5:00 PM)
- 26 Graduation (10:00 AM in Sanctuary)

Annual Fund Giving

We are getting CLOSER and CLOSER to the GOAL!

WE STILL need your participation

This week's gifts bring our total up to \$158,963!!!!

We are at 71% of our goal.

Every gift counts.



SCHOOL STORE

Please email
MHStore@meadhallschool.org
for appointment.

***School Store Summer Hours:**
The School Store will be closed May 29th - June 9th for Inventory and restocking.

Please check the school website weekly for updated summer hours

SUPPLY PACKS

The School Store will once again offer the option to pre-purchase your classroom supplies! Order forms will be available at closing ceremonies and will be sent via email to our current and incoming families. Supply packs are available for grades 3K - 12th. No need to go to crowded stores and wait in line, let us shop for you! Supply packs will be waiting for you in your child's classroom on meet the teacher day. Stay tuned for more information..





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](#).

PENTECOST:

Sunday May 28th is Pentecost. Remember to wear red! There will be incense at the 11:15am service.

SUMMER SERVICE SCHEDULE: As of June 1st Sunday services will be at 7:45am and 10:00am. Wednesday Eucharist will be at 11:00am in the chapel. The office will be open in June from 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Thursday and 9:00am-1:00pm on Fridays. In July the office will be open from 9:00am-1:00pm Monday-Friday.

CHILDCARE:

Beginning Easter Sunday free childcare will be available in the nursery in the Cornish Building Sunday mornings 8:45am-12:45pm for infants and small children (6 weeks to 6 years old).

GRADUATE SUNDAY:

On Sunday May 28th we will recognize and pray for our graduating seniors. If you or someone you know should be recognized, please contact the church office.

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