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IN THE LOOP

Mead Hall Episcopal School



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



I hope that everyone is still enjoying the remaining weeks of summer! The Mead Hall administration has been working diligently this summer to welcome our teachers, students, and parents for the 2023-2024 school year. Some wonderful work has been accomplished on our facilities, and we especially look forward to the opening of our St. Thaddeus Campus Large Playground in August. In this In the Loop, we are highlighting some exciting things that are happening at school this year, including our PTO's Boosterthon event, that will be a celebration of

our community and a fundraising opportunity to further enrich the education and school experience of our students. The day before school provides a time for students and parents to meet our teachers, so we hope to see you then so we can build a connection as we begin the school year. I am also excited about the opportunity that parents will have to meet one another at the PTO's welcome tent after the Opening Day Ceremonies in the church.

Please take time to note the many dates, times, and details that have been communicated for each campus from our division heads, Mrs. Morton, Head of Lower School (PS-4), and Dr. Buck, Head of Middle and Upper School (5-12). Please reach out to the school if you have any questions. Our office hours next week are Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Please watch for next week's In the Loop, where we will provide you with more information about the coming school year and introduce you to our new teachers.

Yours faithfully in Christ,

Frank Sawyer



The Mead Hall Episcopal School Fun Run | Save the Dates!

Our Mead Hall Episcopal School Fun Run fundraiser is kicking off soon! Lookout for more information in the coming weeks. For now, mark your calendars with these key dates!

- REGISTRATION OPENS - 07/25/2023
- Register on [MYBOOSTER.COM](https://mybooster.com)
- Mead Hall Episcopal School Fun Run Kick Off - 08/08/2023
- Event Day (FUN RUN AND COLOR RUN) - 08/16/2023



NEW STC PLAYGROUND

We are looking forward to the completion of our all NEW STC Playgroud.



Extended Care 2023-24

Please note that we have changed the closing time of after-school care to 5:30 pm this year.

The Mead Hall Extended Care Program provides before and after-school care for Mead Hall students on the days that school is in session. Morning care is housed in the gym at the St. Thaddeus Campus (STC) and in the cafeteria at the Aiken Prep Campus (APC). Afternoon care is housed in the Greenville Street Building at the St. Thaddeus Campus (STC) and in the Extended Care Building at the Aiken Prep Campus (APC).

Students on the St. Thaddeus Campus will have an afternoon snack, creative activities, and indoor and outdoor games. Students will also be provided with an ordered, quiet space, for study hall for 30-45 minutes each day, with adequate materials provided. Homework time is for independent practice, with no tutoring or checking of homework provided.

Extended care hours are as follows:

Morning:

St. Thaddeus Campus: 7:00 a.m. until 7:50 a.m.

Aiken Prep Campus: 7:00 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. (8:00 - 8:15 a.m. will NOT be billed)

Afternoon:

St. Thaddeus Campus: PS-K: 2:20 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. / 1st-4th: 2:50 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Aiken Prep Campus: 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Fee Structure:

First 10 hours: \$6.50/child-hour

Second 10 hours: \$5.50/child-hour

Third 10 hours: \$4.50/child-hour

Remaining hours: \$3.50/child-hour

Please remember that Extended Care closes promptly at 5:30 p.m. There will be a \$15 charge per quarter hour or any fraction thereof after 5:30 p.m.

To register for afternoon extended care on the St. Thaddeus Campus please click the link below. For the Aiken Prep Campus please call the school office. For daily drop-ins or changes please call the office by 1:30 PM.

[Click here for payment and billing details.](#)

APC Afternoon begins 1st Day of school | Morning on Friday.

STC No afternoon extended care August 3rd & 4th | Morning Care begins August 4th

[Click Here for STC Extended Care Registration 2023-24](#)



FOSS SCIENCE

Through the generosity of the Mead Hall PTO, Mead Hall continues to invest in science education for the 2023-24 school year with the FOSS science system. FOSS science uses hands-on, inquiry based activities to teach National Next Generation Science Standards. This year we have purchased the entire program for 5th grade and completed the purchase of remaining units in 6th-8th grades. In the lower school, we are especially excited to have a designated teacher, Tiffany Boyd, providing science classes for our first grade students, and our classroom teachers providing this dynamic program through 4th grade. Each year, our middle school science teachers will build on the foundations of scientific knowledge that our students acquire in lower school through this engaging and inspiring program. With topics in physics, earth science, life science, environmental science, geology, and chemistry, our 1st - 8th grade students will be well prepared when they reach the rigors of high school level coursework and laboratories.



NEW ROBOTICS PROGRAM FOR 5TH-8TH GRADE

While STEM education is an essential part of our new FOSS science curriculum, we also provide a quarter each year of robotics education to our middle school students. This year we are excited to implement our new and innovative robotics program through the generous support of our PTO. The program features the Sphero BOLT - the ultimate coding robotic ball! Designed to inspire the students' curiosity in STEM, Sphero BOLT empowers students to explore their creativity while teaching critical thinking and computer coding skills. With three ways to program (draw, blocks, and Java text coding), Sphero has the capacity to grow with our students through the middle grades as their skills increase. Sphero encourages cross-curricular learning, combining STEM and the arts to encourage creativity and innovation, and offers an extensive library of educational games and activities found in the free Sphero Edu App (compatible with iOS, Android, and Chrome). With its durable and waterproof design, Sphero BOLT can withstand even the most challenging tests our students can imagine!



IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR!

As we prepare for the 23-24 school year, we want to reflect on the many accomplishments of our students from last year. The graduating Class of 2023 was offered approximately \$3,194,872 in scholarships! This number does not include the dollars our students earned via the Palmetto Fellows, Life, and SC Hope Scholarships. In addition, our 18 seniors earned 100 college acceptances to approximately 60 colleges and universities in the US and Canada. Three of our seniors signed letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at the college level.

Our students continued to shine on the SAT, earning scores that are very competitive on the local, state, and national levels. Our students also performed extremely well on the Advanced Placement exams which offer students the opportunity to gain college credit while still in high school. Our students took approximately 112 tests in 13 separate areas. Of note, our students had a 100% pass rate in AP English Literature and Composition and an 80% pass rate in AP Biology. These are challenging university level exams which makes these results very impressive. While national averages are not available at this time, we are confident that our students exceeded the national averages in multiple areas. Twelve of our students have been named AP Scholars. To qualify, students have to have earned passing scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. In addition, one student was named an AP Scholar with Distinction. To qualify for this honor, students must earn a 3 or higher on five or more exams and receive an average score of 3.5 on all AP exams taken. Clearly these students represent the best of the best academically, and are in position to compete with the brightest students across the globe! Developing global competence is crucial and one of the cornerstones of a Mead Hall education.

Results like these can only occur when there is a strong partnership between the home and the school. It takes dedicated teachers, hard working students, and supportive parents to achieve at such a high level. Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We take the responsibility very seriously. Here's to another great year!

-Mike Buck
Head of Middle and Upper School



SCHOOL STORE

Regular Weekday School Store Hours will resume on Monday, August 7th. The School Store will be open Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Check ITL for weekly updates on store hours and closures.

Shopping hours for July 24th = August 4th will be available by appointment. Please email Courtney Bruckner at MHstore@meadhallschool.org to set up a time to shop for all your uniform needs! Make sure to check the school website for [Uniform Guidelines](#) The school store stocks new uniform polo shirts in sizes YXS to AXL, classroom approved outerwear and everything you need for chapel including ties, blazers, cardigans and plaid skirts/jumpers.



PTO FALL 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

- August 3 rd - WELCOME BACK TENT (Outside Chapel)
- August 8 th -16 th - FUN RUN
- September- (Date tbd) BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY
- October 1 st - Mead Hall Sunday/ Pancake Breakfast
- Sept 25 - October 1 - Book Fair
- October 6 th - Chick Fila Day
- October 27 th Great Pumpkin Wall STC
- October 28th- Fall Festival/ MH Band Bake Sale
- November 17 th - Chick Fila Day
- December 10 th - Aiken Christmas Parade



**Welcome Back
Mead Hall Families**

Special PTO Welcome Back Tent

All families are encouraged to drop by the tent in front of the sanctuary to enjoy a cup of coffee after dropping off students in the classroom and/or sanctuary. Come by and meet the PTO board, learn about upcoming events, introduce yourself to new families, and catch up with old friends.



SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

- 7:45 - HOLY EUCHARIST
 - 10:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST - COMBINED SERVICE
- SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS 9:00

Adult Sunday School Class - Large Parlor (cafeteria) in the
Stevenson-McClelland Bldg
Led by Gibert Kennedy

WEDNESDAY

- 11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHAPEL FOLLOWING BIBLE STUDY

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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