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Mead Hall Episcopal School



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FUN RUN/COLOR RUN UPDATE

THANK YOU MEAD HALL FAMILIES FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our families for their support for this fundraiser. Donations are still welcome until Wednesday, August 23rd but we are happy to announce that so far we have raised **\$34,000** for our school. The participation of our student body was amazing with 88% of middle and lower school students registered and 73% of students receiving pledges. This money will go directly to supporting our teachers on both campuses and for facility improvements on both campuses.

We also want to thank our amazing teachers, staff and administrators. We could not have executed this fundraiser without their unbelievable support. This week we watched kindergarteners silly string their teachers, mystery readers read (and dance) in classrooms, popcorn/movie parties and teachers RUN with their students in the August heat. Dr. Sawyer and Mrs. Morton kissed goats and Dr. Buck was slimed during the color run! The energy at the Fun Run/Color Run on Wednesday was hard to beat! Our kids ran hard for their school and HAD A BLAST and we loved watching the Mead Hall community of both campuses come together to support our beloved school. **Thank you parents** for volunteering and making time to come cheer on our students! We are blown away by this community. We value our parents feedback as this was a first time event for our school, and we will make changes as it best serves our school. Despite the heat and the mess of the color, we are excited to see our school grow from these experiences and our children continue to be the "World Changers" we believe they can be.

There is much more to come on the PTO Calendar of events this year. Stay tuned and Go Panthers!

Sincerely,
Kelly Reynolds and Brittany Kisner
Fun Run/Color Run Co-Chairs



Thank You COLOR RUN

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DEPARTURE OF MRS. JOYCE HARDY – WE WILL MISS HER!

This week, Joyce Hardy shared with me that she needs to leave the role she loves, greeting the Aiken Prep Campus community each day and managing the office, due to health reasons. Wednesday was Mrs. Hardy's last day working at Mead Hall. However, we will see her again as she loves our students, our school families, and our faculty and staff. We will also take an opportunity soon to thank her and celebrate her time at Mead Hall. We will miss Mrs. Hardy so much and we thank her for the wonderful presence that she has been at Mead Hall over the past ten years, when she took on this role at the time of the merger of Aiken Prep and Mead Hall.

Gail Widener will be taking on the desk full time as our Aiken Prep Campus administrative assistant. We are thankful for Mrs. Gail's experience and presence since she joined us on Tuesdays and Thursdays last year.

Blessings,
Frank Sawyer

NEW RECTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rev. Dr. Marshall A. Jolly has accepted the call to become the new Rector of St. Thaddeus Church. Marshall will celebrate his first services at St. Thaddeus on November 6, 2023. He has been serving as the rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Morganton, NC, since 2015. In addition to parish ministry, Marshall is a dedicated diocesan and community leader. He is married to Elizabeth Jolly, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

A native of Paris, Kentucky, Marshall is a cum laude graduate of Transylvania University, where he earned a BA in American Studies. Marshall is also a two-time graduate of Emory University's Candler School of Theology, where he earned a Master of Divinity and certificate in Anglican studies, as well as a Doctor of Ministry in Biblical interpretation and proclamation. His dissertation project examined the history and theology of the Daily Office and offered teaching resources for enhancing the practice of daily prayer in parishes throughout the Episcopal church.

He is also a former NCAA soccer referee, having officiated in two NCAA championship tournaments. In his fleeting moments of spare time, Marshall enjoys running, reading, and cooking-though not all at once!

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Jolly as Rector and President of Mead Hall Episcopal School.





LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

It has been an exciting week on the STC. Students have had the opportunity to watch me kiss a goat, to celebrate donation milestones with classmates, and to enjoy the fabulous Fun Run on the APC. What an amazing job our PTO has done, coordinating this school-wide fundraising event. I am grateful as well for our faculty who navigated students safely and graciously through all of this extra activity while continuing to keep learning in the forefront for our students each day. Finally, thank you to the Mead Hall community for your gifts; we will all benefit directly or indirectly from the generous funds raised this week.

Joanne Morton

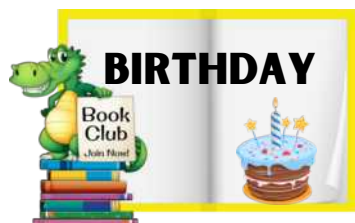




OPEN HOUSE - SAVE THE DATE

What: STC Open House for STC parents
Date: Tuesday, August 29.
When: 6:00 - 6:25 and 6:30 - 7:00) for families with multiple children
Why: The purpose of Open House is for teachers to have a few minutes to meet with parents to discuss the procedures and communication plans for each grade.

Childcare: School-age children only from 5:45 - 7:15pm.
PS/PK/K fenced playground
3rd/4th cafeteria
1st/2nd gym



BIRTHDAYS are special days @MHES! You can make your child's birthday even more special by honoring him/her in a unique way that will last for years. The MH Lower School Library offers a program called the **Birthday Book Club**.

The Birthday Book Club is a book donation program in which parents, grandparents, relatives or friends may participate by donating \$20.00 to purchase new hardbound books to be placed in the library to honor a student's (or teacher's) birthday.

They will choose a book from a selection of new books. A special bookplate with your child's name and birthdate will be placed in the book. Your child will be the first to check out this library book.

When the book is returned, it will become a permanent part of our library collection for other students to check out and enjoy.

To purchase a Birthday Book, look for a form in backpack mail and send it along with a check for \$20.00. Checks should be made payable to "Mead Hall Episcopal School." If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Blake in the library
eblake@meadhallschool.org



LUNCH WITH STUDENTS

Beginning after Labor Day, we are excited to offer parents and other special guests the opportunity to have lunch with students in the small parlor beside the cafeteria.

Lunch Reminders:

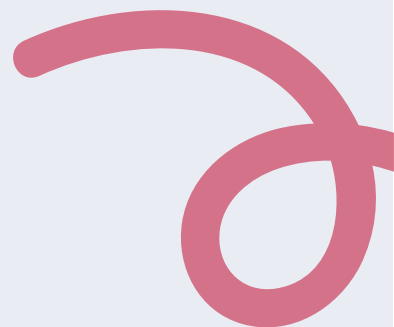
- Reservations are required and are on a first-come-first served basis.
- Reserve a spot by calling Terrie Lehi in the main office at 803-644-1122.
- If you want to eat our fabulous lunch with your child, the cost is \$5.
- All guests must come through the main office to sign in for lunch and to receive a visitor's badge.



Mrs. Matson will be sending home sign up information in 3rd and 4th grade backpack mail inviting students to join our Mead Hall Chorus. Practices will be held in the morning before school, beginning on September 6. If you like to sing, this is your thing! Look for more information in backpack mail.



If you have not already, please make sure to turn in copies of your child's SC Immunization form and Birth Certificate. These are required for each student's school records.



LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

AUGUST

29 OPEN HOUSE (6:00 AND 7:00)

SEPTEMBER

4 LABOR DAY (NO SCHOOL)
5 RESERVATIONS OPEN FOR LUNCH WITH STUDENTS
11-15 STANDARDIZED TESTING GRADES 3-4
18-22 MAKE-UP STANDARDIZED TESTING
19 STC STUDENT PICTURES
27 SEE YOU AT THE POLE/ PINWHEELS (PEONIES) FOR PEACE

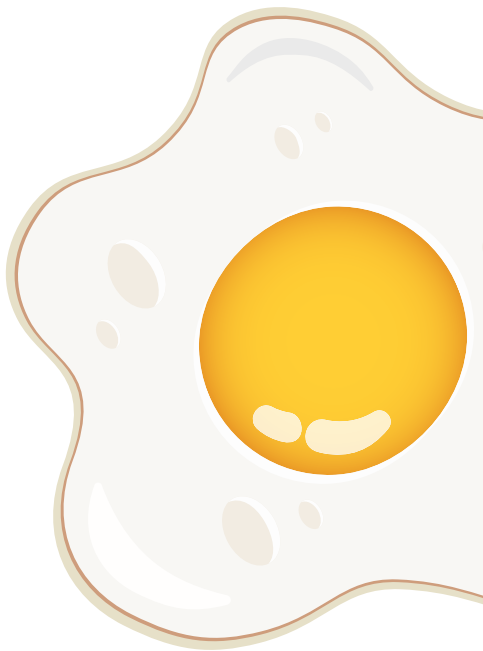




MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

FOSS SCIENCE IN 8TH GRADE

We were amazed at the successful 8th grade egg drops this afternoon as part of their STEM lesson. Every single group was successful! Ms. Courtenay was shocked because not a single egg was broken and she has never seen that before! Were the egg shells extra thick? NO - it's the kids with their collaboration and strong motivation, their competitive spirit and engineering skills. Well done, 8th Grade!!



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

AUGUST

23-25 Mountain Madness at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly (Black Mountain, NC)

SEPTEMBER

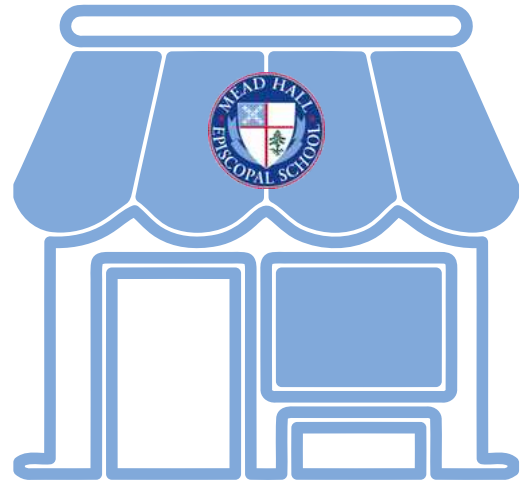
- 4 Labor Day (No School)
- 6 Combined Chapel with Lower School @ 1:00 pm
- 8 US Hill & Grill 4:30-7:30
- 11-15 Standardized Testing Grades 5-8
- 14 College Night, 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm @ James Brown Arena
- 18-22 Make-up Standardized Testing
- 20 Upper School Pictures - Wilson Studio (in Auditorium)
- 21 Senior Pictures - Wilson Studio (in Auditorium)
- 27 See You at the Pole



SCHOOL STORE

School Store Hours for 8/21 - 8/25
OPEN Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Afternoons by Appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org



PTO FALL 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

September- (Date tbd) BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY
September 25 - October 1 - Book Fair
October 1st - Mead Hall Sunday/ Pancake Breakfast
October 1th - Chick Fila Day
October 27th Great Pumpkin Walk STC
October 28th- Fall Festival/ MH Band Bake Sale
November 17th - Chick Fila Day
December 10th - Aiken Christmas Parade

PTO BOARD MEMBERS

President: Kelly Reynolds
Vice President: Brittany Kisner
Secretary: Hillary Bolen
Treasurer: Dianne Goodson
STC Parent Liaison: Jaime Clark
APC Parent Liaison: Erin Stewart
Volunteer Coordinators: Savannah McEntarffer and Nicole Ballantyne



ATHLETICS 2023-2024

We are excited about our Athletic Program this year. Please read the details of our fall season below and the requirements for athletes. We would love to have your support at some of the upcoming games and we welcome volunteers as well.

Quick Reminder: Physicals and health forms are required before the of beginning the season. Required athletic forms can be found on the school [website](#)



Daryl Hawthorne
Athletic Director

FALL ATHLETICS

Middle and Varsity Cross Country

Practices are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.
Students meet Coach Jennifer Munson on the small field behind the school.
First Meet is August 25 at Generations Park in Aiken at 6:00pm.

Middle School Golf

Practice are Tuesday and Thursday at Aiken Golf Club, 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday at Cedar Creek (Driving Range only)
Coaches Chad and Kadi Meldrum
First Golf Match is August 29 at Houndslake.

Swimming for Middle and Upper School

Practices are Monday – Friday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. (@ Aiken YMCA)
Students may meet Coach White in the parlor and be transported by bus and then picked up by parents after practice.
Coach Russ Merritt
First Meet is August 30 “NAHS Tri Meet”

Middle School Tennis

Practice begins on Monday, August 21
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Some experience required
Coach Rakesh Jasani

Middle and Varsity Volleyball

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. (When there aren't any games)
Middle School 3:45-4:45 (middle school students will be walked over to the St. Thaddeus Gym)
Varsity 5:00-6:30
Middle School and Varsity Coach Tierra Smith (Coach Tee)
Volleyball games this upcoming week are:
August 21 - Middle School-Home- Vs. St. Mary's of Aiken 4:00pm/5:00pm.
August 21 - Varsity-Away- Vs. South Aiken Baptist 4:30pm.
August 22 - Middle School-Away- Vs. Augusta Prep 4:00pm/5:00pm.
August 24 - Middle School-Home- Vs. Augusta Prep 4:30pm/5:30pm.



**St.
Thaddeus**
Episcopal Church



EUCCHARIST SERVICES
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th, 2023

10:00AM VIMEO
7:45AM SERVICE BULLETIN
10:00AM SERVICE BULLETIN

Rite I Eucharist no music 7:45 AM
Rite II Eucharist with Music 10:00 AM

Please join us for Sunday services. You may also attend virtually at the VIMEO link above. For those watching at home, the bulletin can be found at the SERVICE BULLETIN link above.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Children - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will resume in the fall, upstairs in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg

Led by Anna Akins

Drop In Class - On break over the summer. Small Parlor in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg

Led by Kathie Fowler

Adult Sunday School Class 9:00am-9:45am - This class will not meet in July. The group will reconvene in August. Large Parlor (cafeteria) in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg

Led by Gibert Kennedy

The Wednesday Bible Study Group will be in summer recess the rest of June, July, and August. Will resume meeting in early September.

EYC Event - Rollerskating

The St Thaddeus EYC (Ages 8-18) will be going rollerskating at Redwing Rollerway - 3065 Washington Rd, Augusta, GA 30907 - on September 24th from 1:30-4:30pm. We will meet at the church and carpool - feel free to invite a friend from school. As always, parents and younger siblings are welcome. Please contact Tad Whiteside (tad.whiteside@gmail.com) or Meredith Parrott with any questions.

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