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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



On the opening day of our faculty in-service this year, we welcomed the President of Aiken Technical College, Dr. Forest Mahan, to Mead Hall to offer a keynote address to our teachers. Dr. Mahan shared with us about his own experience attending a small private school in South Carolina and how well this education prepared him for college and beyond. He also spoke about the education we offer our students from the perspectives of a technical college president and the preparation of students for careers. Dr. Mahan noted that the critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity that is built into our PS-12 curriculum and teaching will profoundly benefit our students ability to thrive in the changing world of 21st Century careers and life.

It is a rapidly changing world, so we have been adapting our curriculum over the past few years to prepare our students for the challenges and opportunities ahead of them, while ensuring that they continue to have solid educational foundations and knowledge. The math program in lower school ensures that our students possess an understanding of the relationship between numbers that enables students to better grasp higher mathematics and the way that math is used practically in the world. Our FOSS Science Program for grades K-8 provides lab-based and STEM curriculum that better engages students with the processes and the comprehension of science. Our new robotics program in middle school introduces the Sphero BOLT, which gives our students the opportunity to explore their creativity and learn critical thinking skills through three pathways to program the robots (draw, blocks, and Java text coding). This year we have added World Geography to sophomore year, to support our students in understanding the complex and globally connected world in which they are living. As well, in a world where Artificial Intelligence is rapidly changing the face of homework and assignments, our teachers are changing the way assignments are completed to ensure that they are the students' own work and AI is not doing the work for them, preventing them from learning.

I am grateful for the innovation and dedication of our faculty in implementing these new programs and striving to educate our students for life in the 21st Century. It was inspiring for them to have their efforts confirmed by Dr. Mahan in his keynote address. Our teachers are ever everything to the delivery of the education of our students and I thank them for their commitment!

Blessings,
Frank Sawyer

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- Sign into your digital account.
- Search for your organization [here](#)
- Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support.
- Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save".
- Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your Account details.

Note: If you are a customer, make sure you have a preferred store selected to view participating organizations. If you are applying on behalf of an organization, please select a store in the same area as your organization.

5. [Publix Partners](#)

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The SRP High School Affinity Debit Card Program was designed to help provide funding to our local high schools. Every time a purchase is made using one of our High School Debit Cards, SRP donates money to that school. The school can use these funds to purchase books, equipment, materials, fund programs or for other needs. Make sure to get your High School Affinity Debit Card and help raise money for your school with every purchase you make. Join SRP in their efforts to give back to our school by requesting a Mead Hall Debit Card, making a difference could not be easier with SRP.

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LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Children are innately inquisitive about our physical and natural world which makes the FOSS science program especially relevant with its hands-on activities and inquiry based approach. This year, I have the privilege of teaching science to the 4th grade students which gives me an excellent perspective to evaluate our program. What I see happening in our lower school science classes is outstanding. Children are learning by doing - performing experiments, recording data, and drawing conclusions. For a successful science program a school needs dedicated faculty, a great curriculum, and inquisitive minds. Mead Hall checks all the boxes.

See you at school,

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



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.



Mead Hall Chorus

Information about registration for the Mead Hall Chorus went home this week in backpack mail. Third and fourth grade students may sign up to join the chorus which will begin practices on September 6.



MORNING CARLINE SAFETY

- The gate opens for school at 7:50. **Parents are responsible for the safety of their children prior to the gate opening.** Do not drop off children and leave them prior to the start of carline. If you need to drop off your child prior to carline, drop your child off at morning care in the gym.
- Please do not park on the left side of the carline and walk across traffic. We have had near misses in the past, and we want to keep everyone safe.
- If you have to unload a child from a carseat, please be super careful when getting out into traffic.

LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

AUGUST

29 OPEN HOUSE (6:00 - 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

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Thank you so much for your support of our first annual Boosterthon! With your outstanding efforts, we raised over \$34,000.00 for the Mead Hall community. While the funds are meaningful and greatly appreciated, there are many other benefits of the Boosterthon. I can't remember a more positive and upbeat start to a school year. From dancing to the music in the carlines, to Dr. Sawyer and Mrs. Morton kissing a goat, to our color run, and finally to dunking me with green slime, our Mead Hall family really came together. On a side note, I am still finding slime everywhere:)

I sense a true esprit de corps on our campus. In this day and age of social media, many people have lost true connectedness with each other. In a recent sermon, my pastor spoke about a survey of teenagers where nearly 80 percent of the respondents acknowledged feeling lonely. We hope to combat that sense of loneliness with continued development of school spirit on our campus. In a recent meeting with student leaders on the APC campus, our own students expressed the desire to get all students engaged with the many activities we provide. Please encourage your children to "get in the game" here at Mead Hall! We offer myriad sports teams, art programs, clubs, and service organizations on our campus.

In another attempt to foster that connectedness, we will be participating in our annual Mountain Madness trip to the mountains of North Carolina over the next few days. Our entire high school will make a college trip to Furman prior to traveling to the Black Mountain region of North Carolina. While in the mountains, students will participate in fun "get to know each other" activities led by our elected student leaders. There will also be a variety of team building activities such as ropes courses, hiking, and making smores over the firepit. Hopefully, we will have pictures to share next week. We are truly dedicated to developing the whole child at Mead Hall. We hope to grow each child academically, spiritually, socially, and morally. Thank you for placing your trust in us. It is truly a team effort.

Blessings,

Mike Buck





Mead Hall Upper School visits Furman University on their way to Mountain Madness. Emmie Barth, Furman junior and Mead Hall graduate of 2021, shares her college experience with our students.

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 8/28 - 9/1
OPEN Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Afternoons by Appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org



PTO NEWS



PTO FALL 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

- September 25 - October 1 - Book Fair
- October 1st - Mead Hall Sunday/ Pancake Breakfast
- October 5th - Bike to School Day for 3rd and 4th grade
- October 6th - Chick Fila Day
- October 27th Great Pumpkin Wall STC
- October 28th - Fall Festival/ MH Band Bake Sale
- November 17th - Chick Fila Day
- December 10th - Aiken Christmas Parade





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 beginning of 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.
Next Meet is Friday September 1 at EDS at 4:15pm. Middle School Only..

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 Aiken Golf Club.

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” at 6:00pm.

Middle School Tennis

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
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 28 - Middle School-Away- Vs. Horse Creek Academy 4:30pm.
August 28 - Varsity-Away- Vs. Horse Creek 5:30pm.
August 31 - Middle School-Home- Vs. South Aiken Baptist 4:00pm.
August 31 - Varsity-Home- Vs. South Aiken Baptist 5:00pm.



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Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19

- Students/staff who have a positive COVID-19 test result should isolate themselves from others for 5 days following the start of symptoms.
- Individuals should continue to isolate themselves from others until fever-free and symptoms have significantly improved.
- Students must be fever (temp 100.4) free for at least 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) before returning to school.
- Students are no longer required to be “cleared” to return to school. No COVID-19 re-test or MD clearance is required to return following illness.
- Parents are requested to notify the school office when a student will not be reporting to school.

Students, faculty and staff who are exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual:

- Persons identified as exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual may continue to attend school work if they have no symptoms.
- Contact tracing and notification of an exposure is no longer required.
- It is recommended that those who have direct exposure and develop symptoms of COVID-19 be tested.

Mead Hall will report respiratory illness outbreak to SC DHEC. Per DHEC a respiratory illness outbreak is 20% or more of students/staff within a shared setting of more than 5 individuals due to a respiratory illness within a 72 hour period.



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.

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