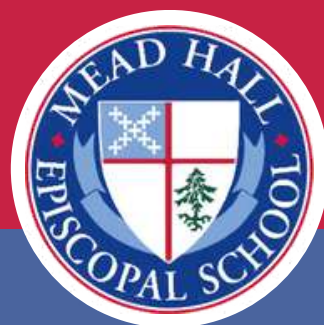


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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



THE TOWER OF BABEL

The reading on which I preached at our three chapel services on Wednesday was the Tower of Babel. I highlighted the lesson that God gives us through this narrative about the danger of being selfish and self-absorbed. The people of Babel are full of an ugly pride – they want to build a tower to heaven and make themselves equal to God and to show all of the people of the world their greatness. God intervenes and mixes up their language, preventing them from completing the vanity project.

Too often we are so self-absorbed and selfish that all we do is care about what we believe will benefit ourselves while we ignore or hurt others. While they don't show up in the Genesis account of the building of the tower, I wondered aloud with the students whether the focus on the building of the tower left children uneducated or taught right from wrong, the elderly to look after themselves and the sick uncared for, because when we focus ourselves on selfish goals those around us suffer. While we need to prioritize our safety and health, we cannot become so focused on our wants that we do not have time to see and help those around us. I highlighted that when we care for others and help them, we become happier ourselves, and with the older students I pointed to this even being shown in scientific studies. Scripture is clear about how we should live, more selfless, thoughtful of the needs of others, and helpful.

Blessings and peace,
Frank Sawyer

Parent Community – Connect with each other through the Parent Directory in FACTS

Just login to your FACTS parent account to find the directory of parents that opted in to the directory at registration. The directory is for parent to parent contact, and should not be used for commercial purposes.



MEAD HALL SUNDAY

October 1, 2023

St Thaddeus Episcopal Church

Service Times 9:00 & 11:15AM

Mead Hall and St. Thaddeus families will join together for worship on Sunday, October 1st. Students serve as readers, ushers, acolytes, musicians, and greeters, as the church and school community gather to celebrate our parish day school.

Service times are 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. The 9:00 am - Service with Lower School Readers and Songs and the 11:15 am - Service with Middle/Upper School Readers and Band.

Mead Hall Sunday
Pancake Breakfast
October 1st
Service times are 7:45, 9:00, & 11:15am



Pancakes will be served from 8:30-11:00am

No cost for breakfast - donations welcomed!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PANCAKES AND FELLOWSHIP!

St. Thaddeus Campus Lunchroom

The Book Fair will be open for students and families to shop!



LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

MEAD HALL ON THE MOVE

Field trips are an important part of the learning experience at Mead Hall. Our goal is to get students off campus at least once per quarter. Getting students out into the community broadens their understanding of core academics and the arts while simultaneously teaching students how to behave in public spaces, how to interact with adults, and how to be responsible for their personal belongings. Here is a list of some of the places our students have been already this year as well as some trips that are coming up soon:

- PS to the Aiken County Library and Aiken Train Museum
- PK to the St. Bartholomew's Pumpkin Patch
- K to Steeds Dairy Farm
- 1st grade to Ruth Patrick Science Center
- 2nd grade to Aiken Trolley Tour and to the Audubon Nature Preserve
- 3rd grade to Phinizy Swamp and Walk, Bike, Roll to School Event
- 4th grade to Hitchcock Woods, Augusta Canal/Museum, and Aiken State Park

We are so fortunate to have faculty who recognize and embrace the importance of field trips, and who joyfully plan and execute trips that enhance the curriculum students are learning each day.

See you at school!

Joanne

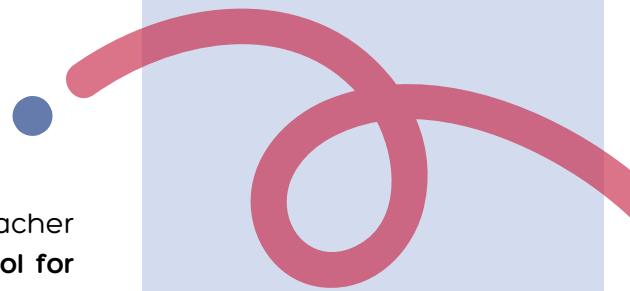


Field Trip Fun



STC PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Families on the St. Thaddeus campus will have a parent/teacher conference day on Monday, October 16. **There will be no school for students in PS - 4th grades.** Teachers will share a sign-up list for time slots during the school day to schedule a conference to discuss academic and social/behavioral progress. Standardized testing results will also be discussed for third and 4th grade students. Students on the APC will have regularly scheduled classes.



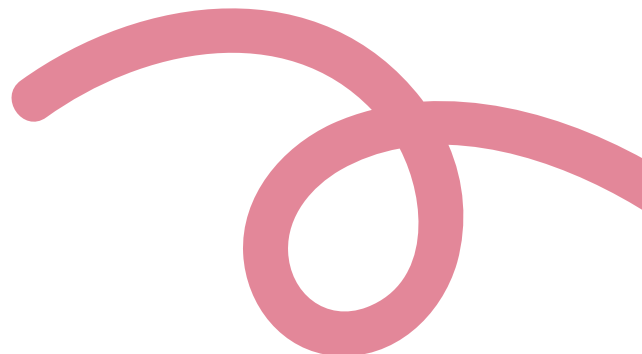
LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 25 FIELD TRIP 3RD GRADE - PHINIZY SWAMP
- 27 SEE YOU AT THE POLE/ PINWHEELS (PEONIES) FOR PEACE
- 27 DEADLINE TO ORDER CHICK-FIL-A FOR STUDENTS
- 25-01 PTO FALL BOOK FAIR AT STC
- 29 FIELD TRIP - FOURTH GRADE TO AUGUSTA CANAL/MUSEUM

OCTOBER

- 1-31 STC SPOOKY TO BE HUNGRY
- 1 MEAD HALL SUNDAY WITH PTO PANCAKE BREAKFAST & FINAL DAY OF BOOK FAIR
- 3 TOUCH A TRUCK DAY ON APC
- 5 FIELD TRIP 2ND GRADE TO AUDUBON RESERVE
- 5 FIELD TRIP 1ST GRADE TO RPSEC
- 5 WALK, RIDE, ROLL TO SCHOOL - 3RD/4TH GRADE EVENT (APC TO STC)
- 6 END OF QTR. 1
- 6 CHICK-FIL-A DAY
- 9-13 FALL BREAK
- 16 STC PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY
- 18 FIELD TRIP - PK TO PUMPKIN PATCH
- 20 Q1 REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE IN FACTS
- 20 FIELD TRIP 2ND GRADE RPSEC
- 26 FIELD TRIP 1ST GRADE RPSEC
- 27 STC FALL PARTIES/DRESS DOWN
- 27 "GREAT PUMPKINS" AT MEAD HALL
- 27 FIELD TRIP 4TH GRADE TO AIKEN ST. PARK
- 28 FALL FESTIVAL AND PLAYGROUND RIBBON-CUTTING AT STC & BAND 10:00-12:00





MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH Do Something!

A few weeks ago I was approached by two of our students who are members of the Diversity Club. Lyric Singleton is the President of the club, and Novee Mitchell is one of the members of the organization. They presented me with an idea for a project designed for students to encourage and support each other, especially during Suicide Prevention Month. The name of the project is Smiley Grams. Mead Hall students were encouraged to anonymously complete Smiley Grams and place them in a designated box during the lunch periods. After the Smiley Grams are reviewed for appropriateness, they are periodically delivered to students. I have heard many positive comments from students who were pleasantly surprised with a Smiley Gram. This is such a simple yet effective way to enhance the lives of our students. Perhaps the best news is that it was developed by our students who wanted to DO Something in response to a need

Below you will find partial lyrics to a contemporary Christian artist, Matthew West's song "Do Something." It is worth the three minutes it takes to listen to it. We all have the capacity to practice kindness and use our gifts to DO SOMETHING to make our world a better place:)

Partial Lyrics to "Do Something" by Matthew West

I woke up this morning, saw a world full of trouble now,
thought how'd we ever get so far down, and how's it ever
gonna turn around. So I turned my eyes to Heaven. I thought,
"God, why don't You do something?" Well, I just couldn't bear
the thought of people living in poverty, children sold into
slavery. The thought disgusted me. So, I shook my fist at
Heaven Said, "God, why don't You do something?" He said, "I
did, yeah, I created you!"

Blessings,
Mike



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 22-24 Homecoming Weekend
- 27 See You at the Pole
- 25-01 PTO Fall Book Fair at STC

OCTOBER

- 1-31 STC Spooky to Be Hungry
- 1 Mead Hall Sunday with PTO Pancake Breakfast & final Day of Book Fair
- 6 End of Qtr. 1
- 6 Chick-fil-A Day
- 9-13 Fall Break - No School
- 17 PSAT (9th and 10th Grade)
- 18 PSAT (8th Grade)
- 19 PSAT (11th Grade)
- 20 Q1 Report Cards Available in FACTS





Mead Hall Families,

We have a busy week ahead with **Book Fair and Mead Hall Sunday**. Thanks to all that have signed up to work the book fair. It begins on Monday! See the attached link to sign up to work volunteer for remaining slots.



[Click Here to Volunteer for the Book Fair](#)



Don't forget that CFA fundraiser ordering ends on **Wednesday, September 27th**. Orders MUST be placed on FACTS by then. No late orders accepted.



PTO FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 6TH

SANDWICH \$6 8 COUNT FRIED NUGGETS \$5 COOKIE \$2

NO SUBSTITUTIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE MENU

HOW TO ORDER

LOG INTO **FACTS FAMILY PORTAL**

CLICK **STUDENT** FROM LEFT MENU

CLICK **LUNCH** FROM DROP DOWN MENU

CLICK **+CREATE WEB ORDER** AT TOP OF SCREEN

CLICK YOUR CHILD'S **NAME**

CLICK **LUNCH ITEMS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**

CHOOSE THE QUANTITY OF ITEMS FOR YOUR CHILD

REPEAT FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN

SUBMIT AND PAY FOR ORDER

**ORDER BY
SEPT. 27TH**

NO LATE ORDERS

**ONLINE
ORDERS
ONLY!**

SCHOOL STORE

School Store Hours for the week of 9/25 - 9/29
Open: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Afternoons by Appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org



SPIRIT T-SHIRT 2023



Pre-Orders are now open for our 2023 Spirit Shirt - [ORDER HERE](#) by Wednesday, September 27th. Shirts are \$22 with tax and are available in sizes 3T - A2XL.

field trip

Middle School News

Parents of our 7th and 8th grade students - Important information regarding the field trip to Washington D.C. was sent to you via email last week. As a reminder, permission slips are due no later than Thursday, September 28th.



Volleyball

The Varsity Girls Volleyball team suffered a loss this past week against Northside Christian. They also participated in a very competitive tournament at Augusta Prep this past weekend. Although our girls didn't get a victory, they competed hard every game. Caroline, Catherine, and Abbey showed up big for the team during the Augusta Prep tournament. Catherine lead the team in assistant and service aces. Caroline displayed good blocking and hitting performance. While Abbey showed up defensively big time with at least 12 digs per game. Our girls fell short in their game against CCA and Augusta Eagles early in the week. Our Varsity girls are now 2-8 so far this season. Our girls upcoming schedule is Thursday September 21st at home versus Horse Creek Academy at 5:30pm, Monday September 25th at Westminster of Augusta at 5:30pm, and Tuesday September 26th at Augusta Christian at 5:30pm.

The Middle School Girls A team received losses from SMAK and CCA this past week. The girls picked up victories against Westminster of Augusta and Augusta Eagles this past week which brings their record to 5-8. Clark, Darla, Clara, and Loren W. have been playing very hard making our team very exciting to watch. Our girls next matches are Thursday September 21st at home versus Horse Creek Academy at 4:30pm, Tuesday September 26th at Augusta Christian at 4:30pm, and Wednesday September 27th at EDS at 4:00pm. The Middle School B team is still showing some improvement every game and they play extremely hard. Unfortunately they lost their game this week against SMAK. Their upcoming games are Wednesday September 27th at EDS at 5:00pm.



Swimming



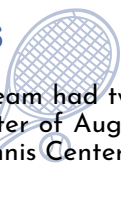
There wasn't a Swim meet this past week. The swimming team will next compete on Wednesday September 20th at 6:00pm at Hammond Hills Suburban Club in North Augusta and Wednesday September 27th at 6:00pm at Hammond Hills Suburban Club in North Augusta.



Golf

The middle school golf team was in action on Tuesday, September 19th. Mead Hall Panther golf team was victorious over Our Lady of Peace and Horse Creek Academy shooting a team low of 164. Co-Medalists of the match were Everett Stanley and Graham Wilson both shooting 39. Zoey Meldrum carded a 42, Ford Simons a 44, and Ethan Wood a 47. Go Panther Golf Their next golf match is on Tuesday September 26th at the Aiken Golf Club at 4:00pm.

Tennis



Our tennis team had two recent matches against EDS and SMAK. Their next tennis match is on Tuesday September 26th at Westminster of Augusta at Newman Tennis Center at 4:00pm and Thursday September 28th (Girls Only) at SMAG at Newman Tennis Center at 4:00pm.

Cross Country



Cross Country participated in a middle school meet at Generations Park with Tall Pines this past Friday. Savannah Warren pushed herself to run a terrific race. She was determined on her race and set a new PR. Their next meet is Thursday September 21st for JV/Varsity with South Aiken High School at Boyd Pond Park at 5:30pm and on Friday September 22nd at EDS for the middle school at 4:00pm.

UPCOMING

FALL SPORTS

In other Athletic News, sign up sheets are posted in the Upper School by the cafeteria for the upcoming Fall Sports: Basketball, Archery, and Bowling.



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EUCHARIST SERVICES

Rite I Eucharist no music 7:45 AM
Rite II Eucharist with Contemporary Music 9:00 AM
Rite II Eucharist with Traditional Music 11:15 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 by clicking [here SERVICE BULLETIN](#).

***CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** Confirmation in the Episcopal Church confirms the promises of baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Bishop Daniel Richards will preside over Confirmation Sunday at St. Thaddeus Church on Sunday, November 19. Confirmation classes will begin on September 17th and will run for six weeks. They will be held during the formation hour. To sign-up please email the church office at stthad@stthaddeus.org or drop by the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Catechesis of the Good Shephard has resumed and starts at 10:00am
Upstairs in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg.
Drop In Class starts at 10:15am - 11am and meets in the Small parlor
in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg. We are currently reading
"The Echo Within: Finding Your True Calling." by Robert Benson
Led by Kathie Fowler
Adult Sunday School Class starts at 10:15am - 11am and meets in the Large
parlor (cafeteria) in the Stevenson-McClelland Bldg.
Led by Gibert Kennedy
The Wednesday Bible Study Group meets from 9:30 am - 10:50 am
in the sitting room of the Cornish Bldg.
Led by Burt Tiffany

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