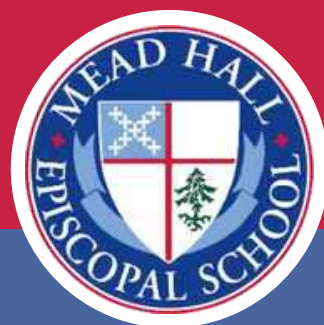


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Mead Hall Episcopal School



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

**MEAD HALL SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023  
9:00 AM AND 11:15 AM**

We invite you to celebrate Mead Hall Sunday at the 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM services at St. Thaddeus Church this Sunday, October 1st. Each year, Mead Hall Sunday celebrates the mission and life of our school as a ministry of St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church. At the 9:00 AM service, we will have our Lower School Choir singing and at the 11:15 AM service we will have our Middle and Upper School Bands playing, and we will have students reading, leading prayers, and ushering at both services. The PTO will warmly welcome everyone attending church on Sunday to a pancake breakfast from 8:30 am – 11:00 am in the Lower School Lunchroom. We look forward to gathering as a school community within our parish community as we worship the Lord and celebrate our school.

Mead Hall was founded in 1955 due to the vision of the Mead family of Dayton, Ohio, who wintered here in Aiken and attended St. Thaddeus Church. In order to remember their son, Lieutenant George Mead, Jr., who gave his life in Guadalcanal while fighting for our nation in the United States Marine Corps, Mr. and Mrs. George Mead donated their Winter Colony home, The Pillars, for the foundation of Mead Hall. Classes were held at The Pillars until 1965, when the school moved into the red brick Mead Hall School Building on the St. Thaddeus Campus. George Mead, Jr. had attended Aiken Preparatory School, founded in 1916 by Mrs. Louise Hitchcock, as a boy and walked to church at St. Thaddeus each Sunday with the other Aiken Prep boys. Aiken Day School had been founded in 1933 for girls and younger boys before they could matriculate to Aiken Prep in 4th grade. Mrs. Mead was one of the founders of Aiken Day as well. Aiken Day merged with Aiken Prep in 1989 and Aiken Prep merged with Mead Hall in 2012. Our three historic schools have had a long connection and a rich history which today is preserved in our present day Mead Hall Episcopal School.

On Mead Hall Sunday, I hope that you will gather with us in person or in spirit to give thanks to God for our school.

Wishing you all blessings,  
Frank Sawyer





# 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

### SEE YOU AT THE POLE & THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

This past Wednesday was a special day on the St. Thaddeus campus as we gathered in the gym for the annual See You at the Pole event. In unity with other students and staff at schools around the United States, we gather each year at this time to celebrate our rights to freely worship and to freely speak by praying together before school. Mrs. Matson also led the children in a special song while chorus members accompanied on rhythm instruments and bells.

We pair the See You at the Pole event with the International Day of Peace which is held on September 21. To draw our attention to the need for peace in our world, our country, our families, and our individual lives, all of our lower school students made a tissue paper flower (a peony for peace) which they placed at the front of the church as an offering of peace during chapel. The chorus sang two special songs in the service which they will also share at the Mead Hall Sunday service, and the tissue paper flowers will decorate the sanctuary this Sunday as well.

For more information:

[See You at the Pole](#)

[International Day of Peace](#)

See you at school!

Joanne





Throughout the month of October, St. Thaddeus Campus students donate non-perishable food items for the Golden Harvest Food Bank's "Spooky to be Hungry" food drive. Students who bring a can or box of food will place the items in large barrels that will be delivered to the food bank at the end of the month. Donations are not required, but are a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about hunger in our community and to serve others by selecting and donating an item or items to the drive.

- Low sodium canned veggies
- No sugar added canned fruit
- Whole grain pasta & rice
- Whole grain cereal & oats
- Canned meats & seafood
- Nuts & nut butters
- Dried beans, peas & lentils
- Low sugar jam & jelly

**MOST NEEDED ITEMS**



## 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.

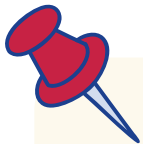


# BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB



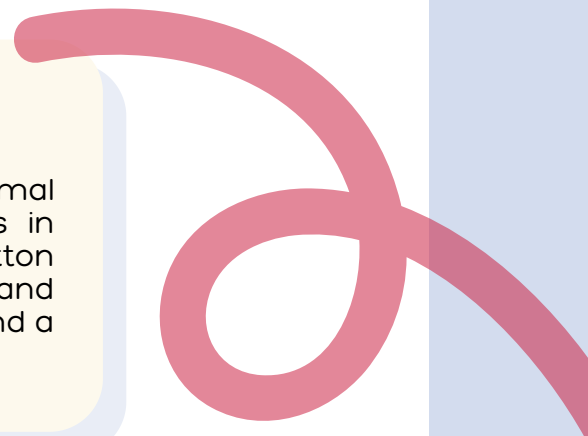
Our September Birthday Book Club members include Blair Hamilton Lancer, Eva Miniard, Rosalind Carter Doran, Jack Parrot, Robert Andrew Bolen, Presley Jane Johnson, Jackson McAlhaney, Henry Kisner, Jordan McAlhaney, Benjamin Bryan, Preston Boyd, and Blaire Ballantine.

These students enjoyed picking out a title from our new book selection in the library. After reading the book they donated the book to our library for other students to enjoy! We are thankful to these students.



## FORMAL UNIFORM TIME

Just a reminder that our Wednesday "Winter" formal uniform requirements start in October for students in grades 1-4. Boys and girls need to wear a white button front dress shirt/blouse. Boys wear Navy sweater-vest and long khakis. Girls wear the plaid jumper, skirt, or skort, and a Navy cardigan.



# LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

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## SEPTEMBER

- 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

## COLLEGE GUIDANCE NEWS

While seniors are busy applying to colleges, other students are busy attending college fairs, visiting college campuses and meeting college representatives when they visit Mead Hall. Several students attended CSRA's annual College Night at the James Brown Arena on Thursday, September 14, 2023. Many of them stopped by the Counseling Center to say hello to our very own, Dr. Pontoo, who serves on the College Night planning committee.

"We began planning for this event back in May! Several educators and community partners all worked together to ensure that the event was a success. Not only were there more than 115 colleges and universities in attendance, but also several \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to select seniors. It's the perfect venue for our high school students to gain experience speaking to college representatives and for families who have children planning to attend college, it is one of the most informative events to attend in this area!"

For students who may have missed College Night, several colleges will be visiting Mead Hall. All high school students are encouraged to grab lunch and attend these brief meetings chocked full of information geared toward the application process, college majors, athletics and other extracurricular activities. See the schedule below. Pictured with John Bowie, Assistant Director of Admission at Davidson College are the following students: Senior, Katie Brown, Junior Mac Lawson, junior, Caroline Johnston and Carly Brown, Freshman.

October 3, 2023 @ 1:00 pm: Benefits of Attending a Christian University: Hosted by **Bob Jones University**

October 19, 2023 @ 1:00 pm: **Augusta University @ Mead Hall** **Anderson University @ Mead Hall**

October 19, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: **National Christian College Fair @ Warren Baptist Church.** This event is the CSRA's only distinctively Christian College Fair. Dozens of representatives from Christian colleges and universities will be on hand to answer your questions and give out important information.

November 6, 2023 @ 2:45 pm: **Columbia College @ Mead Hall**

November 14, 2023 @ 1:00 pm: **Winthrop University @ Mead Hall**

December (TBD): **The Citadel @ Mead Hall** (Hosted by Mead Hall Alums)



## COLLEGE GUIDANCE NEWS

- Jack Thomas Hamrick was nominated by the administration to compete in the US Senate Youth Scholarship Competition! Good Luck Jack Thomas!
- Kudos to sophomore Bryona Bibbs for her public speaking skills. According to Lenore Lewis of Kiwanis, Aiken Chapter, Bryona nailed her elevator speech at her SUCCESSTEAM meeting last week. Founded by Tim Behling, "Successteam Youth Council provides centralized professional development through consecutive initiatives allowing students to gain necessary experience throughout community outreach, public speaking, and brand development."
- Lyric Singleton, Novee Mitchell, Esther Marks and the Diversity Club continue to educate everyone on suicide prevention. Smiley grams have been a hit for the month of September.



**Seventh grade students learning about energy**

## CYBERSECURITY AT MEAD HALL

As the Director of Technology of our educational institution, I cannot stress enough the paramount importance of cybersecurity in today's digital age. With the rapid integration of technology into our curriculum and the increasing reliance on online resources, safeguarding our students' digital experiences has become a top priority. Cybersecurity not only protects sensitive student data but also ensures a safe online environment for learning. Parents play a crucial role in this effort by staying informed about digital risks, fostering responsible online behavior at home, and maintaining open communication with their children regarding their online activities. Additionally, we have implemented GoGuardian, a comprehensive cybersecurity solution, to bolster our efforts in keeping students safe both at school, and in some cases, at home. GoGuardian's suite of tools empowers us to monitor, filter, and manage online content, allowing us to proactively identify and address potential threats while promoting a secure and productive digital learning environment. Together, as a collaborative community of educators and parents, we can ensure that our students receive the education they deserve while staying protected in the digital landscape.

Sandi Houck,  
Director of Technology

## MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

### OCTOBER

- 1-31 STC Spooky to Be Hungry
- 1 Mead Hall Sunday with PTO Pancake Breakfast & final Day of Book Fair  
11:00 Service for MS and US students and families
- 6 End of Qtr. 1
- 6 Chick-fil-A Day
- 9-13 Fall Break - No School
- 14 SCISA Swim Championship (Saturday)
- 17 PSAT (9th and 10th Grade)
- 18 PSAT (8th Grade)
- 19 PSAT (11th Grade)
- 20 Q1 Report Cards Available in FACTS
- 27 "Great Pumpkins" at Mead Hall
- 27 \*APC Halloween dress down day
- 27 6th-8th Grade Dance in Aiken Prep Gym
- 28 Fall Festival and Playground Ribbon-Cutting at STC & Band 10:00-12:00





*Don't forget*

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## 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



Don't forget to join the Mead Hall PTO Facebook group! This is where you will find up to date info on events, sign ups, information on teacher appreciation filling stations and more! Join this group today!



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**facebook**  
Mead Hall PTO

## SCHOOL STORE

School Store Hours for the week of 10/2 - 10/6  
Open: Monday - Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Closed: Thursday 10/5 and Friday 10/6

Closed for Fall Break - The School Store will be closed during for fall break week October 9th - 16th and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17th

Afternoons available by appointment -  
[MHStore@meadhallschool.org](mailto:MHStore@meadhallschool.org)





# MEAD HALL PANTHERS

# ATHLETICS

## Volleyball

The Varsity Girls Volleyball team picked up 2 wins this past week against Horse Creek Academy and Westminster. As we wrap up our season the volleyball team has been improving. These three young ladies each achieved their career highs defensively. Maggie Palmer achieved a career high of 6 service aces and 10 or more digs a game. Cassie has helped tremendously defensively. With her being aggressive she racked up 15 and 21 digs which are career highs for her. Ann Fenton has improved so much throughout her senior year with passing. She also got her career high of 16 digs for both games this past week. Our Varsity girls are now 4-8 so far this season. Our girls upcoming schedule is Tuesday September 26th at Augusta Christian at 5:30pm, Monday October 2 at Curtis Baptist at 6:30pm, and Tuesday October 3rd at home at 6:30pm which is Senior Night.



The Middle School Girls A team received a loss to Horse Creek Academy which brings their record to 5-9. Laureen K has been awesome with her serves, Clara has been very consistent with her digs, and Hannah is making some very smart decisions while playing. Our girls next matches are Tuesday September 26th at Augusta Christian at 4:30pm, Wednesday September 27th at EDS at 4:00pm, and Tuesday October 3rd at home at 5:30pm. The Middle School B team is still showing some improvement every game and they play extremely hard. Their upcoming games are Wednesday September 27th at EDS at 5:00pm and Monday October 2 at Curtis Baptist at 5:30pm.



## Cross Country



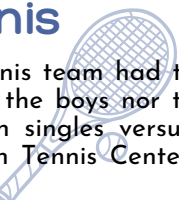
Cross Country participated in a JV/Varsity cross country meet at Boyd Pond Park with South Aiken High School this past Thursday. Savannah Warren finished in 2nd place in the JV girls. Middle school also participated in a meet at EDS this past Friday. Their next meet is Thursday September 28th for Middle School at Boyd Pond Park with Tall Pines at 6:00pm and on Saturday September 30th at Batesburg-Leesville High School for JV/Varsity at 9:00am. Please take a moment to look at the picture where our runner Jackson is surrounded by our neighboring schools showing their love, support, and encouragement. Such a Great Moment!!!



## Golf

The Mead Hall Middle School golf Team lost a close one to EDS on Tuesday at Aiken Golf Club 177-175. Leading the way for the Panthers was Everett Stanley with a 2 over par 38. Zoey Meldrum and Ford Simons both shot 46, Graham Wilson a 47, and Ethan Wood a 49. Go Panther Golf. Their next golf match is on Tuesday October 3rd at the Aiken Golf Club at 4:00pm.

## Tennis



Our tennis team had two recent matches against EDS and SMAK. The boys lost 3-2 and the girls lost 2-1 against EDS. Neither the boys nor the girls won a match against SMAK. Landon and Jalen had great singles wins and Ryals won a battle in singles versus EDS. 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.

# Swimming



There was a Swim meet this past week where the swim team did well. The swimming team will next compete on Wednesday September 27th at 6:00pm at Hammond Hills Suburban Club in North Augusta and on Saturday September 30th Host team: Hammond Meet Start: 10:00am Location: Columbia Country Club, 135 Columbia Club Drive, Blythewood, SC 29016

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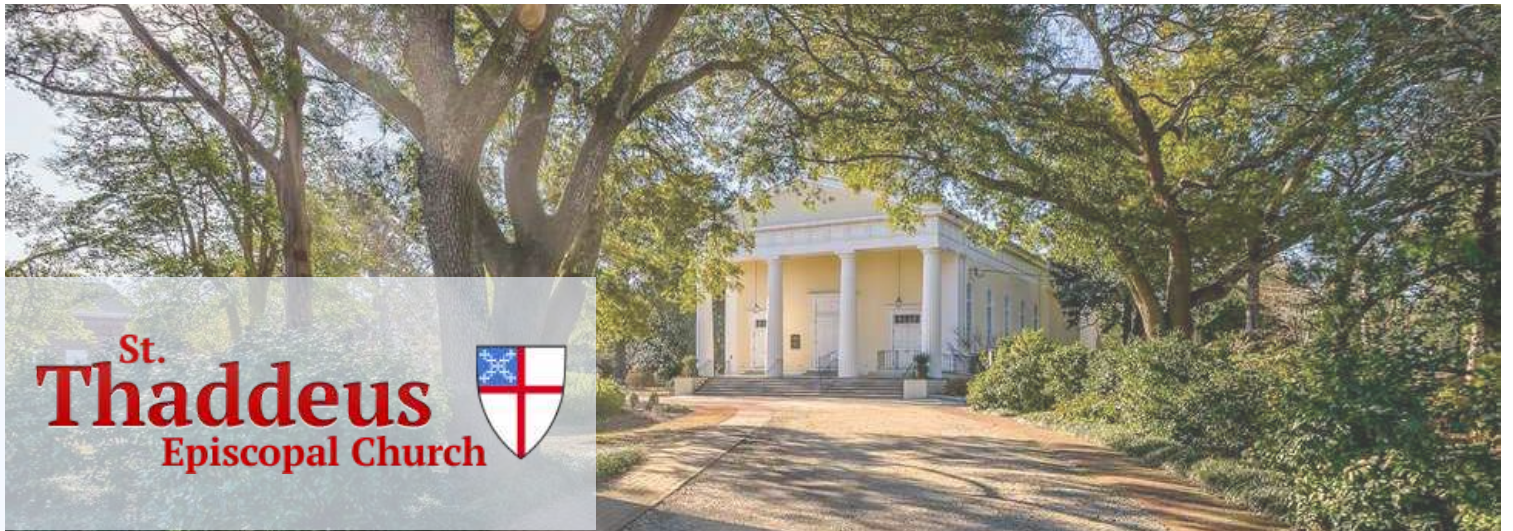
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*Go Panthers!*



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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](#).

## **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



### **~BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS~**

St. Francis of Assisi; Blessing of the Animals and Pets  
will be held this Sunday, October 1st at 4pm in the circle  
drive in front of the church.

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