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Fall Festival

Mead Hall Families,

Join us on Saturday, October 28th from 10-12 for our Fall Festival! This year's Fall Festival will be held at the Saint Thaddeus Campus Playground with a ribbon cutting and celebration of the new multi-purpose playground at 11:30.

The Fall Festival is a wonderful time to celebrate our Mead Hall community. Our Mead Hall band will be performing and hosting their annual bake sale fundraiser. There will be games and treats of all kinds for all ages. Join us Saturday morning for some good ole fashioned Fall fun!

A poster for the Fall Festival at St. Thaddeus Playground. The background is orange with white line art of pumpkins and gourds. The text is centered in a white box.

ST. THADDEUS
PLAYGROUND

FALL FESTIVAL

28 OCTOBER

MEAD HALL BAND
BAKE SALE
GAMES
PUMPKIN WALL
PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING
10AM-12PM



LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

FIRST QUARTER REPORTS AND OCTOBER EVENTS

I hope everyone enjoyed the Fall break at the end of the first quarter. Taking a few days between learning periods gives faculty a chance to rest and gives students time to absorb the skills and knowledge they have been working on during the first nine weeks.

First quarter report cards will be available to view or print on Friday, October 20 in the FACTS family portal. Students in 3rd and 4th grades who qualify for honor roll are listed below, will have their names in the Aiken Standard, will be recognized in chapel, and will receive a certificate.

As we begin the second quarter, please take a moment to note the October events listed below. There are many upcoming Mead Hall opportunities to enjoy with your family, including collecting and sharing food through the Spooky to be Hungry campaign and carving a pumpkin together for our Great Pumpkin wall. Most importantly, please join us for the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28. We will be dedicating our new playground and celebrating the season with games designed specifically for our STC campus students.

See you at school!

Joanne



Students on the STC celebrated Touch a Truck Day and Walk, Ride and Roll to School. Follow the links below to see the SmugMug Gallery. Thank you Larry Johnson for the wonderful pictures capturing these activities.

[Touch a Truck Day - Mead Hall Episcopal School \(smugmug.com\)](https://www.smugmug.com)

[Ride, Roll to School - Mead Hall Episcopal School \(smugmug.com\)](https://www.smugmug.com)





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.

GREAT PUMPKINS WALL



Carve, Paint, or Decorate - show off your creativity for the Great Pumpkins Wall. All grades are encouraged to participate! We will display pumpkins along Greenville St. and Florence St. for all to enjoy. This year, we will keep them up overnight so that all can enjoy during Saturday's Fall Festival! We hope that both campuses will join us for the Fall Festival this year on the STC Playground on Saturday, October 28th from 10-12!



Honoring STCs 1st Quarter Safety Patrollers



Front row- Hamp Andrew & Thomas Asher Akins
Second Row: Kate Grande, Cora Kate Donnelly-Rush, Lauren Fincher



Cooper Alexander & Robertson Benton

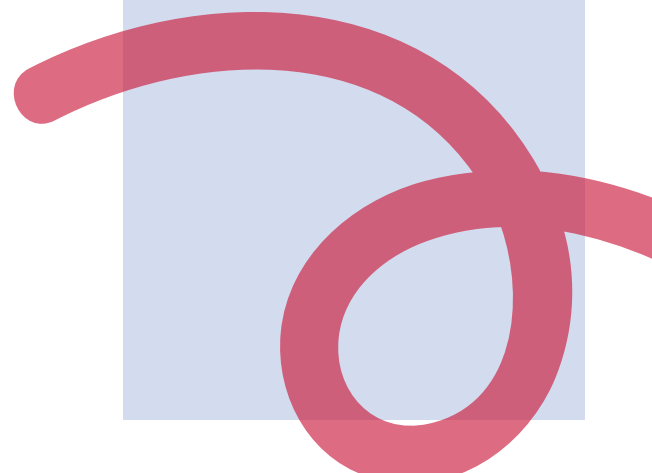


In September, 2nd Graders increased their global knowledge through their mapping of the world.



PARKING IN CHURCH CIRCLE

The St. Thaddeus Cemetery and Grounds committee has requested that unless handicapped, parents should park on the street rather than in the circular drive for school business.



DRESS DOWN/PARTIES INFORMATION - 28TH

Our first class parties will be held on Friday, October 27th. Homeroom teachers will be providing details. Students may dress down for the day in Fall colors - no costumes.



Dress Down Guidelines

APPROPRIATE	NOT APPROPRIATE
Jeans or sweatpants	Spandex, yoga pants, pajama pants, pants with holes, and tight-fitting pants
Shorts may be worn during warmer weather No shorter than 3" above the knee	Short shorts, cut-off shorts, spandex, yoga shorts, holes, and tight fitting shorts. Short length must be the same length as the uniform shorts.
Dresses or skirts No shorter than 3" above the knee	Short dresses and short skirts. Dress/skirt length must be the same length as the uniform dress or skirt.
Polo-style shirts, T-shirts, button shirts, sweaters, sports jerseys, or sweatshirts	Tank tops, sleeveless tops, strapless, offensive graphics and/or slogans
School shoes, sneakers, other flat shoes or boots (no boots on PE Enrichment day and no rain boots unless it is raining).	Sandals, flip-flops, cowboy-style boots, high-heels (greater than approx. 1/2 inch), open toe and/or open heels
Socks of any color/length	Offensive graphics or slogans
	Hats, masks, etc. (unless specified for the special occasion). Hair colors (red, blue, green, etc.)

Leggings: With the recent trend of leggings being so popular, please note that students must wear a dress, skirt, or long tunic top over their leggings. The tunic top or shirt that is worn over a pair of leggings must come down PAST the child's fingertips when their arms are down at their sides.

***Students who do not follow the Dress Down Day Guidelines listed above will need to have appropriate clothes brought to school.**



ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Birthdays and Christmas bring exciting new presents for students; however, some are not appropriate for school. Not only are electronics distracting for students but also watches and phones can be damaged or lost when students play with abandon during breaks and recess. In short, smart watches and phones should remain at home as stated in our handbook:



Electronic Communication Devices (ECD) - Students may not bring to school any items which would interfere with the learning process. In the Lower School these items include, but are not limited to, cell phones, watches connected to the internet, electronic games, radios, CD or MP3 players, and trading cards.



LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER

- 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 PK TO TRINITY ON LAURENS
- 27 FIELD TRIP 4TH GRADE TO AIKEN ST. PARK
- 28 FALL FESTIVAL AND PLAYGROUND RIBBON-CUTTING AT STC & BAND 10:00-12:00

NOVEMBER

- 11 JONATHAN MILLER, CHILDREN'S AUTHOR ASSEMBLIES ON STC
- 2 FIELD TRIP - K TO STEEDS DAIRY FARM 8:15 - 2:00
- 8 MAKE-UP/RETAKE PICTURES (AUDITORIUM)
- 7-9 ACCREDITATION VISIT
- 13 FIELD TRIP 3RD GRADE TO RPSEC (8:45-11:50)
- 17 STC SCIENCE DAY
- 17 PTO CHICK-FIL-A AT STC AND APC
- 20-24 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (NO SCHOOL)
- 28 FIELD TRIP K TO TOM SAWYER CHRISTMAS TREE FARM 8:30 - 12:00





MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

PICKLEBALL



Upper school students will be able to enjoy Pickleball at lunch recess now. We would like to thank Dr. Vaughan Massie for donating the paint and the supplies for our facilities manager, Jeff Brown, to paint the lines, as well as Dana and Ray Massey for donating the rackets and balls.



Over the fall break, seniors Jack Thomas Hamrick and James Timmons visited Spain. While in Madrid, they had the opportunity to catch up with Gonzalo Osorio Torres, who spent the 2021-2022 school year at Mead Hall as a foreign exchange student.



Save The Date!
Annual Halloween Party for 6th - 8th grade students will be held Friday, October 27th 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the APC Gym. If you are a middle school parent interested in helping decorate/plan this event please contact Courtney Bruckner at cbruckner@meadhallschool.org Check your email for more information!



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER

- 20 Q1 Report Cards Available in FACTS
- 27 "Great Pumpkins" at Mead Hall
- 27 6th-8th Grade Dance in Aiken Prep Gym (6:00-8:00)
- 27 US Lock-in at STC (6:00 PM - 2:00 AM)
- 28 Fall Festival and Playground Ribbon-Cutting at STC & Band 10:00-12:00

NOVEMBER

- 2 5th Grade Art Block Showcase in Auditorium @ 1:50 (Parents Welcome!)
- 3 5th Grade Art Block Classes Switch
- 8 Make-up Pictures (Auditorium)
- 7-9 Accreditation Visit
- 15 APC One Table Thanksgiving Lunch - chapel included
- 17 PTO Chick-Fil-A
- 20-24 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)



SCHOOL STORE

School Store Hours:

School Store Hours for the week of 10/23 - 10/27
Open: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Afternoons available by appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org



PTO Corner

Dear Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Fall Break!

Be on the lookout for the Mead Hall Scarecrow downtown on the corner of Park Ave and Laurens Street. We would like to thank Diana LaLuz for designing and building this year's scarecrow! We are thrilled to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Mead Hall Strawberry Festival and our favorite dunk tank participants - Mrs. Nikki and Coach White!

PLEASE VOTE! Go to the ADDA facebook page to vote for our scarecrow! **Voting ends October 23rd.**
Aiken Downtown Development Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/downtownaiken>



Wall of Pumpkins

STC campus: don't forget that "Wall of Pumpkins" is Friday October, 27th! Bring your pumpkin in that morning during carline and PTO members will help display them for all to see. This year, we will keep them up overnight so that all can enjoy during Saturday's Fall Festival! We hope that both campuses will join us for the Fall Festival this year on the STC Playground on Saturday, October 28th from 10-12! .



Thanks to all the parents who made our first CFA fundraiser a huge success! We will have a second one on Friday, November 17th! The online ordering through FACTS is open now.



PTO FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 17TH

SANDWICH \$6 8 COUNT FRIED NUGGETS \$5 COOKIE \$2
NO SUBSTITUTIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE MENU

HOW TO ORDER

**ORDER BY
NOV. 8TH**
NO LATE ORDERS

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, NOVEMBER 17TH**
CHOOSE THE QUANTITY OF ITEMS FOR YOUR CHILD
REPEAT FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN
SUBMIT AND PAY FOR ORDER

**ONLINE
ORDERS
ONLY!**



Swimming



The Panther Swim Team competed at the SCISA State Meet on Saturday. Our State Team consisted of Peter Garrison for the men and Pippa Elliott Sawyer, Ella Heath, Taylor Houck, Caroline Johnston, and Lucy LaLuz for the women.

It was an action-packed day for the team, full of lots of exciting wins and personal bests. Our women's team ended the day in 3rd place overall--falling to the 2nd place opponent by only 1 point! Contributing to the successes were the women's relay team's back-to-back gold medals in the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay. On the individual side, Taylor Houck took home a 3rd and a 2nd place medal in the 50 & 100 freestyle events. While Caroline Johnston was the only swimmer at the meet to win all gold in all 4 events of the day. She defended her state title in the 200 individual medley for a third year in a row, and earned a second championship in the 100 backstroke.

For the boys, Senior Peter Garrison had an incredible day for his last high school meet. After being honored during the senior walk, he went on to earn a 2nd place finish in the 50 free and a gold medal in the 100 butterfly.

In addition to all the hardware, every one of our swimmers had at least one personal best, ending our team's season on a big high note.



Cross Country

Cross Country Middle School runners participated in the AAMSL Championship where Evelyn Greer received a ribbon. Their next meet is on Saturday, October 28 for the SCISA State Championship.



Golf

The Middle School Golf Team completed its last match of the season before the Season Championship next week. Mead Hall battled hard (169) but fell slightly short to Episcopal Day School (163). Playing well and leading the team scoring for the day was Graham Wilson (39), closely followed by Zoey Meldrum (40), Everett Stanley (43), Ford Simons (47) and Ryder Hays (53). Mead Hall beat Augusta Christian (197) by 28 strokes and Augusta Prep (210) by 41 strokes. The team is looking strong and ready to give its best at the League Championship played over 18 holes of stroke play at Houndslake on Tuesday, Oct 24, starting at 10:30 am. Go Panthers!!

Tennis



Our Tennis team's next matches are on Wednesday October 18th versus Heritage Academy at Odell Weeks at 4:00pm (Boys Only) and on Thursday October 19th versus Augusta Christian at 4:30pm at Newman Tennis Center.

Volleyball

Congratulations to our Varsity Girls Volleyball team. They have been invited to the SCISA State Tournament in Myrtle Beach, SC. Their first game will be Friday October 20th at 12:45pm at the Myrtle Beach Sports Center.

VOLLEY BALL

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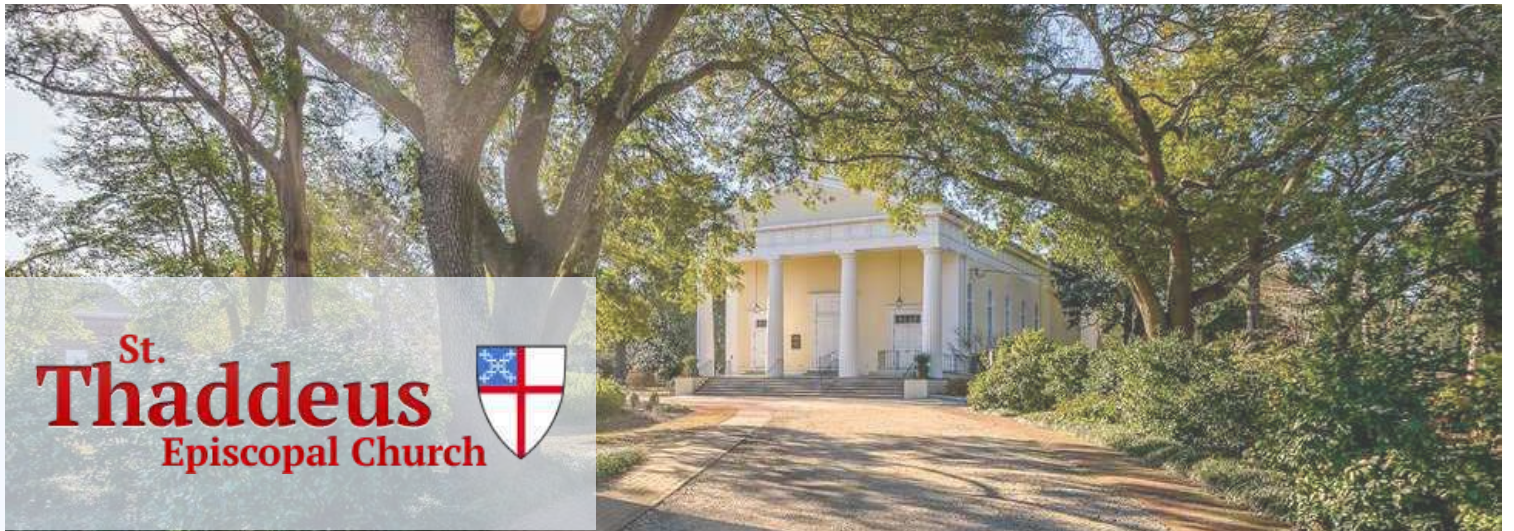
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EUCHARIST SERVICES

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

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