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Mead Hall Episcopal School



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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



This week in our PK/K, Lower School, and Middle/Upper School chapels, the students all heard the story of God showing Moses the Promised Land from the mountaintop at the end of the long journey of the Israelites through the desert wilderness, and at the end of Moses' long life. Moses had dedicated his life to following God's call to bring the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and leading them to the Promised Land.

I highlighted to the students that every task we take on, big or small, demands our best efforts to see things through to a successful end. Moses himself had challenging days and he made mistakes, but he kept the faith and did not give up in his assignment. Whether it is a page of math, a reading, a piece of writing, each assignment our students are given is an opportunity for learning and growth and we only get out what we put in to each task we are given or take on. Around our students are those who have both expectations for them as well as encouragement for them, their teachers, parents, families, friends, etc. I reminded the students that they are never alone in giving their efforts since they always have the abiding presence and love of God to guide and support them.

This week I was particularly impressed with our PS (3K) class. They are our youngest students and they didn't even hear this message since weekly chapel begins in the PK year. The PS class designed their pumpkins in class. Mrs. Serago and Mrs. Defever provided the students with the materials but each child chose the design and carefully crafted their pumpkins into amazing jack-o'-lanterns over a whole week, and today these all sit proudly on the Pumpkin Wall. With commitment and effort like this, these PS students have a bright future, and are an example to us all!

Thanks be to God for all of our blessings!
Frank Sawyer

MEAD HALL HEADMASTER'S HONOR ROLL

FIRST QUARTER 2023-24

3rd Grade

Preston Boyd
Lane Crowder
Davis Fielder
Win Hartnett
Cordy Henley
Zava Jackson
Henry Johnston
Ella Kucharski
Burck Meyer
Mason Rhoades
Cam Smith
Beckham Thomas
Dean Wilson

4th Grade

Asher Thomas Akins
Cooper Alexander
Finley Free
Kate Grande
Kate Kisner
Emma Shade Kleintop
Melina Powers
Harper Raines
Kensie Ravenel
Christian Shaffer
Elle Wendel

5th Grade

Bentley Buckley
Knox Hearne
Camden McEntarffer
Emma McMurtrie
Zadie Meldrum
Carson Moreno
Ford Simons
Carson Smith
Leighton Wyatt

6th Grade

Madison Austin
Charles Davis
Ryder Hays
Adora Jackson
Easton Matthews
Emma Morgan
Parks Stewart
Lily Swartz
Emma Williams
Wyatt Wohlwend

7th Grade

Vivian Arvizu
Ben Berdie
Mary Irving Calfee
Lucy LaLuz
Meredith Langford
Taylor McEntarffer
Zoey Meldrum
Chase Shepherd
Will Simons
Emma Statkus
Keeley Taylor
Savannah Warren
Grice Wyatt

8th Grade

Hayden Baisch
Trinity Carpenter
Evan Collum
Ryals Connor
Cody Hanna
Ella Heath
Wes Herron
Maggie Palmer
Landon Spaeth

9th Grade

Lucy Arvizu
Carly Brown
Pippa Elliott Sawyer
Willson Lee Lawson
Anika Spaeth

10th Grade

Taylor Houck
Russ McLaren
Ron Shepherd

11th Grade

Brooks Abrams
Ryan Dixon
Maddie Godard
Mac Lawson
Stern Massey
Granger Young

12th Grade

Piper Barth
Katie Brown
Esther Marks
Anne Fenton Massie
Robin Merritt
Kate Smith
Abbe Stanley
James Timmons



LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

READ FOR THE RECORD

The Kisner Foundation sponsors the Jumpstart organization in their "Read for the Record" program. Through this program, students all across the United States read the same book on the same day. The Kisners kindly provided our librarian and each PS - 1st grade teacher with a copy of the book, *Lots of Love*, by Jenny Torres Sanchez to read on Thursday, October 26. The Kisners also provided each teacher with a bonus book, *Nigel and the Moon*, by Antwan Eady which was last year's selection for Read for the Record.

Repeatedly, research has shown that early exposure to language through reading to children is an essential part of success in teaching children to read. We are thankful for partnerships like the one between the Kisner Foundation and Jumpstart which support Aiken County students and which reinforce the importance of literacy in our Mead Hall students as well.

See you at school!

Joanne





IT'S SPOOKY TO BE HUNGRY

Please remember to send a canned good or non-perishable food item with your students this month in support of the Spooky to be Hungry food drive. This major food drive helps to support families in our community who are experiencing food insecurity.

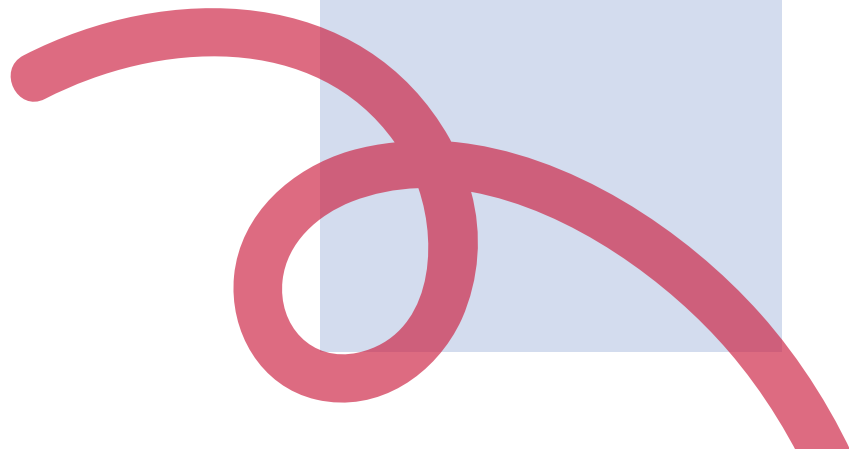


We will be taking all unclaimed and unlabeled lost and found items to ACTS or our Mead Hall school store on November 17th. The lost and found is located in the main office should you need to check for anything prior to November 17th.

SCHOOL PICTURES

School picture orders are due on November 8. You may place orders online or by returning the form and payment to school.

If you are dissatisfied with your child's school picture, please contact Terrie Lehi in the main office and she will arrange for a retake. Makeup and retake pictures will be taken on November 8.



BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB



Our October Birthday Book Club members include Laurel Tucker, Wyatt Murphy, Sebastian Mitchell, and Kyler McCurry.

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.



PUMPKIN PATCH VISIT



LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER

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

3 FIELD TRIP PK AND 4TH GRADE TO HITCHCOCK WOODS

8 MAKE-UP/RETAKE PICTURES (APC AUDITORIUM)

7-9 ACCREDITATION VISIT

13 FIELD TRIP 3RD GRADE TO RPSEC

17 STC SCIENCE DAY

17 FIELD TRIP 4TH GRADE TO SRS MUSEUM

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



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB WORK AT APC

The Environmental Club worked on the gardens in front of Harrington Hall. We would like to thank Esther Marks, Caroline Johnston, Robin Merritt and Taylor Houck for their efforts, and the Marks family for the donation of wood chips. Now, as you enter Harrington Hall, you pass a bed of mums, perfect for the autumn season.



FALL COMES TO THE AIKEN PREP CAMPUS.



Attention Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors! You still have time to meet with college admission representatives visiting Mead Hall. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect with the experts!

- November 6, 2023 @ 2:45 pm
- Columbia College @ Mead Hall
- November 14, 2023 @ 1:00 pm
- Winthrop University @ Mead Hall

NATIONAL BETA CLUB IS HOSTING A PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY DRIVE



Beginning now and ending on Monday, October 30th. There will be a competition between Upper School and Middle School on who can bring in the most peanut butter and jelly jars!

Upper School will bring peanut butter this year, and Middle School will bring jelly. The winner will receive a Dress Down Day, date to be determined. Bring in your peanut butter and jelly jars and place them in the two marked bins by the front office. All peanut butter and jelly collected will be donated to the St. Thaddeus Soup Kitchen. Extra supplies not needed by St. Thaddeus will be donated to ACTS.

Upper School - peanut butter
Middle School - jelly

As a student-centered organization, National Beta Club seeks ways to develop students by providing opportunities and experiences that demonstrate the ideals of achievement, character, leadership, and service. It is committed to recognizing high academic achievement, as well as rewarding and nurturing worthy character.

2023 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Essay and Creative Arts Contest

Aiken Technical College and the University of South Carolina Aiken will present the annual community-wide celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 21st, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the University of South Carolina Aiken Convocation Center. The celebration is a time to reflect on the past and focus on the future of humanity. Dr. King's legacy has taught us to commit ourselves to service by serving each other and those in our communities.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Steering Committee, in conjunction with University of South Carolina Aiken and Aiken Technical College, is inviting all Aiken County students to submit an original poster or written essay that draws on their experience to respond to the following questions:

-For Kindergarten-5th grade creative arts poster contest: "What does the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day mean to you?"

-For 6th-12th grade essay contest: What did Dr. King mean by the quote "For it isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are."?

Successful entries will answer the question and refer specifically to personal experiences and observations.

Essay Categories:	Middle School (up to 1,000 words) High School (up to 1,500 words)
Creative Arts Posters Categories:	Kindergarten-2 nd grades 3 rd -5 th grades
Eligibility:	Must be a student attending a public, private or home school in Aiken County.
Prizes:	– First place winners will receive a grand prize – Special floor seating for all finalists and their parents/guardians (limit 2 per finalist) at community-wide celebration – Creative Arts will be displayed during the program
Deadline:	Monday, November 20, 2023 Winners will be announced on or before December 8, 2023

School entries should be submitted to the teacher, who will then forward them to the District Office or the Main Office of the school if private. If a home-schooled student, entries should be delivered to the Student Life Office at the University of South Carolina Aiken.

For more information, please contact Ahmed Samaha, Vice Chancellor of Student Engagement and Belonging, at the University of South Carolina Aiken, at 803-641-3411 or ahmeds@usca.edu.

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

OCTOBER

- 27 6th-8th Grade Dance in Aiken Prep Gym (6:00-8:00)
- 27 US Lock-in at STC 6:00 PM
- 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 10/30 - 11/3
Open: Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri at 8:00 a.m.
Closed: Thursday, Nov 2nd

Afternoons available by appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION 2024

"For it isn't by size that you win or fail. Be the best of whatever you are."
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 21, 2024
USC Aiken Convocation Center
2049 Champion Way
Graniteville, SC 29829
Doors open at 2:30 p.m.
Event starts at 3 p.m.
This event is free and open to the public.

Keynote Speaker: Mr. Alex English
University of South Carolina Board of Trustees,
Business Leader, Retired Coach, and
Retired NBA Player

Sponsorships are available. For more information, please call (803) 641-3448 or email maryd@usca.edu.

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2023 Spirit T-Shirts have been distributed to all students who pre-ordered. APC Students should make sure to check their locker for theirs! If you pre-ordered but did not receive yours, please notify Courtney Bruckner at cbruckner@meadhallschool.org

Missed the pre-order? Stop by the school store! I have limited quantities in youth and adult sizes available for \$22 each



Dear Families,

We hope you will join us this Saturday 10/28 from 10-12 for our annual Mead Hall Fall Festival. It is going to be a beautiful morning with so much to celebrate: the unity of our school, the playground improvements for our children, and Mead Hall's future.

Great Wall of Pumpkins: 

We love seeing all of the creative STC pumpkins. **New this year: IF you are attending Fall Festival on Saturday, then leave your pumpkin on the wall on Friday after school. You can take it home with you on Saturday after the festival!**



Ordering is LIVE NOW



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NOVEMBER 17TH**

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

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

**ONLINE
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ONLY!**



Girls Softball



Mead Hall will be offering Middle School and Varsity softball this Spring. Girls in grades 5-12 interested in playing softball in the Spring and NOT choosing to play basketball are invited to attend softball training on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays beginning Monday, October 30 from 4:00-5:00. Girls signed up for Archery, Bowling, and Cheerleading must prioritize the practices/games for those sports but are welcome to attend on days they are not practicing as Winter sport. Once initial numbers are determined after the first week, participating girls will be divided into 4-person groups and will practice softball skills one day per week in their groups until the season starts at the end of January. Please contact David Hanna at 803.292.1138 or davidh7@hotmail.com with any questions.



Golf

Congratulations to the Middle School Golf Team who competed in the AAMSL Championship on Tuesday October 24th and finished as the runner-up.



Tennis

Tennis team competed in the AAMSL championship on Wednesday October 25th..



Cross Country

Cross Country final meet of the season will be on Saturday, October 28 for the SCISA State Championship at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in Columbia, SC. The start time is 1:15pm.

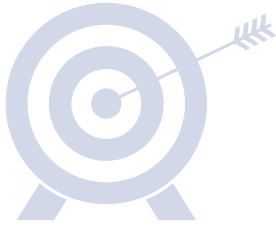


Winter Sports

Winter sports can officially start practicing on Monday October 30th please make sure that all physicals and athletic forms are turned in.

Archery

Registration for Archery at Mead Hall will begin shortly. For our 4th grade students the signup form will be available in your child's homeroom class and for the Upper Campus signup will be via email to Coach Amy her email is amypizio@yahoo.com. Please include full name, grade, and shirt size. The first practice will be Monday November 6th after school at the Prep Gym. Practices are Monday through Thursday. Practices end between 4:45 and 5:00.



Practice schedules:

- 4th Grade-Mondays
- 5th and 6th Grades-Tuesdays
- 7th and 8th Grades- Wednesdays
- High School- Thursdays
- 5th through 12th grades can also practice on any other days except for Mondays.

For more information and questions contact Coach Pizio 803-270-2254 or Coach Nichols 803-215-4255.



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EUCCHARIST 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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