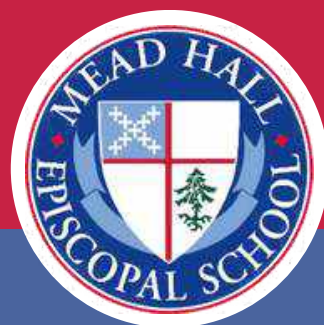


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MESSAGE FROM THE NEW RECTOR OF ST. THADDEUS & PRESIDENT OF MEAD HALL



Dear Mead Hall Family,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself to you! My name is Marshall Jolly, and I am overjoyed to come among you as the 19th Rector of Saint Thaddeus Episcopal Church, and as the President of Mead Hall School! Although I have only been here for a handful of days, I have already been fortunate to meet many of you personally, and many more during Kindergarten, Lower School, and Upper School chapels. I look forward to learning more about all of you, and I'm especially excited about doing all that I can to support Mead Hall School's mission.

My wife Elizabeth and I come to Aiken from Morganton, North Carolina, where I served a parish for eight years. She is continuing in her position as the Forensic Services Coordinator at Broughton Hospital—one of three state-run inpatient psychiatric facilities in North Carolina. She is a licensed clinical social worker. Prior to moving to North Carolina, I also served parishes in the Greater Cincinnati area, as well as in Atlanta. In my spare time, I love cooking, watching college basketball, running, playing tennis, and golfing. Our household is managed by a nine-pound little cat with a huge personality named Hambrick! When you see me on campus, please don't hesitate to say hello—and please call me Father Marshall!

May God continue to bless Saint Thaddeus, Mead Hall, and all who call them home as we begin this new chapter of mission and ministry together!

Every blessing,

The Reverend Dr. Marshall A. Jolly
XIX Rector, St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church
President, Mead Hall Episcopal School



2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Next year's school calendar has been published and is available at this [link](#).



LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Giving Thanks



I am so thankful to be a part of Mead Hall, a thriving learning community where staff, students, and parents work together to provide an enriching environment for children to learn and grow. The pictures in this newsletter each week attest to the breadth of learning opportunities our students experience throughout the year. The St. Thaddeus campus is a safe, nurturing environment with excellent faculty providing foundational learning opportunities for our youngest students. Thank you for sharing your students with us at Mead Hall!

Joanne Morton

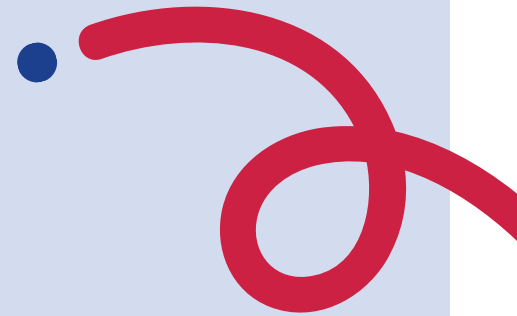
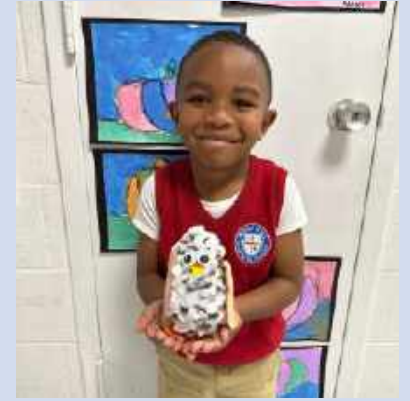


Buddies in PS and 3rd grade made butter together





Students in PK have been learning about nocturnal animals, including owls and bats



4TH GRADE SCIENCE

Students in 4th grade tested different materials for conductivity and built series and parallel circuits. With that knowledge, they solved a real world engineering question - "Which type of circuit works best when a bulb burns out on a string of Christmas lights?"





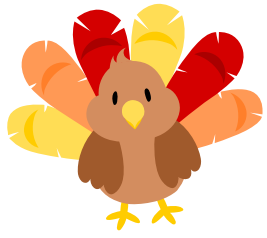
The 4th grade traveled to the upper campus to participate in the One Table celebration with middle and upper school students



1st Grade Turkeys

Our first grade students and families participated in our annual "dressing of the turkeys" event this month. The turkeys are on display in the 1st grade hall where students from all the other grades will parade by and admire them. Younger students will get ideas for future turkeys and older students can remember when they were in first grade and "dressed" a turkey themselves.





Mrs. Water's 2nd grade class disguised turkeys so that they can "hide" from hunters this holiday season



For Veteran's Day, Kindergarten students had special guests: Commander Lanham serves in the US Public Health Service and Sergeant Navarre is a retired Marine. We thank you for your service.



FLOWER FOR PEACE SMUGMUG GALLERY

FOLLOW THE LINKS BELOW TO SEE THE FLOWERS FOR PEACE SMUGMUG GALLERY. THANK YOU LARRY JOHNSON FOR THE WONDERFUL PICTURES CAPTURING THESE ACTIVITIES. [PASSWORD: MEAD HALL](#)

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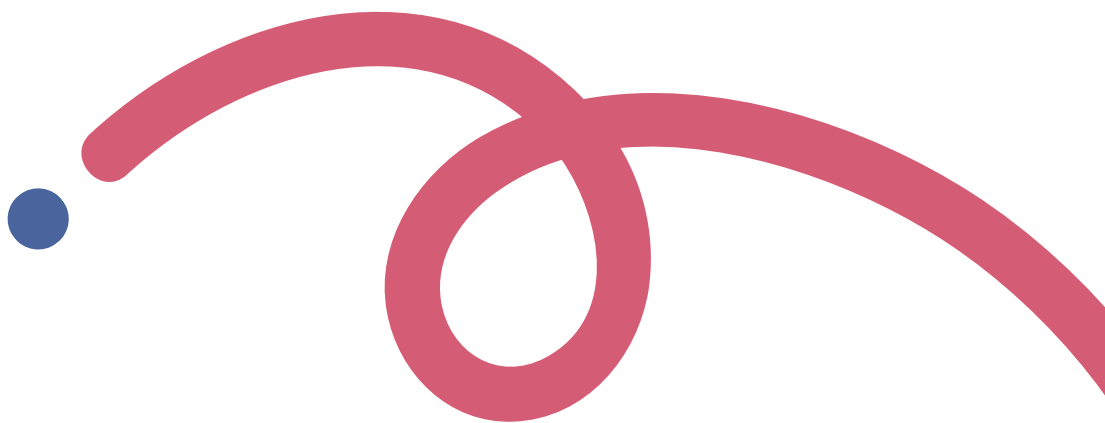
LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

- 20-24** Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
- 28** Field Trip K to Tom Sawyer Christmas Tree Farm

DECEMBER

- 3** Aiken Christmas Parade (Mead Hall Float)
- 5** Field Trip STC Chorus to Episcopal Women's Luncheon - Reserve Club
- 12** STC Christmas Programs (K 5:30pm / LS 6:30pm)
- 13** Field Trip STC Chorus sings for Pine Needle Garden Club
- 14** Field Trip STC Chorus to sing at Park Ave Coffee Shop
- 15** Field Trip 3rd Grade to Morris Museum
- 15** Field Trip 4th Grade to SRS Museum
- 18** Field Trip - Kindergarten to Aiken Train Depot
- 18** Field Trip - PK to Aiken Train Depot
- 19** Field Trip - 4th Grade to Morris Museum
- 19** STC Dress Down/STC Christmas Parties
- 19** End of Quarter 2/Last Day of Class (Half-Day)
- 10-J3** Christmas Break





MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

SHOUT IT FROM THE ROOFTOPS!!!

We just successfully completed our accreditation process with SAIS and Cognia. I personally have participated in seven such accreditations, but I have never been moved to tears during the exit review until now. The Chair of the committee simply gushed over the Mead Hall family. At one point she actually said something about our school being the best educational value for a thousand miles! The entire committee spoke about the positive feedback from all constituent groups! We were praised for exemplifying the Episcopal Church ideals. In the words of the Chair, "you should be shouting your story from the rooftops!"

This type of review is only possible when the home, the church, and the school, unite in a common goal of providing our students the best possible educational experiences. I am so very proud of our students, our faculty, and our staff! I am blessed to work with the entire Mead Hall family. Thank you all for sharing your children with us. The best is truly yet to be!

Blessings,

Mike Buck
Head of Middle & Upper School



MEET MR. POWERS

Mr. Powers is currently in the midst of completing a Master of Arts in Teaching degree through Georgia College & State University, with a certification in Secondary Education - History. Mr. Powers will be completing his middle school observation hours with Mr. Head's 8th grade classes here at Mead Hall School. Mr. Powers will graduate from this program in August 2024, after which, he plans to stay in the CSRA and begin a career in teaching History and Psychology.



SUCCESSTEAM MEMBER

Bryona Bibbs, a sophomore at Mead Hall, recently visited Coastal Carolina University along with other high school students who are members of SUCCESSTEAM, a foundation for youth development. Programs include Leadership Academies for young men and women, Back to School Book Drive, Successteam Youth Council and Night of Champions.





Mead Hall Athletic Director, Daryl Hawthorne and Dr. Felicia Pontoo spent time building relationships with Newberry College by meeting with the Admissions Officers and Mr. Jelani Johnson, Assistant Basketball Coach.

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

- 20-24 Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
- 24** Alumni Gathering

DECEMBER

- 1** Sadie Hawkins 8pm-11pm, STC large parlor/cafeteria
- 3** Aiken Jaycees' Christmas Parade (Mead Hall Float)
- 6** Virtual SC Exams (8:30 AM in conference room)
- 6** Christmas Band Concert, 6pm
- 6** Christmas Craft Party, 7pm, in APC Dining Room (Yearbook Fundraiser)
- 13** Lessons & Carols Chapel K/LS & MS/US
- 15** Midterm Exams
- 18-19** Midterm Exams
- 19** End of Quarter 2/Last Day of Class (Half-Day)
- 19** Drama Christmas Performance 6:30 pm at Aiken Community Theater
- 20-J3** Christmas Break





The ADDA Christmas Parade is Sunday, December 3rd from 2-3pm.

Mead Hall PTO will build, decorate, and have a float in the parade (led by the talented Diana LaLuz). Students and parents are welcome to ride but there will be limited space! Look out for a **Look for the sign up genius over the break!**



**CELEBRATING OUR FIRST AND SECOND
QUARTER COMMUNITY SERVICE EFFORTS!**

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR OUR
MEAD HALL COMMUNITY**

**WE CELEBRATE OUR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND
STUDENTS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED VARIOUS COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS AND EFFORTS. THANK YOU FOR
MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT OUR SCHOOL AND IN OUR
COMMUNITY. #WEAREMEADHALL**

**BLESSING BOXES
EQUINE RESCUE
SPCA/HAPPY TAILS
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE TAB COLLECTION
CANNED FOOD DRIVE/ACTS
MEAD HALL READING BUDDIES
CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION WITH PLANTS AND FLOWERS
VISITS TO NURSING HOMES
SAFETY PATROL**



SCHOOL STORE

The school store will be closed the week of 11/20 - 11/24 for Thanksgiving break. Will re-open on Monday, Nov 27th at 8:00 a.m.

For more information cont cont MHStore@meadhallschool.org



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Christmas Craft Night

Wednesday | 12 • 06 • 2023 | 7-9 Pm

We will walk you step by step to create these beautiful Nutcracker themed ornaments using South Carolina sourced oyster shells.

✦ No experience necessary. ✦

You can sign up for this event by following the link on our facebook page, or using the link in this week's In the Loop.
Please RSVP by December 1st.

Hosted by Ginnelle Elliott-Sawyer and Diana LaLuz

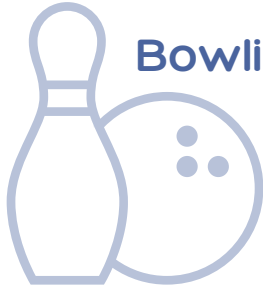
\$45
for 4 ornaments
additional ornaments can be purchased at event

Illustrations of a nutcracker, a ballerina, a fairy, and a Christmas tree with gifts.

click here!



REGISTER NOW



Bowling

Practices are only on Wednesdays. We will occasionally have Monday practices for extra work but those are optional and not required. ALL practices take place at Northside Lanes (175 Georgia Ave, North Augusta, SC). Practices run from 4 pm to 5 pm.

Upcoming games are on Wednesday November 29th at 4pm against Cambridge Academy and CNHS in North Augusta.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Becky Marks at aikenbrass@aol.com for more info.

Basketball

The Middle School boys team kick off their season on Friday November 17 at Northside Christian Academy at 5:30pm.

Varsity Boys did well in their Scrimmage/Practice on Friday at Briarwood Academy. They have a game on Thursday November 16 at Augusta Christian at 7:30pm and on Friday November 17 at Northside Christian Academy at 6:30pm

Varsity Girls had their first game of the season on Tuesday, November 14th at Briarwood Academy. They have an upcoming game on Thursday November 16 at Augusta Christian at 6:00pm.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out at our games. If anyone is interested please email dhawthorne@meadhallschool.org.



Archery

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

Sunday, November 19th will be a combined service at 10:00am
with Bishop Richards
of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina preaching

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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