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Dear Mead Hall Families!

We are excited to announce that **Priority Re-enrollment for our current Mead Hall families opens February 1, 2024** and will continue through February 29, 2024. Several families from outside of our Mead Hall community have toured our campuses and they are waiting to apply. Hence, if you are planning to secure a space for your child/children, we urge you to complete the re-enrollment paperwork by **February 29, 2024**.

If you are planning to enroll a new student who is a sibling of a current Mead Hall student, you will be able to apply (for the new student) beginning February 1, 2024. We are paying close attention to our enrollment numbers and once we've determined availability, we will begin offering admission to current families first and then to new families on or around Friday, March 15, 2024. Once we've reached our capacity for a specific grade, we will communicate that to you promptly.

We are glad to offer affordable tuition levels that are of excellent value for an independent school education in the CSRA. As you know, in comparison with peer schools, our tuition is the most all inclusive in the area with no additional required fees other than the annual registration fee. We are also glad to serve lunch daily at no additional cost. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Dr. Felicia Pontoo
Director of Admissions and College Guidance



LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Discovering Tracks

My daughter sent me this link to a video of two children. You can watch it here: [LINK](#). In the video, the children find some tracks carved into the pavement of their neighborhood street. The older child, based on her knowledge and experience of the world, labels what she sees as: "tire tracks" while the younger one's imagination leads her to say, "dinosaur tracks." The younger child then says, "follow him!" while the older child shakes her head, "no." The younger child runs off to seek the dinosaur.

In just a few seconds, this clip captures the essence of lower school life. We begin with small students who have unbounded imaginations and little understanding of the dangers that surround them. Adults surround these students, helping them stay safe while they explore and learn about the world. By the time students leave fourth grade, they have a strong knowledge base upon which they assess the world around them and make more thoughtful decisions which consider safety.

The whole process is a joy to experience - especially when the older students interact with the younger ones, which we do regularly through our book buddy program. This week fourth graders and PK students enjoyed "stone soup" together, an imaginary meal that becomes real when we learn to share.

See you at school!

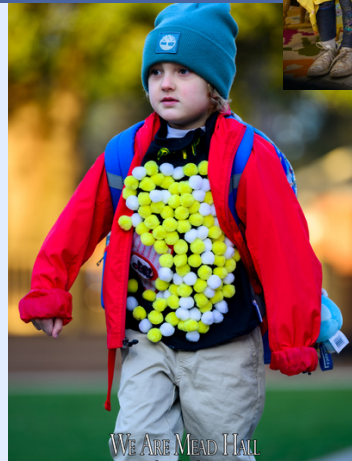
Joanne



Students celebrated the 100th day of school with a fashion show in the gym. We enjoyed seeing the creative shirts, hats and 100-year-old first grade students "walk the runway."



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Save the Date

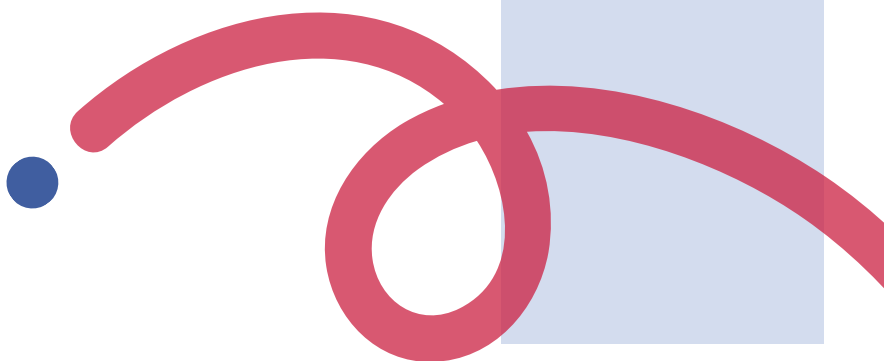
Mead Hall kindergarten - fourth grade school students will have art on display at the Aiken Center for the Arts (ACA) beginning February 15. Stay tuned for more details.



LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

- 1 Priority Enrollment Opens
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 15 STC Dress Down/STC Valentines Parties
- 15 LS Exhibit at Aiken Center for the Arts (opening reception 6-8pm)
- 16-19 Winter Break (No School)
- 20 Speaker: PS/PK Kit Fox Dental 8:15 STC cafeteria
- 22 Speaker: 1st grade Kit Fox Dental 8:15 STC cafeteria
- 23 STC Global Focus Day
- 22 Chick-Fil-A Day
- 28 Speaker: Kindergarten Kit Fox Dental 8:15 STC cafeteria



April 1st-5th

MEAD HALL Spring Break Day Camp



Link for
Registration
will be
"ACTIVE"
Monday, 1/29
at 4pm.

Registration
link

Mrs. Crump and Miss Nikki will provide a quality child care environment April 1st-5th from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm in the STC Extended Care building. Day Camp is being offered to Mead Hall students in grades PS-2nd to support our families with younger children who have childcare needs. Day Camp will consist of indoor and outdoor free play. A "ready to eat" packed lunch should be brought to camp each day. Morning and afternoon snacks will be provided. Camp is limited to 20 students and spots will be filled on a "first come, first served" basis. We look forward to providing this service to our Mead Hall Family.



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

THE CURRICULUM OF LIFE

As part of our ongoing efforts to develop good citizens today for a better world tomorrow, we have participated in several different activities recently. The Mead Hall Beta Club participated in a litter pick-up along Barnwell Ave on Tuesday, January 23rd, in support of the Adopt-a-Highway program of Keep Aiken County Beautiful. We collected 4 bags of trash. New supplies have been ordered, and we plan to participate again soon! Special thanks to Rebecca Rogan who sponsors our BETA club.

We also recently conducted Interact Club inductions in conjunction with the Sunshine Rotary Club. We are grateful for their partnership in our club. Coach Kevin White has done a wonderful job with this organization!

Blessings,

Mike Buck
Head of Middle & Upper School



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

JANUARY

- 21 MLK Jr. Community Wide Celebration at USC Aiken
- 22-26 APC Spirit Week
- 26 Pep Rally for APC
- 26 Panther Club Sponsors and Donors Reception, STC Library during games
- 27 All-State Band Auditions

FEBRUARY

- 1 Priority Enrollment Opens
- 1 Junior Symposium
- 1 Deadline to sign up for School Day SAT (see email from Mrs. Tucker)
- 13 5th Grade Art Block Showcase (1:55-2:40) Parents Welcome!
- 14 Ash Wednesday (combined chapel) 1:00pm
- 15 5th Grade Art Block Classes Switch
- 16-19 Winter Break (No School)
- 21 Father Marshall Jolly's Celebration of New Ministry, 6pm
- 22 Chick-Fil-A Day
- 23-24 Region Band Clinic @ Lexington High School





EVENTS

Attention Mead Hall Families! Ordering is now *live* for our first Chick Fil A fundraiser of 2024. Why are CFA fundraisers important? They are vital for fundraising to support teacher appreciation efforts throughout the year! The added bonus...your children love eating chick fil at school! We thank you for your support!

FEBRUARY

22

CFA DAY

MARCH

27

Spring Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon

APRIL

20

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

MAY

3

CFA DAY

MAY

10

FAMILY DAY

MAY

6-10

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY

22

FIELD DAY



PTO FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 22ND

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 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**

CHOOSE THE QUANTITY OF ITEMS FOR YOUR CHILD

REPEAT FOR ADDITIONAL CHILDREN

SUBMIT AND PAY FOR ORDER

**ORDER BY
FEB. 14TH**
NO LATE ORDERS

**ONLINE
ORDERS
ONLY!**

SCHOOL STORE

School Store Hours for the week of January 29th - February 2nd
Open: Monday - Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Afternoons by appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org



Calling all equestrians! Please submit ONE picture of yourself with your horse to be featured in the equestrian page of the yearbook! All pictures must be received by **February 5** in order to make it into the yearbook. Your one picture may be sent to: gelliott@meadhallschool.org

Attention

MEAD HALL FAMILIES!



Sales are open to buy an advertisement to help support the yearbook!
Showcase your BUSINESS in this year's Mead Hall yearbook.

Just go to

<https://yearbookforever.com/> and type in **Mead Hall**. From here you can purchase the ad and immediately upload your company logo! You can purchase a quarter page, half page or full page.

Sales end February 14!

This is a terrific way to support the yearbook and get lots of exposure to Mead Hall families!
Each ad purchased will also be featured on our Facebook page for a day.

Thank you for your support!



Archery

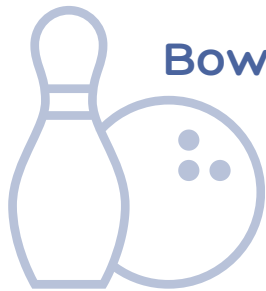
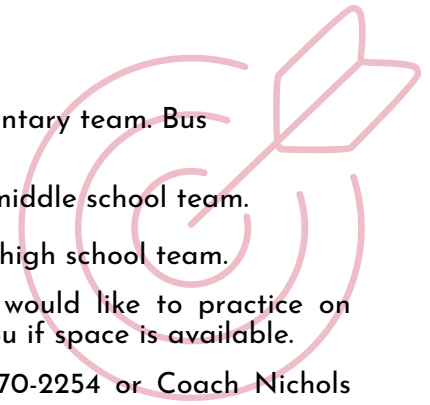
Mondays - 4th and 5th grades will practice together as our elementary team. Bus transportation will continue for our 4th grade archers .

Tuesdays - 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will practice together as our middle school team.

Wednesdays - 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades will practice as our high school team.

If you are unable to practice on your assigned day or if you would like to practice on additional days including Mondays we will try to accommodate you if space is available.

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

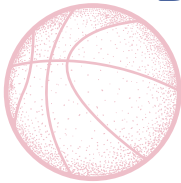


Bowling

The middle school competed with Tall Pines and Emmie was the individual winner in the match with a two game total of 209! Monday January 29th will be the middle school championship at Northside Lanes at 2:00pm. We are wishing Zachary and Emmie GOOD LUCK!!!! Varsity's next bowling match is on February 1 versus Cardinal Newman in Columbia at 4:00pm

Go Panthers!

Basketball



The Middle School boys team had recent games on Thursday versus Westminster and they are playing at home on Friday January 26 versus Curtis Baptist at 5pm. Their next game will be Friday February 2 at CCA at 5:30pm.

The Varsity Boys team competed on Thursday versus Augusta Prep. They play at 7:30pm at home on Friday January 26 versus Curtis Baptist. Their next game will be Friday February 2 at CCA at 8:00pm.

The Middle School Girls A Team played at home on Thursday versus Westminster and will play on Friday January 26 versus Curtis Baptist at home at 4pm. Their next game will be Friday February 2 at CCA at 4:30pm.

The Varsity Girls Team played on Thursday at home versus Augusta Prep and they will play Friday January 26 at home versus Curtis Baptist at 6:00pm. Their next game will be Friday February 2 at CCA at 6:30pm.



Mead Hall Basketball Fans!

Mead Hall has 4 basketball teams this year and we need your help! We have a few more slots that need to be filled.

Please sign up to volunteer to collect admission to one of our home games this season.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050B4BABA29A4FC1-home>



Soccer

Middle School Soccer practice will start on January 22nd at 4:00pm-5:30pm. Practice will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:15pm-5:45pm.

Varsity Soccer practice will be on Wednesday at 3:45pm.

SIGN UP

Sign up Sheets for Varsity Tennis, Varsity Golf, and Varsity Track are located on the sign up table by the Cafeteria.



Mead Hall Panther Club Golf Tournament

Friday, March 15th 2024

Aiken Golf Club

9 AM Shot Gun Start

Breakfast, lunch, and beverages provided

Raffles and Prizes



Registration details coming soon!

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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 Shepherd starts at 10:00am and is held 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 "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans
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

ST. THADDEUS CAMPUS 803.644.1122

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