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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Wednesday this week marked the collision of two holy days, Ash Wednesday and St. Valentine's Day. At our Combined Chapel, Father Joseph reminded the students of the meaning of Lent and commended this season to us as a time of spiritual and personal growth and renewal. He began his sermon by asking the students what looked different in the church, and they noticed several things from the veiling of the cross to the bland color of the vestments to the crown of thorns on the altar frontal - we express a lot of symbolism in this church throughout the year. When I talked to the PK and K students at their chapel today, I said that it is like we are going to the desert with Jesus for these forty days - the desert is a barren landscape where Jesus invites us to go spiritually to place our focus on God alone.

Lent is a gift if we take up its expectations of repentance, abstinence, fasting, and spiritual discipline. With the PK and K students I challenged them to do something intentionally loving and kind each day during Lent, because that is what God wants us to do. Since I could not ignore St. Valentine today, I told the students that we remember him because he gave gifts to share God's love with others. When I asked the PK and K students to give me examples of how they show love and kindness, they put their hands up and shared so many ways, and I could not even get to all of the students with their hands raised. It was a powerful testimony to our capacity for sharing love and kindness. May this Lent be a time when we practice more intentionally our love for all God's children in our words and in our actions.

Blessings and peace,
Frank Sawyer



Congratulations



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#5 BEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Mead Hall Episcopal School ✓



📍 Aiken, SC • Private School • PK, K-12 • ★★★★★ 18 reviews

Best Schools

WE ARE IN GOOD COMPANY WITH SOME OF THE BEST SCHOOLS IN THE STATE

#1 BEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Christ Church Episcopal School ✓

📍 Greenville, SC • Private School • K-12 • ★★★★★ 70 reviews

#3 BEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Porter-Gaud School ✓

📍 Charleston, SC • Private School • 1-12 • ★★★★★ 68 reviews

#2 BEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Heathwood Hall Episcopal School ✓

📍 Columbia, SC • Private School • PK, K-12 • ★★★★★ 89 reviews

#4 BEST CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Ben Lippen School ✓

📍 Columbia, SC • Private School • PK, K-12 • ★★★★★ 120 reviews

Mead Hall Episcopal School Rankings

Niche ranks nearly 100,000 schools and districts based on statistics and millions of opinions from students and parents.

Best Christian High Schools in South Carolina
#5 of 65

Best Private K-12 Schools in South Carolina
#15 of 91

Best Private High Schools in South Carolina
#21 of 100

GOLD BARS 2024





MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

- 16-19 Winter Break (No School)
- 21 Father Marshall Jolly's
Celebration of New Ministry, 6pm
- 22 Chick-Fil-A Day
- 22 Rising 5th Grade Parent Night (6pm)
- 24 State Archery Tournament in Batesburg, SC - All Day
- 23-24 Region Band Clinic @ Lexington High School

MARCH

- 5 Kidz Bop @ USCA 10:00 am (5th grade - big bus)
- 4-5 SCISSA Student Council Spring Convention
- 6 Young People's Concert @ St. John's,
10-11 am (6th, 7th, 8th grades)
- 7 SCISA Music Festival (MS & US Bands)
- 8 End of 3rd Quarter
- 8 Joye in Aiken Paul Jacobs Organ Concert
at St. Thaddeus, 11am (7th-12th Grade)
- 8 US Lock-in w/ 8th grade
- 12 School Day SAT
- 14 APC Declamation (MS and US) 6:00 PM
- 15 Q3 Report Cards available in FACTS
- 15 Golf Tournament at Aiken Golf Club
- 15-17 Alumni Weekend and Soccer Game
- 16 Opening Art Show Reception at the Museum - 6 pm
- 19-22 7th/8th Trip to DC
- 20-22 5th/6th Trip to Gravatt
- 20 SCISA Math Competition
- 23 Spring Steeplechase - MH hospitality tent
- 26 Spring Band Concert, 6pm
- 29 Good Friday Holiday (No School)

LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

- 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
- 22 Chick-Fil-A Day
- 28 Speaker: Kindergarten Kit Fox Dental 8:15 STC cafeteria

MARCH

- 4-8 Read Across America Week / STC Spirit Week
- 1 Field Trip 1st Grade to RPSEC
- 4 Kidz Bop @ USCA 10:00 am (3rd and 4th grades - all 3 buses)
- 5 STC Declamation Showcase (PK-4th 4th 5:30)
- 6 Young People's Concert @ St. John's, 10-11 am (6th, 7th, 8th grade)
- 7 SCISA Music Festival (MS & US Bands)
- 10-12 All-State Band Clinic
- 8 End of 3rd Quarter
- 15 Dress Down for St. Patrick's Day WEAR GREEN
- 15 Q3 Report Cards available in FACTS



SAVE THE DATE

03
MONTH

15
DAY

24
YEAR

Panther Club Golf Tournament

Registration is now open!

Register NOW
& Pay Online

Register NOW
& Pay by Check

PTO

EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 22 CFA Day

MARCH

- 27 Spring Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch

APRIL

- 17-23 Bookfair (APC Campus)
- 20 Strawberry Festival

MAY

- 3 CFA Day
- 10 Family Day
- 6-10 Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- 22 Field Day

"Night Of The Arts"

Mead Hall Episcopal School cordially invites you to attend the opening of the

Fifth - Twelfth Grade Art Performance and Exhibition

Saturday, March 16, 2024 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Banksia - The Aiken County Historical Museum

Silent Auction - 50/50 Raffle

Musical Performance by
The Mead Hall Band

Meet the Visual Artists

Competition judged by Morris Museum of Art

Director, Mr. Kevin Grogan

Art Available for Purchase

Champagne and Hors-d'oeuvres

~A suggested donation of \$20 per family is appreciated -
All funds raised directly benefit the Mead Hall Arts Programs ~

SCHOOL STORE

School Store hours the week of 2/19 - 2/23
Open Tuesday - Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Closed: Friday 2/16 - Monday 2/19 for Winter Break

Afternoons by appointment -
MHStore@meadhallschool.org





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 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

THE RECTOR’S FORUM: Beginning Sunday, February 18th, Father Marshall will lead a study of the Gospel of Mark during Lent at 10am in the Chapel of the Holy Apostles

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