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Mead Hall Episcopal School



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



Experiential Learning

I am glad that our students have so many opportunities for experiential learning. Looking through In the Loop this year, you will see many such field trips highlighted. These experiences place the subject studied within its context and invite students to actively engage in the process of learning. Whether it is visiting a farm or visiting the Capitol Building, students are immersed in the learning experience and engage in a way that leaves a more profound understanding that is sustained by a lasting memory.

I was privileged to join the 7th and 8th grade on their trip to Washington, DC, last week. The students opened their eyes to a deeper understanding of our government, when they saw and learned about the White House, the Capitol, and the Supreme Court. The students grew in their understanding of the history of our government and nation in their tours of the Capitol, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theater, the Museum of African American History and Culture, and the national monuments. They also widened their views of the world at the Smithsonian Museums and the Library of Congress.

While the students enjoyed the trip, they were happy to return home, reminding me of one of my guiding visions for our students, that they be globally informed and connected while being locally rooted. We live in an interconnected world where global politics, commerce, culture, etc. impact us in so many ways, so that in order to thrive in this world we need to understand it and be able to engage with it. At the same time, we need to have a place we can call home, a place that is familiar and safe, where we are known, loved and understood. It is my hope that Mead Hall is a place where our students feel rooted and are challenged to understand and engage with the wide world around them.

Finally, speaking of experiences, our most exciting annual one is coming up a week after we return from our spring break, Strawberry Festival. Our PTO has been planning a fun time for the whole family and your friends. We are celebrating forty years of the **Strawberry Festival**, which has changed over the years. This year will hearken back to some of our earlier traditions while enhancing new traditions, such as the auction, and keeping the focus on our community life as a school. Please consider giving your time to volunteer and support this festival that supports our school. I hope to see you there – I will be enjoying the strawberries and enduring the dunk tank! Information about the Strawberry Festival is in this newsletter.

Wishing you all Easter blessings and a wonderful spring break,

Frank Sawyer

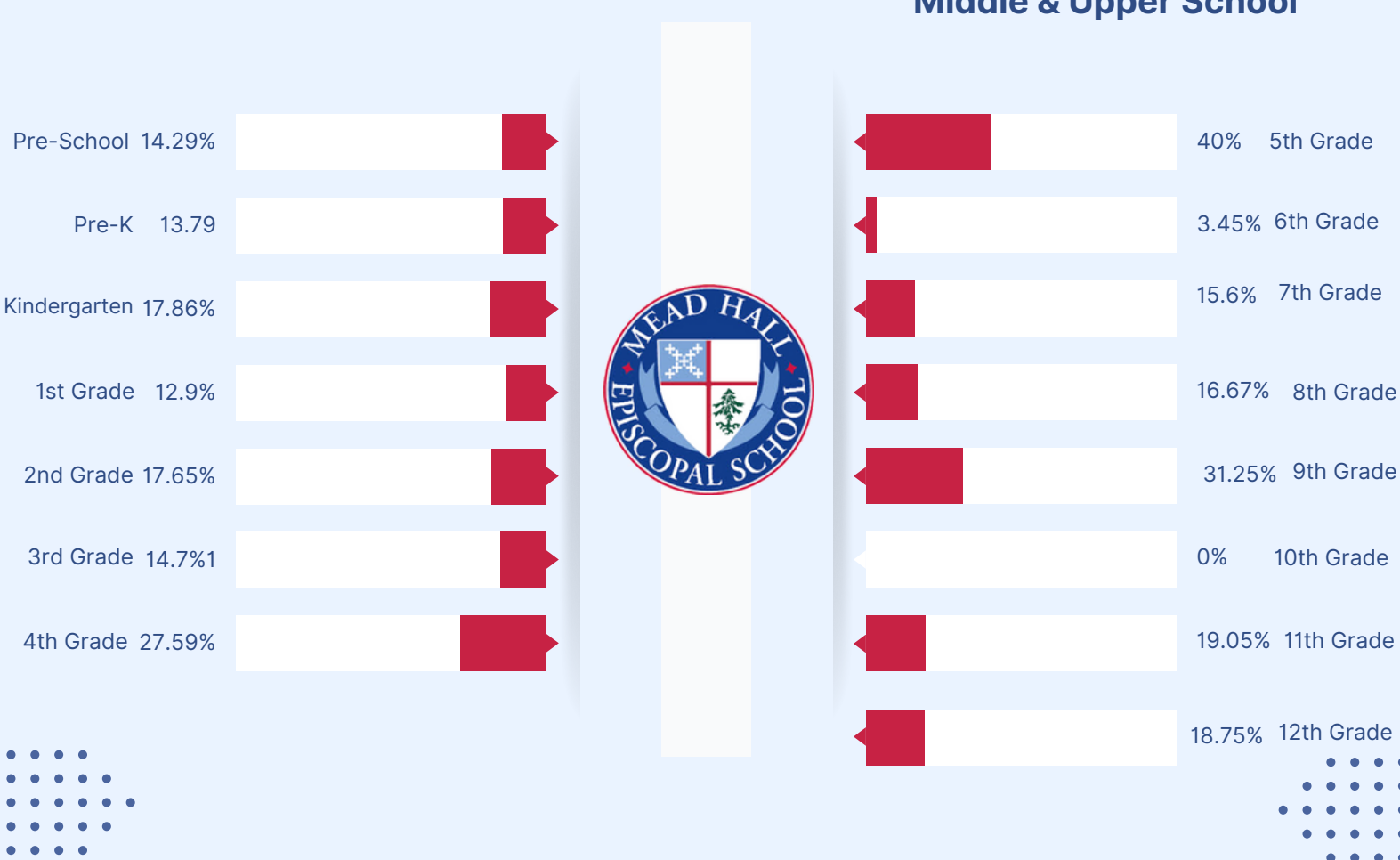
MEAD HALL ANNUAL FUND

Mead Hall has achieved a donation participation rate of 21.8%! A big thank you to all parents who have donated and to our parent representatives for their support in getting us closer to our goal of 100% per grade level for our annual fund participation. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! It's important to note that while Independent School Annual Funds typically reach a 60% participation rate, Mead Hall is currently at 21.8%. However, we remain committed to improving this for the benefit of our children!

PARTICIPATION RATES BY GRADE LEVEL:

Lower School

Middle & Upper School





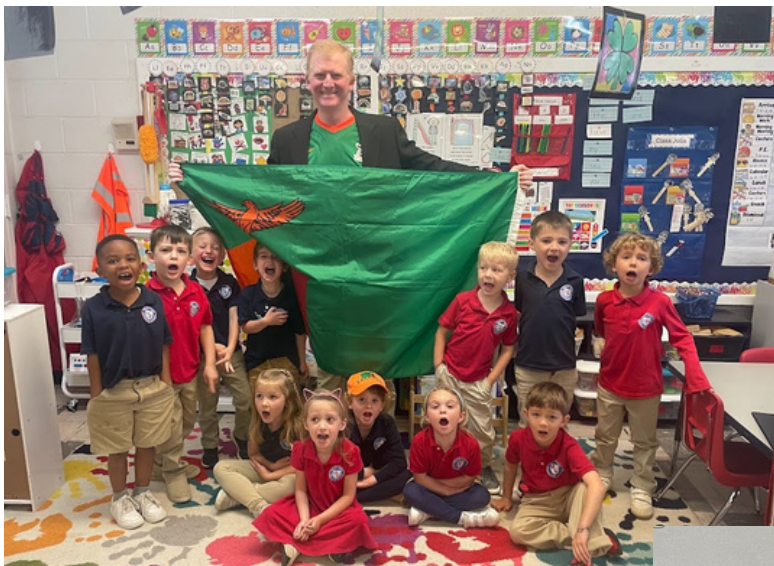
LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

GLOBAL FOCUS DAY

Last Friday, students on the STC celebrated Global Focus day. We held an assembly during which students sang "hello" in many different languages and we heard some exciting stories about life in Kenya and India from Rakesh Jasani, dad to Camille, Rocky, and Cora Kate. Throughout the day, students enjoyed special activities and guest speakers in their classrooms as they learned more about cultures around the world.

Have a great Spring Break!

Joanne





END OF YEAR EVENT INFORMATION

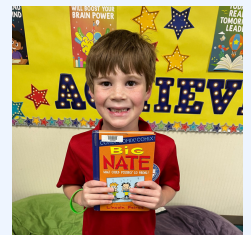
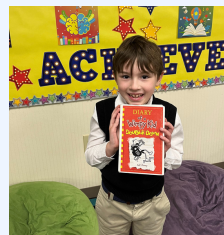
This year, we are merging Family Day with our Closing Exercises and holding one event on the last day of school rather than two events so close together. We hope all parents, grandparents and family friends will join us for this special end-of-year celebration.

- Closing Exercises for PS, PK, and Kindergarten on will be held on Wednesday, May 22 in the sanctuary and will include songs and memorized selections as well as the presentation of report cards and special comments from teachers to students. Following Wednesday's programs, families can enjoy a treat on the front lawn of the church.
- First and second graders and third and fourth graders will hold their Closing Exercises in the gymnasium and cafeteria on Thursday May 23, These programs will include our spring music concert and the presentation of report cards and awards. Following Closing Exercises on Thursday, families can enjoy an art display and refreshments in the cafeteria. Students will take home their art after the reception.



TOP AR READERS FOR THIRD QUARTER

The 3rd Quarter students who have the most Accelerated Reader points in their class. Maggie Wood, Miles Bruckner, Xander Rajoy, Cordy Henley, Hamp Andrew, Robert Miniard, Banks Andrew, Emma Kleintop, and Lukas Chartier.



SPRING PICTURES

Students on the STC will have their spring pictures taken on Thursday, April 18.

LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

APRIL

1-12	SPRING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
18	SPRING PICTURES STC (WEAR NICE SPRING OUTFITS)
20	STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
22	FOURTH GRADE MORRIS MUSEUM ART EVENT AT STC
25	FIELD TRIP 1ST GRADE TO BRIDGESTONE OUTDOOR ED.
25	FOURTH GRADE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
26	FIELD TRIP PS TO HITCHCOCK WOODS



SUMMER CAMP

Sign Up Coming
after Spring Break

Summer Camp Dates

MAY 27-31	JUNE 17-21
JUNE 3-7	JUNE 24-28
JUNE 10-14	JULY 8-12



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ESTHER MARKS

Congratulations to Esther Marks for receiving the Griffith Scholarship at Presbyterian College! This scholarship is by invitation only and is PC's most prestigious award! The Griffith Scholarship covers the full cost of tuition, fees, room, and board and is renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study at PC. Each year, two high school seniors receive this scholarship. The winners are determined through a multi-step interview process. Recipients exhibit exceptional academic achievement and have demonstrated leadership ability as well as outstanding personal character. Congratulations Esther, your Mead Hall family is extremely proud of you!



GRAVATT TRIP

The 5th and 6th graders took a trip to Gravatt last week and enjoyed many fun outdoor activities and learned about the ecology of the forest and creatures that call Gravatt home. Students worked together to complete both low and high ropes courses. They loved canoeing and paddle boarding and had a fun time with archery. And, what camping trip is complete without a campfire and smores? Many memories were made as students spent time in God's creation enjoying friends and the great outdoors!

Big shout-out to Cady and Connor whose selfless acts on the trip made a big impression and impact on their classmates and the Gravatt staff! Thank you both for your willingness to step up and help without prompting, you make us very proud!





DC TRIP

Last week the 7th and 8th graders toured Washington, DC. On the first day, we began with a tour of Mount Vernon, the Capitol, and the Library of Congress. We then toured the World War II, Korean, Vietnam, and Lincoln memorials. The next day was packed with a tour to Arlington National Cemetery where we witnessed the Changing of the Guards ceremony. Then, we toured the Washington National Cathedral. We followed by visiting three Smithsonian museums. We all visited the National Museum of African American History and Culture and then students selected two out of three of the following: Natural History, American History, and National Gallery of Art. We ended the afternoon touring Martin Luther King, Jr. and FDR Memorials. We began our final day with a stop at a souvenir shop, tour of Ford's Theatre and Petersen House, and a photo op in front of the White House.

The students (and chaperones) had a great time! The students did a phenomenal job keeping up with the fast pace and experiencing many places that have had such an impact on our American history. Student highlights included the Washington National Cathedral and the Smithsonian museums. We even got to "see" the president (at least his helicopter flying to the White House)! Also, our photo op in front of the White House was a memorable experience and a great way to round out the trip!



NIGHT OF THE ARTS

Our 2nd annual Night of the Arts event was held on March 16th at the Aiken County Historical Museum hosted by Mrs. Nowlin, Dr. Johnson and Mrs. Bruckner. Everyone enjoyed a lovely evening of artwork on display, performances from our Mead Hall band and hors d'oeuvres beautifully prepared by Mrs. Raye White. This event raised over \$1,500 to support our art and band programs at the Aiken Prep Campus.



Night of the Arts SMUGMUG Gallery

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

APRIL

- 1-12 Spring Break (No School)
- 17 Spring pictures APC
- 17-23 Book Fair in APC gym
- 18-30 Senior Project Presentations (daily during 2nd period 9:30-10:15)
- 20 Strawberry Festival
- 27 Prom at Aiken Historical Museum

May

- 3 Chick-fil-a Day
- 5 Athletic Celebration (Sunday, 4:00 pm) STC gym
- 6-10 Faculty Appreciation Week
- 6 AP US Government (8:00 AM)
- 6 AP Chemistry (12:00 PM)
- 7 AP Statistics (12:00 PM)
- 8 AP Literature (8:00 AM)
- 9 AP Psychology (12:00 PM)
- 10 AP European History (8:00 AM)
- 10 5th Grade Art Showcase in Auditorium @ 1:45
- 13 AP Calculus (8:00 AM)
- 14 AP Language (8:00 AM)
- 15-17 APC Final Exams

PTO Corner

Hello Mead Hall Families!

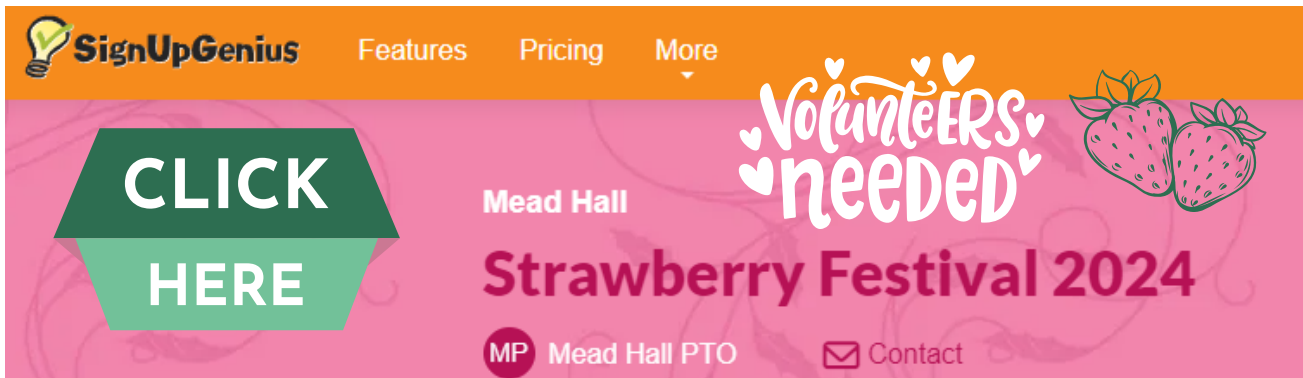
We hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful Spring Break.


Please note that the Strawberry Festival is **Saturday, April 20th**. The first weekend we return from the break!

Don't forget to order your T-shirts and tickets today! Ordering closes this **Friday, March 29th**.


**CLICK
HERE** For
T-Shirt &
Ticket Sales

We are in need of volunteers to help with Festival set up, run booths and sales, and festival clean up. Please see the sign up genius below to sign up now!!!!!! It takes a village to make this fundraiser work and we are grateful for our wonderful families!





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Mead Hall
Strawberry Festival 2024

 Mead Hall PTO  Contact



Strawberry Festival

It is time to celebrate the 40th anniversary of our Mead Hall Strawberry Festival! Join us for strawberries and ice cream, food, inflatables, music and games on **Saturday, April 20th from 11-2pm** at the Aiken Prep Campus.

The Strawberry Festival is a PTO fundraiser. Selling t-shirts and tickets to our families in advance is a very important part of raising money for our school!

ALL STUDENTS THAT PURCHASE A T-SHIRT MAY WEAR THIS T-SHIRT FOR A DRESS DOWN DAY ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19th.

We are hoping to keep the use of cash to a minimum and we are asking families to pre-purchase tickets if possible. Tickets will be used for purchasing food and drinks and for entry to various activities. There are no all access wristbands this year. Additional tickets may be purchased at the Festival. A 10 ticket bundle is offered to cover the average cost of lunch, a drink, and activities for one person.

1 ticket = \$2
Strawberry Festival t-shirt = \$20

You can purchase your child's shirt and tickets at the following link:
<https://payit.nelnet.net/form/YRE4M4AS>

Please note that you must submit payment on this form in order to complete the registration and purchase a shirt and/or tickets. T-shirts will be distributed at school prior to the dress down day on Friday, April 19th.

Thank you for your support.
We look forward to seeing you at the Strawberry Festival!
Mead Hall PTO





Sponsorship Form
Strawberry Festival – April 20, 2024
11-2pm



Name of Business: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Sponsorship Levels



The Berry Best (\$1,000.00 & above)

- Name on promotional display during Strawberry Festival
- Name on Social Media advertising
- Name on newspaper thank you advertisement
- 30 Tickets



Patch Sponsorship (\$500.00)

- Name on Social Media advertising
- Name on newspaper thank you advertisement
- 20 Tickets



Seedling Sponsorship (\$300.00)

- Name on newspaper thank you advertisement
- 10 Tickets



Strawberry Festival Friends (Any Amount)

- Support the Strawberry Festival
- Perfect way to show support, even if unable to attend event
- Name on newspaper thank you advertisement
- Please specify "SF FRIENDS" on your payment




*****Tickets to be used for food and entertainment*****

Thank you for your support!

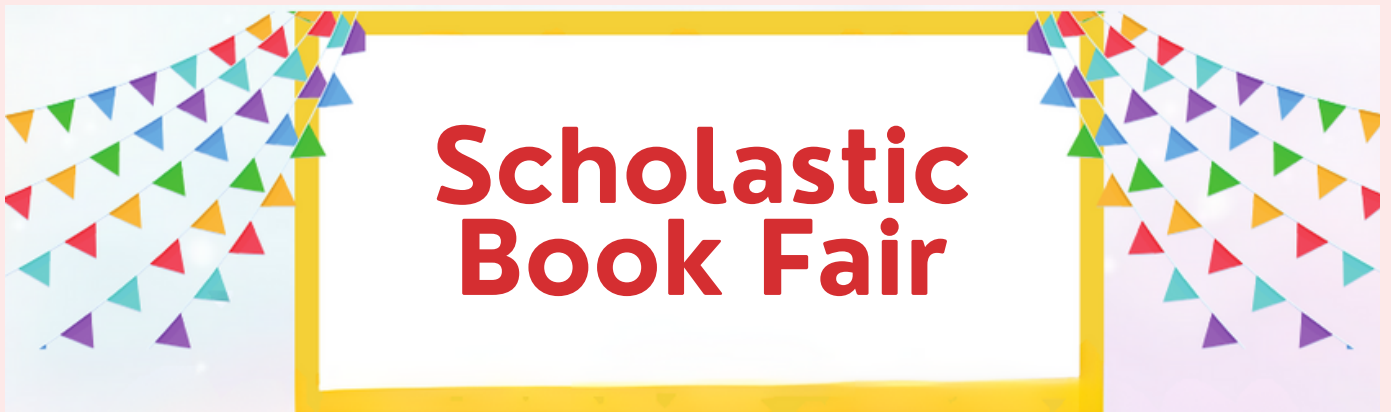
Please return this form to Mead Hall Episcopal School no later than March 29, 2024

Attn: Mari MacMillan 619 Barnwell Ave., NW Aiken, SC 29801

SCHOOL STORE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		2	3	4	5	6	
7		This week for Spring Break					13
14	15 Open at 8am	16 Open at 8am	17 Open at 8am	18 Open at 8am	19 Open at 8am	20 	
21	22 Open at 8am	23 Open at 8am	24 Open at 8am	25 Open at 8am	26 Open at 8am	27 <i>Prom Night</i>	
28	29 Open at 8am	30 Open at 8am					

The School Store will be closed Friday, March 29th - April 12th for Spring Break and will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 15th
Email MHStore@meadhallschool.org for shopping appointments



COMING SOON

To Mead Hall Episcopal School
Wednesday, April 17 - Tuesday, April 23



The money that we earn during our Book Fairs helps the school to purchase materials for the library and individual classrooms - including the magazine subscriptions that many of our students enjoy. Even more importantly, our Book Fairs help to foster a love of reading that is vitally important to our students.

Questions? Email Kelley Brown at kellypbrown@gmail.com.

We Need Volunteers, We Need YOU!

Volunteering at the Book Fair is one of the most fun and rewarding ways to get involved in helping students become better readers!



Sign-Up Today!!
[VIEW SIGN-UP SHEET >](#)



Track

The weather has been playing a big part in slowing down our meets but not our work and resilience to be great! The kids come out every week and continue to improve! We do compete but, our true goal is to become the best you that you can be. Mead Hall has been doing very well! We have several stand out students! We have placed 1st through 8th in different events. No matter the outcome, we will continue to become better! We will continue that Panther power. Work hard, play harder!

Their next track meet is Thursday March 28th at Augusta Prep at 4:00pm and on Thursday April 4th at Augusta Prep at 4:00pm. Varsity's next event is on Wednesday March 27th at Augusta Prep at 2:30pm and on Wednesday April 3rd at Augusta Prep at 2:30pm.



Soccer

The Boys Middle School Soccer team is playing in an all new league this year and are excited about the challenging games this season. A few shout outs so far this season. Most improved player thus far is Everett who has made some great plays as an offensive player...we love his speed on the field. Will made some great goals for the team on Monday, even though he sustained an injury that had him sidelined last week. Wes, Cody and Taylor have not only played for the Middle School Team but have been recruited to help out the MH Varsity Team and sometimes play back to back games. We are looking forward to the rest of the season! Their last game before the Spring Break is on Thursday March 28th versus Alleluia at 4:00pm at home. Their games following Spring Break are on Wednesday April 17th at EDS at 4:00pm and on Thursday April 18th at home versus Alleluia at 4:00pm.

The Varsity Soccer team has picked up their first win of the season against Spartanburg Christian Academy defeating them 2-0 with TWO Powerful goals by Dean Bryce. Their next game is on Monday April 15th at home versus Thomas Sumter Academy at 5:00pm.

Admission to our home games are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids.



Golf

Varsity Golf competed against Augusta Christian on Tuesday. Their next match will be on Tuesday March 26th at Mt. Vintage at 4:00pm versus Curtis Baptist School.

WE WILL HAVE MIDDLE SCHOOL 7v7 FLAG FOOTBALL THIS UPCOMING FALL. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A COUPLE EXPERIENCED COACHES!!!!!!

Please contact Athletic Director Daryl Hawthorne if you are interested



Tennis

Great matches Tuesday March 25th by all the Players against Augusta Eagles!!

Witt and Landon both won their singles match and teamed up for a great doubles victory! Mankel lost a tough singles match and came up short in doubles with Jack Forrest. Gaby had the closest match and just came up short. Her and Mary Clare lost a tough doubles match. Abby Stanley won her singles match and Ann Fenton and Pippa teamed up for an amazing doubles win! Great match overall!

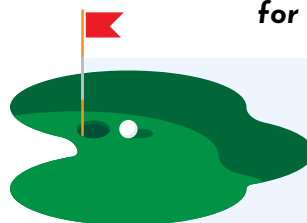


Softball

The softball team continues to work hard and improve against a competitive schedule consisting of varsity teams and established SCISA 1A JV teams. Lucy Arvizu has been steady in the pitcher's circle, striking out 43 batters so far this year in 22 innings pitched. McKenzie Goodwin leads the team offensively with a .438 batting average and 12 RBIs. Hanna Pribilovics is a spark batting leadoff, leading the team with a .632 on base percentage and has 11 runs scored. We look forward to continued improvement over the 2nd half of the season after Spring Break.

Their next games after Spring Break are at South Aiken Baptist on Tuesday April 16th at 5:00pm, at Horse Creek on Wednesday April 17th at 5:00pm, and at home on Thursday April 18th versus Wardlaw at 5:00pm.

Admission to our home games are \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for kids.



Panther Club Golf Tournament SmugMug Gallery is now available - [CLICK HERE](#) All images are available for free download by our photographer, Mr. Larry Johnson.

Equestrian Accomplishments

Lulu and Quarterback are Reserve Champion in the Low Childrens and take the win in the Classic!

Curtain Call goes 2 for 2 this week taking home his second Championship in the Older Children's hunters with Taylor! They also finished in the Classic!



Hey, Panther Nation, we need YOUR help. It costs \$\$ to run our spring sports. Umpires/referees/field rentals/NEW SOCCER JERSEYS all cost money. SCISA and AAMSL allows us to collect admission for only some of our sports, so this year we are asking folks to pay to attend soccer and softball games (and if you attend away games you know other schools do it, too). Don't worry - if you bought a sponsorship that gave you free admission to volleyball and basketball you are covered. We need help with soccer games. Please sign up for a spot!

Thanks! (Kelley Brown).

P.S. Planning to attend home soccer and softball games and didn't get a sponsorship? Panther Club is offering Spring Sponsorships for \$30.

[Click Here to Register 2024 Varsity Soccer Volunteers](#)

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ST. THADDEUS EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOLY WEEK & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 24

7:45 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Contemporary Music)
11:15 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Choir & Organ)
***The 9 and 11:15 liturgies begin with the Liturgy of the Palms in the garden in front of the church.

Holy Monday & Holy Tuesday, March 25 & 26

6 pm: Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Holy Wednesday, March 27

11 am: Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing (Chapel)
6 pm: Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Maundy Thursday, March 28

6 pm: Holy Eucharist with Footwashing & Stripping of the Altar (Church)
7 pm: Vigil at the Altar of Repose Begins (Chapel)

Good Friday, March 29

Vigil Continues Through the Night until the Noon Liturgy
12 Noon: Liturgy of the Day (Church)

Easter Vigil, March 30

6 pm: The Great Vigil (Begins in the Garden, then into the Church)

Easter Day, March 31

7:45 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Contemporary Music)
11:15 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Choir & Organ)

Holy Week and Easter is the holiest eight days of the Christian year, wherein the faithful walk with Jesus through the events leading to his Passion, Death, and ultimately, his Resurrection on Easter Day.

Join us as we journey through this holy season!

The Right Reverend Daniel Richards will preach and celebrate on Maundy Thursday



Easter Egg hunt will take place at 10 am Easter morning on the church grounds



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