
A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

It is with great sadness that we read the news of the shooting on Wednesday at Annunciation Church and Catholic School in Minneapolis. Let us keep the two children who died, those who were injured, and all who have been traumatized, as well as the families of the children, in our hearts and in our prayers.

This is a terrible reminder that we are called to do the utmost to protect our children and ensure their physical safety and emotional wellbeing. Safety has been top of mind for us at Mead Hall over the past few years and we have implemented policy changes and improvements to our two campuses to better secure our school and protect our students and staff. Changes over the past few years have included: Locking the gates to the St. Thaddeus Campus and creating a new entrance door with a camera, and most recently adding new security doors with a more secure lock and fob system to our red brick classroom building (PS-2nd), and at the Aiken Prep Campus, locking doors and adding a maglock to the door used to access the classrooms at the lower rear of the building and installing a new camera system at the main door.

Last December, we had a security assessment completed by the Holdfast Security Group, led by retired FBI agent Rob Chadwick, the former head of the Tactical Training Unit at Quantico. We have been implementing his recommendations and making plans for physical changes to our buildings, which are an important focus of our Ignite Campaign. The initial security impact of the Ignite Campaign will be the installation of new security doors for the St. Thaddeus Campus school office and the main entrance to the Stevenson-McClelland Building (cafeteria, gym, 3rd & 4th) which will be completed soon. A vital recommendation from this report was to train our faculty and staff in responding to an active shooter or similar crisis so we led our faculty and staff in a training on this during our professional development afternoon in March, and this training is ongoing. We will revisit this training next at our September faculty meetings which will be followed by our intruder drills.

Tragedies like those at Annunciation raise our level of concern and anxiety. I hope and pray that we will not be gripped by fear but take action together to safeguard the lives and wellbeing of our children and all those we love. I encourage you to reach out to me with your concerns and I also look forward to sharing more of our future and developing plans for the safety of our students at Mead Hall.

BLESSINGS AND PEACE,
Frank Sawyer

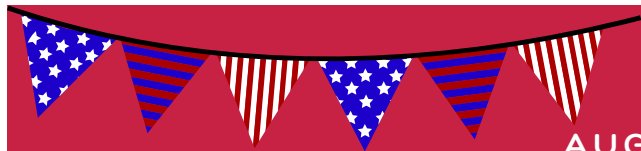


School Counselors at Mead Hall

We are glad to have two counselors this year at Mead Hall. We have our permanent school counselor, Ms. Nicole Pioli, MSW, and Ms. Lea Bryant, our school counselor intern, who is in her final year of her Master of Science in Applied Clinical Psychology at USC Aiken, who both work part-time in the mornings. If you do not wish for your child to receive services from our school counselors, please contact Mead Hall administration.

Ms. Nicole Pioli
School Counselor
Monday 8:00 - 12:00
Tuesday 8:00 - 12:00
Wednesday 8:00 - 12:00
Thursday 8:00 - 12:00
Friday 8:00 - 12:00

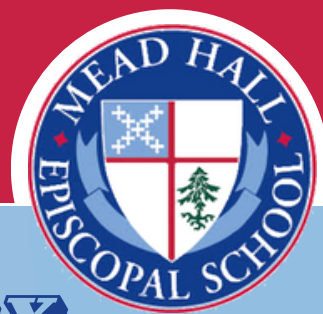
Ms. Leanna Bryant
School Counselor Intern
Monday 8:00 - 10:30
Tuesday 8:15 - 10:45 - 1:30
Wednesday 8:00 - 1:15
Friday 8:00 - 10:30



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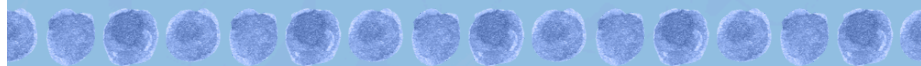
IN THE LOOP

Mead Hall Episcopal School



HAPPY LABOR DAY

FROM MEAD HALL





LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

SETTLING IN

Believe it or not, we are half way through the first quarter of school, and everywhere I look, students are growing and learning. We have already ventured off campus for several field trips, held our first chapel services, and posted grades for our first tests. Coming up, we will have our first Chick-fil-A day, standardized testing for 3rd and 4th grades, and fall pictures. We have experienced many rainy days so far, but this week has been sunny, and for that we are thankful!

I hope you have a restful long weekend and a happy Labor Day. We will welcome students back on Tuesday, September 2.

See you at school!

Joanne



UPCOMING DATES

September

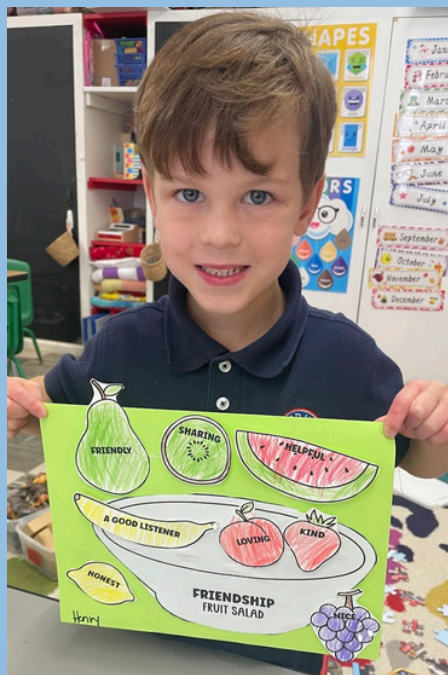
- 1 Labor Day (No School)
- 5 Chick Fil-A Day
- 12 Field Trip PK to Trinity
- 8-12 Standardized Testing Grades 3-4
- 12 Preschool Grandparent Celebration
- 16 Fall Pictures- STC
- 18 Field Trip - 4th Grade to Hitchcock Woods (group 1)
- 19 Field Trip - 4th Grade to Hitchcock Woods (group 2)
- 19 Field Trip - PS to Library
- 15-20 Make-up Standardized Testing
- 23 Fall Makeup Pictures
- 23 Field Trip - 3rd Grade to Phinizy Swamp
- 24 Combined Chapel & Kindergarten Chapel for Bishop Richards
- 30 Field Trip - 1st Grade to RPSEC



**CHORUS begins at
7:30 on Wednesday
September 3 in the
Music Room in the
Greenville St
Building.**

My Friends & Me!

PK students have been learning about themselves and their classmates this week.



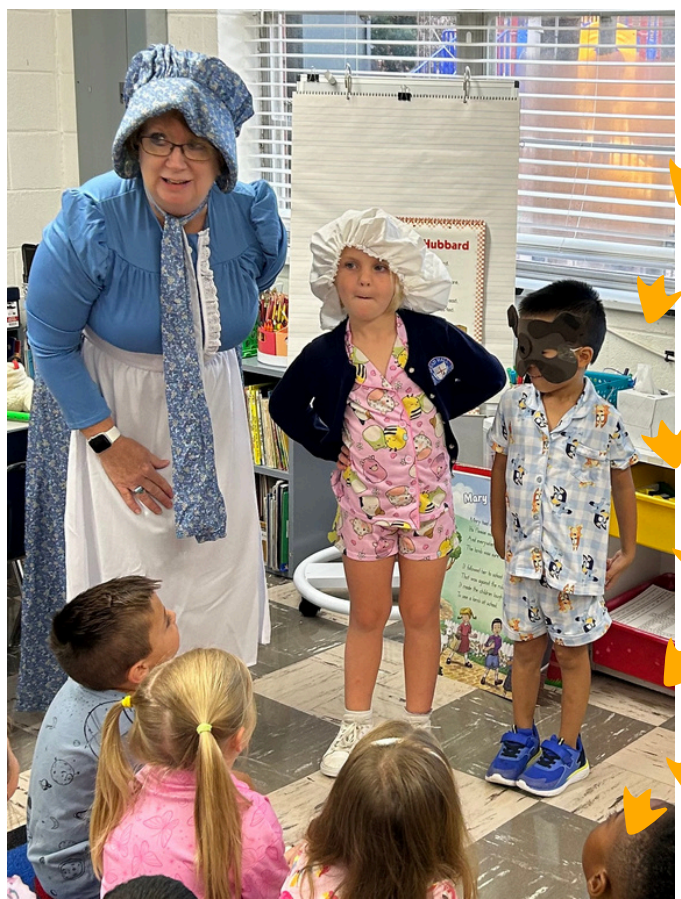
Leading and Learning in Chapel

RAB Bolen and Ivy Bryan led a "blind" Fr. Joseph on a winding trail during the chapel lesson.



PJS IN KINDERGARTEN!

Last Friday, our kindergarten students wore their pajamas to school as a reminder to read each night before bed. Mother Goose (Nan Burns) also visited the classes to share nursery rhymes with the children.



FIELD TRIPS TO RUTH PATRICK SCIENCE CENTER

Already this year, students in first and second grades have taken field trips to the Ruth Patrick Science Center. First grade visited the planetarium to learn about our world and our sky while second grade had classes in Staying Alive!; What's the Matter? and Backyard Wilderness!



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

2025 School Recognition Award Recipients

College Board highlights students who are top performers academically. This recognition is based on a student's GPA and performance on PSAT, SAT, and/or AP test scores. The students listed below have met the criteria for the School Recognition Award! Students are eligible if they are in the 10th and 11th grade and score in the top 10% on the PSAT for test takers at our school OR earn a 3+ on 2 or more AP exams in 10th grade. Students must also have a cumulative GPA of a B+ or better. Congratulations students!

Faye Becker
William Becker
Jack Forrest
Taylor Houck
Willson Lee Lawson
Ron Shepherd



UPCOMING DATES

September

- 1 Labor Day (No School)
- 5 Chick Fil-A Day
- 11 College Night, 5:00 - 8:00 pm @ Augusta Convention Center
- 8-12 Standardized Testing Grades 3-4
- Standardized Testing Grades 5-8
- 12 Field Trip - 8th Grade to Augusta University 11:00-3
- 12 5th-8th Ice Cream Social 5:30-6:30
- 15 Senior Pictures - Wilson Studio (in Auditorium)
- 15 Field Trip - 7th Grade to Augusta University 11:00-3:00
- 17 Fall Pictures - APC in Auditorium
- 15-20 Make-up Standardized Testing
- 23 Fall Makeup Pictures
- 24 Combined Chapel for Bishop Richards visit

Blazer Reminder!

It is time to find (or purchase) your blue blazer for your chapel uniform!

You will need it for:

#1: Picture Day on Sept. 17th!

#2: Each Wednesday
October 1st - March 25th!



Middle & Upper School News



Mountain Madness...More Than a Field Trip

Our high school students returned Friday from an exciting three day trip to Black Mountain, North Carolina. Parents, you should be very proud of your children who attended the trip. The positive spirit, outstanding behavior, and willingness to push themselves was simply wonderful. The students were consistently where they were supposed to be at the times they were supposed to be there. I witnessed students working together to accomplish common goals on both the low ropes course and the more challenging high ropes course. I watched our students clean up after themselves after every meal. They did a much better job of that than an adult group that was there at the same time. I saw students get outside of their comfort zone to actively participate in a rollicking square dance. We all had a great time.

A special highlight for me was our final Chapel service. I watched our seniors step up to lead our music accompanied by a freshman who volunteered to play his guitar for us on short notice. Time and time again, students offered to assist the chaperones in setting up activities. I personally benefitted from two far more talented artists in tie dying my shirt. Our students may not remember every lesson they have been taught in myriad subjects, but I am confident they will always remember their Mountain Madness trips. Special thanks to our chaperones who went the extra mile. Mrs. Tucker provided all of the logistical support to ensure we were organized and on schedule. Father Joseph, Ms. Rogan, and Dr. Pontoo provided much wisdom and support. The Chapel service was amazing! Miss Moroney wins the "Most Likely to Actively Participate" award as I saw her high above the ground on the ropes course and dancing the night away at our square dance! I would be remiss not to mention Mr. Larry Johnson, our volunteer photographer, who missed his own birthday celebration to capture all the memories of our three days together. Events like this are just some examples of what makes Mead Hall such a special place! Thank you for sharing your awesome children with us.

Blessings,

Mike



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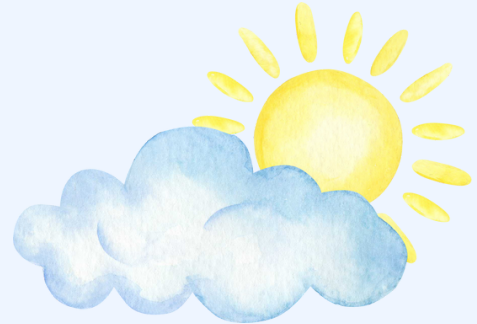
SCHOOL STORE HOURS
SEPTEMBER 1-5



Email MHStore@meadhallschool.org for appointment requests

M	★ LABOR DAY ★ ★★★★
T	<i>Closed</i>
W	Open 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
T	Open 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
F	Open 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

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MEAD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

**AUGUST
2025**



PTO NEWSLETTER

IMPORANT DATES

- 9/5 CHICK -FIL-A DAY
- 9/12 5TH -8TH ICE CREAM & PTO SOCIAL
- 10/15-10/21 BOOK FAIR
- 10/19 MEAD HALL SUNDAY
- 10/25 FALL FESTIVAL

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- APC COMMITTEE
- SOCIAL COMMITTEE
- FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
- STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
- TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK COMMITTEE
- BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS

FUNDRAISERS

SEPTEMBER FUNDRAISERS

- CHICK-FIL-A DAY

OCTOBER FUNDRAISERS

- BOOK FAIR



SPONSORSHIPS

August was very successful for our sponsorship program! All of the money raised through this will go straight back to teachers through PTO funded support! Please continue to show your support throughout the year! Remember, the more tickets you purchase, the higher your chances of winning the monthly raffle!



MIDDLE SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**SEPTEMBER 12TH
5:30-6:30PM**

PARENTS OF 5TH -8TH GRADERS. PLEASE JOIN THE PTO FOR A WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT WHILE THE STUDENTS ENJOY THEIR ICE CREAM SOCIAL!



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
US AT PTO@MEADHALLSCHOOL.ORG**



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MEAD HALL PANTHERS

MS Flag Football

Despite the rainy weather, MS flag football players have been practicing and are excited for their first game on Sept 15th!

MS Cross Country

Mead Hall's Middle School Cross Country team had their first meet out at Stableview Equestrian Center. For the girls Maggie Woods finished in 16:35, Sunny Keigans ran her race with a 17:34 time and Cordy Henley finished with a time of 19:41. For the boys Milo Waskavitz finished with a time of 15:12.

MS Tennis

Our tennis team had a well played game against St. Mary's on Tuesday. Although we did not take home the win, Coach Jason was very proud of their effort and sportsmanship of all players!

MS Golf

The MS golf team had their first game of the season on Tuesday and came in 3rd place. Nice job Ryder Hayes for the low score on the Mead Hall Team!

MS/V Swimming

Our Panther swim team have been at the pool 3 days a week and are looking forward to their first swim meet!

Varsity Volleyball

Congratulations! Our Varsity Volleyball team took home a win against Covenant Classical on Tuesday. Players pushed through their first game nerves, were consistent and put pressure on our opponent from the start!



This Week:



Games at a Glance

9/2 MS/V Volleyball @ Westminster 5pm/6pm
MS Cross Country @ Augusta Prep 4pm
MS Golf @ Forrest Hills CC 4pm

9/4 MS/V Volleyball vs Curtis Baptist 5pm/6pm
MS Tennis vs Midland Valley 4pm

9/5 MS/V Volleyball @ Sand Hills 5pm/6pm

VS = home game
@ = away game

COACHES NEEDED

For our Winter Sports we still need the following:

Pom Squad

For our Spring Sports we still need the following:

Middle School Soccer

POSSIBLY Middle School/JV Baseball

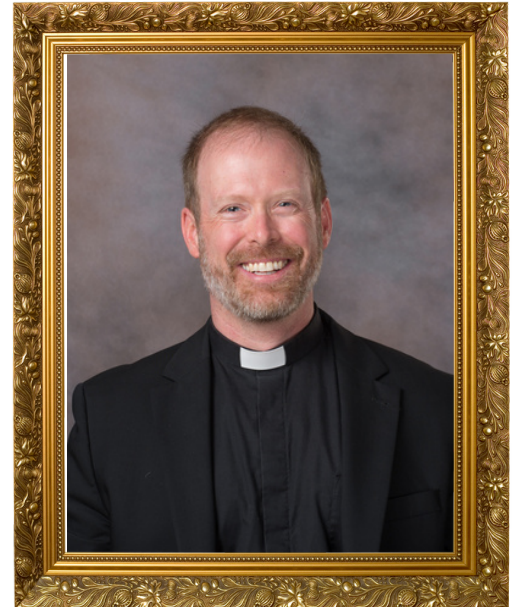
Interested? contact Daryl
Hawthorne
DHawthorne@meadhallschool.org



Please join St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church

as we celebrate

The Reverend Joseph S. Whitehurst on
Sunday, August 31st, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. There
will be light refreshments after the service under
the trees outside. So please come and wish him
well as he goes out on his sabbatical!



FIRST WEDNESDAY

Join us in the Cheetham Parlor on
**Wednesday, September 3rd, from
5:30-7:30PM** for dinner, formation and
fellowship, and leave with a new prayer
journal and thoughts on prayer in our
daily lives. There will blank prayer
journals for youth and children to
decorate and take home, and Fr.
Marshall will lead a brief lesson on daily
prayer and intentionally adding it into
our routine. We'll also look into the
"prayer journal" of the whole Anglican
Communion: The Book of Common
Prayer! **SIGN UP VIA MON. AM EMAIL**
Hope to see you there!
(Suggested donations are \$5/person, or
about \$20/family.)

