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PLEASE JOIN US AS WE SHARE EXCITING UPDATES
ABOUT MEAD HALL'S FUTURE AND TAKE YOU ON A
BRIEF TOUR OF THE AIKEN PREP CAMPUS.

YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12TH AT 5:30 PM

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THIS EVENING EVENT

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13TH AT 8:45 AM

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A NOTE FROM DR. FELICIA PONTOO

Right before school ended last Tuesday, I headed over to the Aiken County Board of Education District Office for our final **College Night** committee meeting to finalize plans for September 11, 2025. Sponsored by SRS every year, more than 100 colleges and universities from in and out of state pounce on the CSRA to speak to students about their respective schools, including the admissions process, financial aid, SRS apprenticeships and scholarship opportunities. Every senior who registers via [STRIVESCAN.COM](https://www.strivescan.com) will be eligible to win a \$1000 scholarship. We are giving out fifteen scholarships that evening! Mead Hall Upper School students are invited every year to attend and any student who checks in with me at the Counseling Center in the middle of the Augusta Convention Center (between 5:00 - 8:00 pm) will receive a FREE DRESS DAY!

Other exciting news surrounding College Admissions includes our annual college tour during the Upper School Retreat. This year we will tour **Wofford College** on Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 10:45am, hear about the admissions process and eat in their dining hall. Visits are a huge factor in college admissions because it allows students to experience the campus, hear from admissions professionals, observe students in action and get answers to questions that they may have about attending college. Over the years, we've visited several schools including but not limited to *Appalachian State University, Winthrop University, Clemson, USC, Newberry College, UNC Asheville and North Greenville University* to name a few. Students will also have the opportunity to speak to college representatives when they visit Mead Hall during the fall. On the schedule thus far is **Francis Marion University** on September 11th @ 8:30 am, where seniors will have the opportunity to receive an admissions decision "on the spot". **University of South Carolina, Columbia** will be on campus September 23rd @ 1:00pm! Stay tuned for more college visits days at Mead Hall!

Different this year will be my entrance into the Senior Project class to assist seniors with their college applications. After an overview of what students should be working on, we will spend each class diving into the various pieces of applying to college. Hopefully this will not only ease the stress of applying to colleges but also provide them with the tools, instruction and sound guidance while keeping up with the rigor of Mead Hall's curriculum. Hence, the **Class of 2026** is off to a great start!

So, what should the other Upper School students be doing? Glad you asked!

- Schedule a college counseling meeting with me!
- Attend all college lunch meetings when scheduled with different colleges and universities
- Do well academically
- Get involved in athletics, clubs and outside activities
- Volunteer and record service hours
- Speak to Mrs. Tucker about preparing for the PSAT, SAT and ACT test dates at Mead Hall

It is our hope that every Mead Hall student is excited about the college process and ready to embrace all that it entails! And to all Mead Hall parents out there wondering about how to navigate college admissions, **WE GOT YOU!** Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have about anything pertaining to college admissions.

Dr. Pontoo



CSRA CollegeNight
presented by SRS Education Outreach

DREAM. PLAN. ACHIEVE.
COLLEGE NIGHT
SRS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 • 5:00-8:00 PM
Located at the Augusta Convention Center

COLLEGE NIGHT SEMINARS

Seminar	Topic	Description
Oliverio F	Georgia Financial Aid	Students and parents will have the opportunity to learn about the financial aid process which includes HOPE Scholarships, Georgia state funded, and federal financial aid.
Oliverio G	South Carolina Financial Aid	Students and parents will have the opportunity to learn about the financial aid process which includes information on LIFE Scholarships, South Carolina state funded, and federal financial aid.
Hamilton A & B	SRS Apprenticeships	Students and parents will have the opportunity to learn about the SRS Registered Apprenticeship Program that currently consists of 11 technical/professional occupations.
Oliverio H	Financial Literacy	The experts of SRP Federal Credit Union help students with skills and knowledge to make informed and effective financial decisions.

While you're here, check out Career Lane! DOE and Savannah River Site contractors offer guidance on career options.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS FOR SUPPORTING CSRA COLLEGE NIGHT

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College Acceptances 2017 - 2025

Agnes Scott College
Aiken Technical College
Alcorn State University
American University
Anderson University
Appalachian State University
Arkansas Baptist College
Auburn University
Augusta University
Augustana College
Ball State University
Bard College
Baylor University
Beacon College
Belmont Abbey College
Benedict College
Berry College
Bethune - Cookman University
Bluffton University
Bryn Mawr College
Campbell University
Catawba College
Catholic University
Central State University
Charleston Southern University
Citadel
Claflin University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of Wooster
Columbia College
Converse University
Davidson College
Denmark Technical College
DePaul University
East Carolina University
East Tennessee State University
Eckerd College
Edward Waters College
Elon University
Embry - Riddle University

Emory University
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic University
Francis Marion University
Franciscan University
Furman University
Gardner-Webb University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia College
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Grambling University
Hampden - Sydney College
Harris - Stowe State University
Hendrix College
High Point University
Hope College
Houghton University
Indiana University
Iona University
Johnson & Wales University
Kennesaw State University
Lake Forest College
Lander University
Lane College
Lees-McRae College
Limestone College
Loyola University, Chicago
Lynchburg College
Lynn University
Marquette University
Marshall University
Marymount Manhattan College
Mass. College of Liberal Arts
Mercer University
Michigan State University
Middle Tennessee State University
Miles College
Mississippi State University
Montana State University
Montreat College
Morris College
New York University
Newberry College
North Carolina State University
North Greenville University
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Oglethorpe University

Old Dominion University
Palm Beach Atlantic University
Philander Smith College
Piedmont Technical College
Pratt Institute
Presbyterian College
Queens University, Canada
Queens University of Charlotte
Randolph College
Regent University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Saint Leo University
Salem College
Savannah College of Art & Design
St. Andrews University
St. John's University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee - University of the South
South Carolina State University
Southern Wesleyan University
Spartanburg Methodist College
Stetson University
Sweet Briar College
Talladega College
Temple University
Texas A & M University
Texas Christian University
Tri - County Technical College
Tuskegee University
University College Dublin
University of Alabama
University of Colorado - Boulder
University of Georgia
University of Kentucky
University of Maine
University of Maryland - Eastern Shore
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina - Asheville
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina - Wilmington
University of North Carolina - Pembroke

University of North Georgia
University of South Carolina - Aiken
University of South Carolina - Beaufort
University of South Carolina - Columbia
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Ursinus College
Valdosta State University
Vermont State University
Virginia Institute of Technology
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Wesleyan University
Voorhees College
Wake Forest University
Warren Wilson College
Washington University
West Virginia State University
Western Carolina University
Western University, Canada
Westmont College
William and Mary
William Peace University
Wingate University
Winthrop University
Wofford College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute





LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

“THE WAY WE DO ANYTHING IS THE WAY WE DO EVERYTHING” - UNKNOWN

The quote, “The way we do anything is the way we do everything,” represents a mindset of excellence. On the St. Thaddeus Campus (STC), in our teaching, our learning, our behavior, our treatment of others, and our self presentation, our faculty strive to put our best effort into everything we do - whether the activity is menial or is potentially life-changing. And, we want to instill that same intentionality into our students so that they do their very best each day at school and in life.

As we start a new year, we hope you notice the excellence in preparation and execution of lessons and communication which our teachers provide to students and families. We hope you feel that your children are individually known and loved, while they are also held to a high standard of academic excellence, moral integrity, and spiritual growth.

The Mead Hall lower school is a special place, and we look forward to learning and growing together - all 205 students - 174 families - and 36 faculty and staff. It's going to be a great year!

See you at school!
Joanne Morton






UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House - Tuesday, August 19


6:00 - 6:25 Open house session 1

6:30 - 6:55 Open House session 2 (for families who need to visit multiple classes)

Childcare for school-age children during open house is available (cash donations requested) please drop off in the following locations:




LABEL UNIFORM PIECES



As students move in and out of buildings, they often pull off outerwear and leave it behind. Please take a moment to put your child's name in their uniform pieces. It will save you money! We can return lost and found items that have names. Those that don't are eventually donated to the school store.

Visiting for Lunch



After Labor Day, we welcome parents to visit for lunch. Though you do not need to make a reservation, it is best to let your child's teacher know in advance that you will be coming. Lunch for adults is \$5. Access the campus through the main office where you can sign in and pay for lunch if desired. Do not bring fast food or sodas for you or your child.



Thank you

Thank you to the PTO for organizing and parents who contributed snacks and drinks this week for the faculty to enjoy.



LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

AUGUST

- 14 FIELD TRIP - FIRST GRADE TO RPSEC
- 19 STC OPEN HOUSE 6:00 - 7:00PM
- 18 FIELD TRIP - 2ND GRADE RPSEC
- 22 KINDERGARTEN ONLY - PAJAMA DAY
- 29 KINDERGARTEN - TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



Middle & Upper School News



Good Vibrations *From Dr. Buck*

There is an old Beach Boys song called Good Vibrations that was very popular in the late 60s and early 70s. Yes, I know I am dating myself. The song is all about picking up good vibrations. That is exactly what we are experiencing as we open a new school year. From our initial “drop in” last Wednesday to our Opening Ceremony last Thursday, to our Pelicans Snocone treats at lunch on Thursday, our students and teachers are bringing great positive energy! During our Panther Pride sessions on Friday, we spent a bit of time discussing the culture of Mead Hall and how the students play a vital role in creating a wonderful culture for our school. We also spent some time reviewing the Mead Hall Honor Code and emphasized the importance of adhering to our creed. We are so very excited about partnering with our parents and students to make 2025-2026 a fantastic school year.

Go Panthers!
Mike





Upcoming Dates

August

- 8 Back to School Bash 5:00-7:00 whole school on APC
- 20-22 Mountain Madness at Blue Ridge Assembly (NC)

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
- 15 Senior Pictures - Wilson Studio (in Auditorium)
- 17 Fall Pictures - APC in Auditorium
- 15-20 Make-up Standardized Testing
- 23 Fall Makeup Pictures
- 24 Combined Chapel & Kindergarten Chapel for Bishop Richards

MEAD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

**AUGUST
2025**



PTO NEWSLETTER

IMPORANT DATES

- 8/8 BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
- 8/27 CHICK -FIL-A ORDERS DUE
- 9/5 CHICK -FIL-A DAY
- 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



VOLUNTEER WITH THE PTO

We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer with the PTO! We have many opportunities to get involved! If you did not have a chance to sign up, and would like to, please email us!



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

**AUGUST 8TH
5-7PM**

WE HOPE YOU CAN COME TO THE MEAD HALL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH! THIS WILL BE A GREAT TIME FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING, FAMILY FUN, AND MORE!

STOP BY OUR TENT FOR A SPECIAL TREAT AND ACTIVITY!



Welcome Back To School!

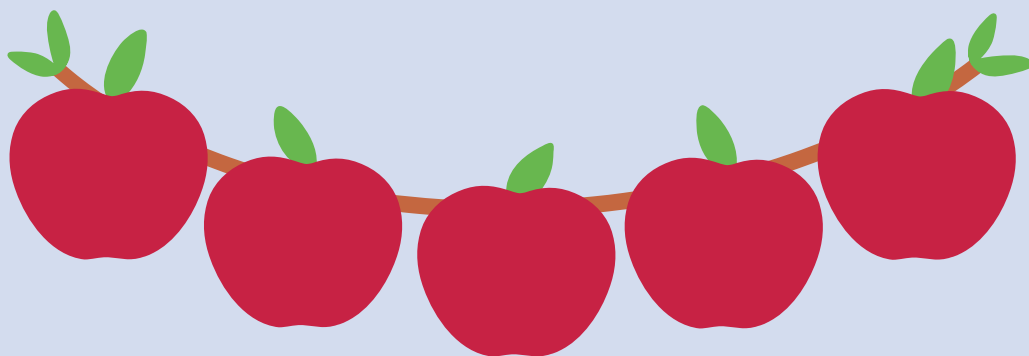
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FACEBOOK GROUP

Thank You!

PARENTS, BECAUSE OF YOU, WE
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TEACHER WORKROOMS WITH ALL
KINDS OF GOODIES TO FUEL OUR
TEACHERS!





MEAD HALL PANTHERS

IMPORTANT

All students participating in Sports at Mead Hall will need to turn in all of the Athletic Paperwork to include an Updated Physician Physical. Please turn in the paperwork to the main office or you can email it to Coach Hawthorne at dhawthorne@meadhallschool.org.

Students will not be allowed to participate in any sports activities until all paperwork is turned in.

For all of the Athletic Team information please download the SportsYou App and add the team that the student is participating in. Please see the codes below for the different sports.

Download the SportsYou App at this link: <https://www.sportsyou.com/home>

SportsYou Codes

MS/Varsity Swimming Code- FTQ6-UQE3

MS/Varsity Cross Country Code- 3JF9-FCLD

MS Volleyball Code- CSX2-RWRH

Varsity Volleyball Code- DJP6-MYS8

MS Golf Code- D2BV-YQYM

MS Tennis Code- Q4QV-3AL9

MS Flag Football Code- LRB9-EU7S

Schedules for the upcoming Fall Athletic Season are posted on the FACTS Calendar and in the team's SportsYou page.

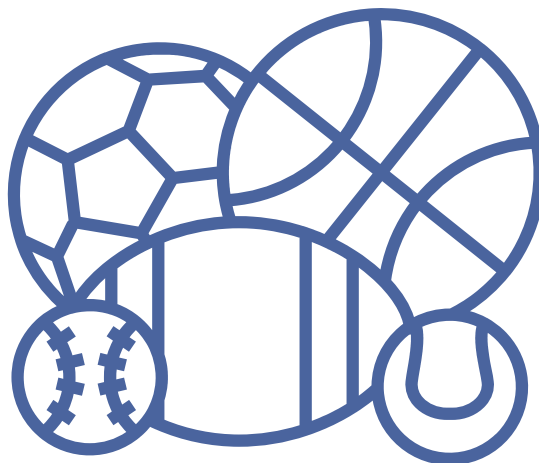


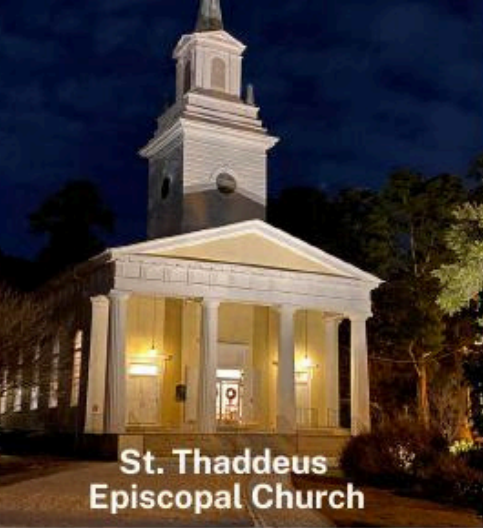
COACHING AVAILABILITIES

FOR OUR WINTER SPORTS WE STILL NEED THE FOLLOWING COACHES:
MIDDLE SCHOOL/VARSITY BOWLING
POM SQUAD

FOR OUR SPRING SPORTS WE STILL NEED THE FOLLOWING COACHES:
MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER
POSSIBLY MIDDLE SCHOOL/JV
BASEBALL

***IF WE ARE UNABLE TO FILL THESE POSITIONS THE SPORT MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THAT SEASON.





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Worship Service

St. Thaddeus has transitioned to its summer worship schedule and will remain on this schedule through Labor Day weekend.

Sunday

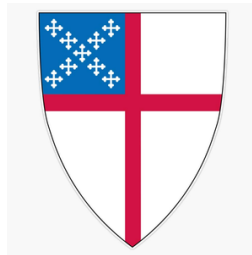
7:45 am - Holy Eucharist with No Music

10:00 am - Holy Eucharist with Music

Wednesday

11:30 am - Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

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