

SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

IN THE LOOP

Mead Hall Episcopal School



FROM OUR PARISH RECTOR AND SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Dear Panther Family,

During Fr. Joseph's sabbatical, I am looking forward to spending time teaching our freshmen in Christian Theology, as well as leading chapel a bit more often than usual! On Wednesday, we heard the story from the Prophet Jeremiah of God invoking the imagery of the potter's house to shape and mold the people of Israel into the kind of faithful and obedient followers God desires of God's own people.

In Lower School chapel, I brought play dough and talked about the various shapes and forms that we can mold from it, and when we want to change the shape into something else, we roll it into a ball and start the process over, or just re-shape and mold what we have into what we desire. We learned about how God is constantly shaping and molding us into God's holy people through prayer, regular participation in the Sacramental life, and by reading Scripture.

Our Middle & Upper School chapel lesson went a bit deeper, as we explored the concept of a potter's wheel. Years ago, I took an introduction to pottery class, and I learned very early on that novice potters don't begin learning on the pottery wheel; learning on the pottery wheel requires an experienced set of hands. One small move or hand posture out of place, and the integrity of the entire product is undermined. The Biblical text puts it this way: "The vessel was spoiled..." What does it mean for God to invite us to go with God to the potter's house? I suggested to the students that God desires our partnership in the task of shaping and molding us into the faithful and obedient people God desires us to become. I think this idea is a fitting one for our Mead Hall family to consider: all of us are in the business of shaping and molding our students into people of moral integrity, spiritual depth, and academic excellence. God calls us to the potter's house to partner with God in this sacred task! I am reminded of the words of the great Gospel hymn writer of the last century, Adelaide Pollard: "Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still."

May it be so!

Every blessing,
The Reverend Dr. Marshall A. Jolly
Rector & President

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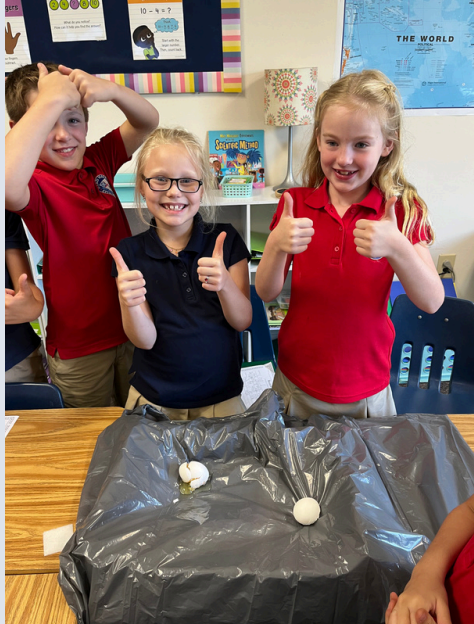


School Counselors at Mead Hall

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



LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

COMPREHENSIVE TESTING PROGRAM

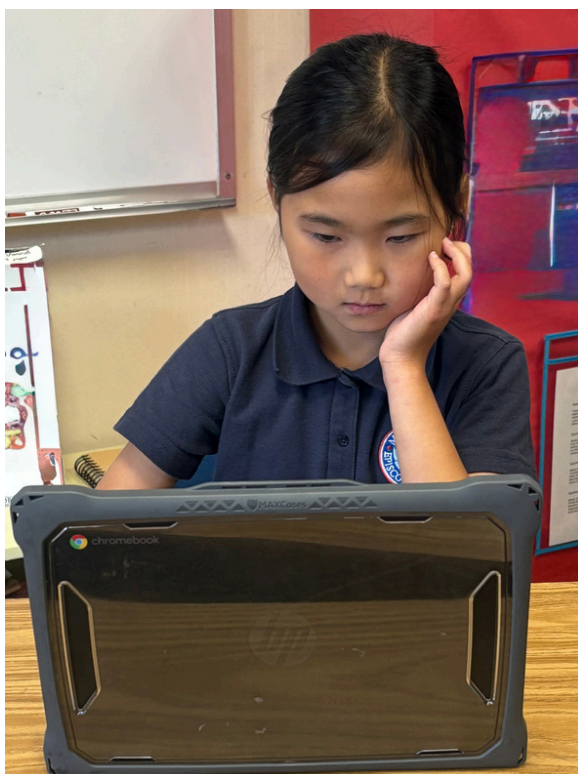
Next week, students in third - eighth grades will take the Educational Records Bureau's Comprehensive Testing Program (ERB/CTP). This online standardized test is given to our students each year in the Fall. The results from the CTP provide one measure of the effectiveness of our curriculum and its application in the classroom. The CTP allows Mead Hall to:

- Compare our performance as a school with independent school averages and with national averages
- Identify areas for improvement in our core curriculum
- Compare grade level actual performance to grade level expected performance
- Screen for learning challenges in individual students

Nationally normed testing is important for our school because it provides an external standard by which we measure our performance with schools across the nation who take the same test. We use these results along with many other factors to determine the overall health and success of the Mead Hall program.

See you at school!

Joanne



PLANTS RULE!

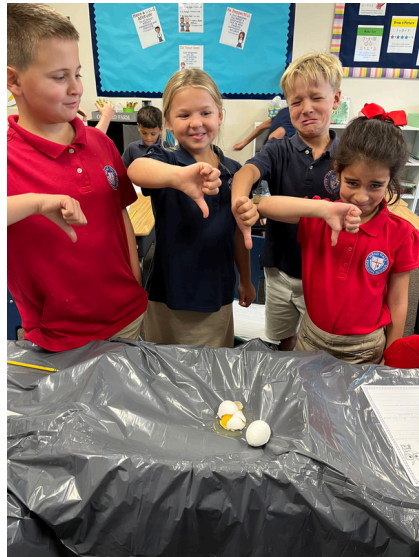


Second grade students are learning about the parts of plants and what plants need to grow.



EGGSTA-ORDINARY!

Third grade students explore and identify whether an egg is boiled or raw using the scientific method.



STREAM TABLE SCIENCE!

Fourth grade students are using stream tables to investigate erosion patterns in different types of soil.



WE LOVE OUR TEDDY BEARS!

All week, kindergarten students have been measuring, counting, and reading to teddy bears along with other bear related activities, and on Friday they enjoyed a teddy bear picnic to celebrate.



LOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING DATES

SEPTEMBER

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

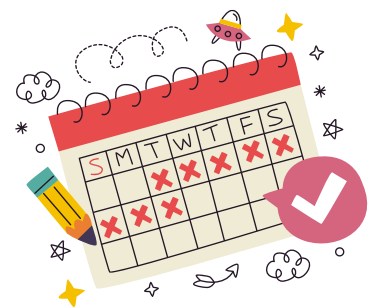
15-20 MAKE-UP STANDARDIZED TESTING

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



Middle & Upper School News

Testimonials...Three Recent Conversations



On three recent occasions, I had wonderful conversations with people who had the opportunity to witness the way our students conduct themselves in a variety of settings. The first conversation was with our bus driver on the way to and from Mountain Madness. Jeff simply raved about the behavior of our students. He talked about how on most of his trips he had to constantly remind students to stay seated and face the front. He was clearly impressed!

The second conversation happened last week at our home volleyball matches. I was talking with the official about his background and how he wound up officiating volleyball matches. Turns out, he is a lead official in our area for SCISA. He noticed my UGA ring featuring the arches at Georgia, and he asked me about my career in education. His final comment to me was that Mead Hall is one of the few schools where he would want to serve as an administrator. In his words, "Mead Hall students know how to behave!"

The final conversation I want to mention happened at the conclusion of a tour for a potential new student last week. Near the end of our conversation, I was asked what really sets us apart at Mead Hall. Of course, I mentioned the quality of instruction we provide and the many opportunities we offer our students. I bragged about our great lunches. When the parents continued to press me slightly for the "best" thing about our school, I focused on the family atmosphere and the relationships within our school. I spoke about the adult to adult relationships, the adult to student relationships, and the student to student relationships. When I concluded my comments, the mom and the grandfather both shared that those relationships really stood out to them as they toured our building. The grandfather mentioned that seeing our students stand up when guests entered the room truly impressed him. There is a saying that people often "vote with their feet" regarding schools, employers, and service providers. This family voted Mead Hall and completed the enrollment process by the end of the day! I thank God often for the privilege of working with my peers, our students, and all of our supportive parents.

Blessings,
Mike

Upcoming Dates

September

8-12 Standardized Testing Grades 3-4

Standardized Testing Grades 5-8

11 College Night, 5:00 - 8:00 pm @ Augusta Convention Center

12 Field Trip - 8th Grade to Augusta University 11:00-3:00

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!

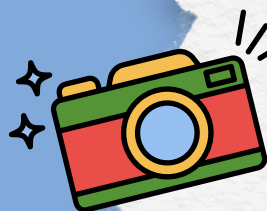
It is time to find (or purchase)
your blue blazer for your chapel
uniform!



You will need it for:

#1: Picture Day on Sept. 17th!

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





MEAD HALL PANTHERS

MS Flag Football

The flag football team will play their first game of the season on September 15th vs SRA at 5pm!

MS Cross Country

Maggie Woods, Sunny Keigans and Cordy Henley represented the MS girls for their first meet of the season. Congrats to Maggie on her 16:35 finish time and for the MS boys - Milo Waskavitz with a finish time of 15:12.



MS Golf

Our middle school golfers had a successful first game placing 3rd with Ryder Hays having the low score for the team. Way to go, Ryder!

MS/V Swimming

Panther swimmers had their first meet of the season last Wednesday where they won the SCISA winners. They will represent Mead Hall at the Wilson Hall Invitational in Sumter this Saturday, September 6th



MS Tennis

MS Tennis players competed against St. Mary's of Augusta in their first match of the season last Monday. While we did not take home the win, Coach McAlhaney was really proud of everyone's effort and sportsmanship!

This Week:



Games at a Glance

9/8 MS-B (set)/V Volleyball vs King Academy 4p/5p
MS Golf at Goshen CC 4pm

9/9 MS Cross Country @ Stable View 5pm
MS Tennis vs Westminster 4pm (Odell Weeks)

9/10 MS-B/MS Volleyball @ Jefferson Davis 4p/5p
V Volleyball @ Jefferson Davis Academy 6p

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW
THE EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

VS = home game
@ = away game

MS/Varsity Volleyball

Middle School volleyball now has a B-Team and an updated game schedule! Please refer to SportsYou and the FACTS event calendar to see all updates. Congratulations to all players for a very successful start to season!

COACHES NEEDED

For our Spring Sports we still need the following:

Middle School Soccer

POSSIBLY Middle School/JV Baseball

Interested? contact Daryl Hawthorne
DHawthorne@meadhallschool.org



SEPTEMBER

PTO NEWSLETTER

RAFFLE

Congratulations to our August Raffle Winners! The Lishka Family won a Back to School Basket full of Mead Hall Swag, school supplies, and a \$75 giftcard to PitterPatter/Caroline's!

Mrs. Crump and Ms. Nikki won the teacher raffle, and will have a day of pampering with a PTO Personal Assistant!

A huge thank you to Courtney Bruckner at the school store, Leslie and Catherine with Pitter Patter, and Christian at Blue Collard for their donations to our raffle!

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets! There will be another drawing on September 26th!

5th-8th Grade
Parents are invited to join the PTO for a Wine and Cheese Social during the Middle School Ice Cream Social.

PTO EVENTS

IMPORTANT DATES

9/12 5th -8th Ice Cream & PTO Social

10/15 -10/21 Book Fair

10/19 Mead Hall Sunday

10/25 Fall Festival



PTO@MEADHALLSCHOOL.ORG

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Middle School Students join Student Council for some ice cream!



12 September 2025
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM



APC Extended Care Building

PTO SOCIAL



Join PTO for wine and cheese.



SCHOOL STORE

SCHOOL STORE HOURS SEPTEMBER 8-12



Email MHStore@meadhallschool.org for appointment requests

M

Open 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

T

Open 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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Open 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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Open 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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Open 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Restocked



MH Raincoats and Umbrellas

Raincoats avail in YXS - A2XL in red and navy!



25/26 PANTHER CLUB

Mead Hall Panther Club 2025 - 2026

Panther Nation Sponsorship Levels

The Mead Hall Panther Club (Booster Club) helps fund our athletic programs. Thank you for your generous support!

_____ \$2,500 PRESENTING SPONSOR: The Panther Club is offering the opportunity to be a presenting sponsor for the 2025-2026 school year. You will receive a 4X6 banner that will hang in the STC gymnasium on the scoreboard wall. Your logo will also be advertised twice per month in the Athletics section of ***In the Loop***, and will be recognized periodically on the Athletics/Panther Club social media sites. Your business will receive recognition at all home games in the St. Thaddeus Gym and during the Mead Hall Athletic Banquet. Sponsors will also receive two MHES Leadership Circle car decals and free admission for 2 adults to all Mead Hall home games.

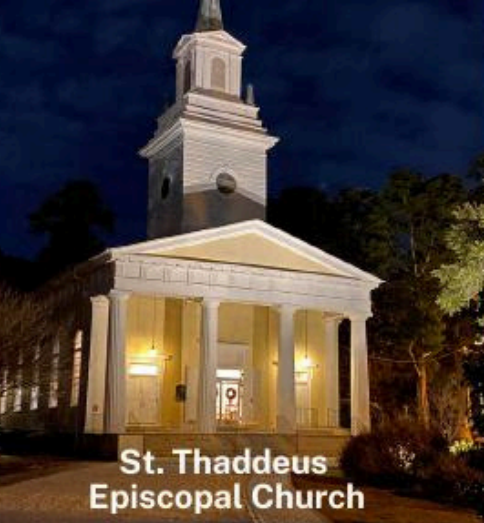
_____ \$1,000 CONTRIBUTING SPONSOR: The Panther Club is offering the opportunity to be a contributing sponsor for the 2025-2026 school year. You will receive a 2X4 banner that will hang in the STC gymnasium on the scoreboard wall. Your logo will also be advertised once a quarter in the Athletics section of ***In the Loop***, and will be recognized periodically on the Athletics/Panther Club social media sites. Your business will receive recognition during the Mead Hall Athletic Banquet. Sponsors will also receive two MHES Leadership Circle car decals and free admission for 2 adults to all Mead Hall home games.

_____ \$350 PANTHER PRIDE: You will receive a 2X4 banner in your choice of style, a car magnet, a yard sign and free admission for 2 adults to all Mead Hall home games.

_____ \$250 RENEWAL PANTHER PRIDE: Your 2X4 banner will remain in the gym & 2 adult passes for all Mead Hall home games.

_____ \$125 PANTHER PACK: You will receive a car magnet; yard sign & 2 adult passes for all Mead Hall home games.

Contact Information _____



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Episcopal Church



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Worship Service

Sunday

7:45 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

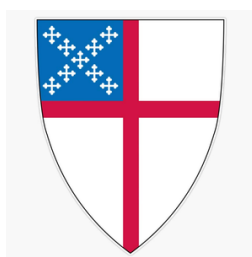
9 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Contemporary Music

11:15 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir & Organ

Wednesday

11:30 am - Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

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