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Mead Hall Episcopal School



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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

The Power Of Community

I am grateful each day for the community life of our school. In a time when there is a declining sense of connection and community in our wider society, we are making a concerted effort to build our community life at Mead Hall.

Our students are provided with intentional unstructured times each day through recess to connect through games, activities, and social time. These are safe and supervised spaces where students can connect with their classmates and build friendships and their interpersonal skills. Over the past few years, we have expanded our student-centered learning with more application of knowledge, particularly in our science program. This has increased the collaboration that is expected of our students during class, creating new places during the school day where students interact and build good connections with their peers. Of course, the emphasis on the social development of our youngest students in PS, PK, and Kindergarten continues to be central to our early childhood education philosophy.

Beyond the classroom and recess, we encourage our students to take part in sports and clubs. Sports are even required in Upper School for students to earn their physical education credit. Our teams and our clubs provide our students with many opportunities to build community and to understand the importance of accountability and trust in their relationships with others.

It is our hope that our sense of community at Mead Hall moves beyond our students to encompass our parents, grandparents, and families. An example of this community life is the connection that we have at a game, where we have students playing on the court, cheerleading, and playing in the pep band, as well as their families together in the stands. We are grateful for the efforts our Panther Club makes in creating community at our games.

Last year, we added three family events to our calendar, and we are planning to have these again this year, so we can create even more opportunities for connection at Mead Hall. This evening will be our first, the Back-to-School Bash. We are grateful to the kitchen staff for preparing burgers and hotdogs for us and we appreciate the contribution our PTO is making to the success of this event and for their planning of the winter and spring events, too.

At the heart of our school is our faith in the love of God, who brings people together to accomplish good things. May we at Mead Hall be a shining light through our community life, caring for one another and preparing our children to value friendship and build community wherever they may go.

The Rev. Dr. Frank Sawyer

Head of School

LOWER SCHOOL NEWS



Happy New Year!

The start of school each year is a celebration not unlike what we celebrate on New Year's Eve. Students feel the anticipation of a fresh start, new faces, and new teachers. They also share the excitement of renewed friendships, new classrooms, and fresh school supplies. There is joy in seeing the playground with its welcoming swings and slides, tasting favorite foods in the cafeteria, and walking to specials for a new year of creative learning. We are thrilled to have 201 students back learning and growing on the St. Thaddeus campus this year. Our returning students arrived a little taller and a little more confident, ready to take on the new challenges of the next grade, and our 44 new students are doing a wonderful job integrating into our school community. I am grateful for our amazing faculty and staff who make the STC program a beacon of excellence in the CSRA.

See you at School!

Joanne



Open House Tuesday, August 18



6:00 - 6:25 Open house session 1
6:30 - 6:55 Open House session 2 (for families who need to visit multiple classes)

If needed, childcare for school-age children during open house is available. Please drop off in the following locations:
PS/PK - fenced playground
K-2nd grades - gym
3rd/4th grades - cafeteria

Upcoming Dates

August
28 - K PJ Day Mother Goose Reading
31 - Field Trip 1st Grade to RPSEC





MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

AND WE'RE OFF!

The 2026-2027 school year is officially underway, and our Middle and Upper school students jumped right into a week filled with Panther Pride, new adventures, and plenty of excitement!

Students kicked off the year by receiving their Chromebooks and getting settled into the routines of a new school year. Our Upper School students wasted no time making memories as they headed to Mountain Madness at Valle Crucis, an annual tradition filled with fellowship, team building, and opportunities to strengthen relationships beyond the classroom. And we aren't slowing down yet! We'll wrap up this exciting first week together at our Back to School Bash, bringing our entire Mead Hall community together for food, fun, and fellowship.

It's been a busy beginning, but one thing is already clear: Panther Pride is strong at APC, and we're excited for the year ahead!

Visit the Library in Room 106!



Our Upper Campus Library is open daily:
8:00-8:15am and during 4th period

Please request permission to visit and check out books from your teacher or supervision on duty.

Appointments are also available by emailing Mrs. Brown at abrown@meadhallschool.org



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Calendar for August 2026

August

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	24	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Don't miss

Event	Date	Time
US return from Mountain Madness	08.14	6 pm
Back-to-School Bash APC Campus	08.14	5 pm
SCISA Safeguarding Training	08.21	



@wearemeadhall

SCHOOL STORE

School Store Location

If you have not visited the school store, it is located on our Aiken Prep Campus at 619 Barnwell Ave NW. The store is a white building that faces Florence St NW. You will see an "Open" flag outside when the store is open for shopping. Our school store is the only place you will find the required plaid skirts, plaid jumpers, and ties. We also carry approved Mead Hall outerwear, gently used daily uniform items, and much more. Donations of gently-used uniforms may be dropped-off at either campus office.



Chick-fil-a Day

09.04.26

ORDERS DUE 08.26

SANDWICH \$7

8 COUNT NUGGETS \$7

COOKIE \$3

WAFFLE FRY CHIPS \$3

Order in FACTS under "student lunch"

Please be sure that you stay logged in until the final confirmation page. If your order shows as RED, your order did not go through. Orders that BLUE are completed.



SCHOOL STORE HOURS

WEEK OF AUGUST 17TH - 21ST

MONDAY	8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
TUESDAY	8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
THURSDAY	8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.
FRIDAY	8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

FOR APPOINTMENTS:

EMAIL MHSTORE@MEADHALLSCHOOL.ORG



Dear Mead Hall Families,

We'd love your help keeping our amazing teachers and staff fueled throughout the school year! We are asking each family to donate snacks and drinks to help stock the teacher workrooms. Donations can be dropped off at morning carlines at Lower and Upper campuses during the week of August 17-21 or to the Aiken Prep Office between 7:30 and 3:00 pm.

We are asking for each student in each grade to bring in the following items:

- 3K- Individually wrapped Assorted Fun Size Chocolate
- 4K- Cans of Coke
- 5K- Cans of Diet Coke
- 1st Grade- Case of Water
- 2nd Grade-Individually wrapped Assorted Fun Size Chocolate
- 3rd Grade-Cans of Coke
- 4th Grade- Cans of Diet Coke
- 5th Grade- Case of Water
- 6th Grade- Individually wrapped Assorted Fun Size Chocolate
- 7th Grade-Cans of Coke
- 8th Grade- Cans of Diet Coke
- 9th Grade-Case of Water
- 10th Grade- Individually wrapped Assorted Fun Size Chocolate
- 11th Grade- Cans of Coke
- 12th Grade- Cans of Diet Coke

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing.

Thank you!!

Mead Hall PTO — pto@meadhallschool.org



MEAD HALL PANTHERS



Games at a Glance

8/17

JV and Varsity Volleyball @ Sand Hills 4:30/5:30

Location - 1500 Hallbrook Dr. Columbia, SC

Both teams dismiss at 2:15 p.m., bus departs by 2:30 p.m.

8/19

Swim Meet @ Hammond Hills

Warm Up 5:00 pm/Meet Time 6:00 pm

Hammond Hills Suburban Club - 145 Cypress Dr. North Augusta

FALL SPORTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we get ready to kick off our Athletic Season we are looking for volunteers to work at the **admission table for Volleyball and Flag Football**. We will also need volunteers for the **score clock and line judges at our volleyball games**.

Please see the links below to sign up to volunteer. Thank you all in advance.

VOLLEYBALL SIGN UP

FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN UP

REMINDER

Game Dates are available on the FACTS Events Calendar

CLICK HERE





Worship Service

Summer Schedule

5/24 - 9/6

Sunday

7:45 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Being held in the Chapel of the Holy Apostles

10 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Music

Being held in the Cheatham Parlor

Summer Office Hours

Beginning 5/26

Monday - Thursday 9-3, closed Fridays

