

SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

IN THE LOOP

Mead Hall Episcopal School



MEAD HALL SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

ST. THADDEUS CAMPUS GYMNASIUM

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SERVICE TIMES: 9:00 AM & 11:15AM

**9:00 AM SERVICE - WITH LOWER
SCHOOL READERS AND SONGS**

**11:15 AM SERVICE - WITH
MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL READERS AND
BAND**



PANCAKE BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED IN THE ST. THADDEUS
CAMPUS LUNCHROOM FROM 8:30 AM TO 11:00 AM
NO COST FOR BREAKFAST, DONATIONS ARE WELCOMED!

MEAD HALL AND ST. THADDEUS FAMILIES WILL JOIN TOGETHER FOR WORSHIP.
STUDENTS SERVE AS READERS, USHERS, ACOLYTES, MUSICIANS, AND GREETERS,
AS THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY GATHER TO CELEBRATE OUR
PARISH DAY SCHOOL.

THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO SHOP

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOU JOINING US SUNDAY FOR PANCAKES AND FELLOWSHIP!

ANNUAL FUND IN ACTION

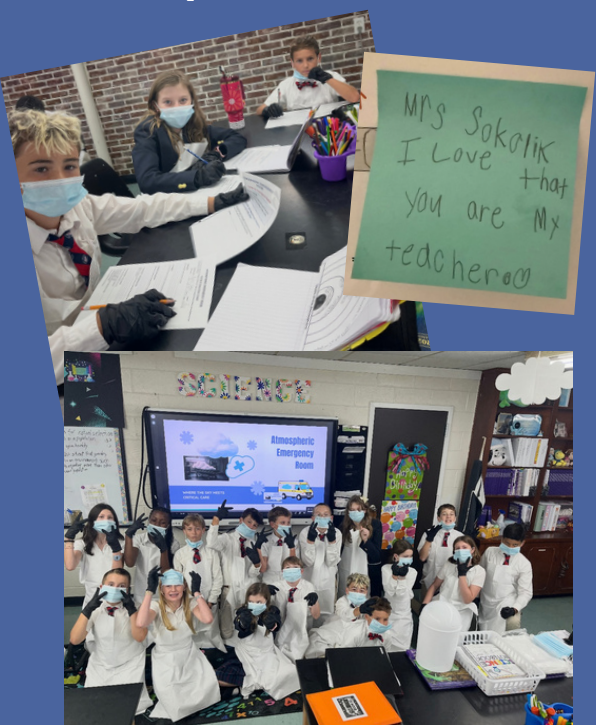
THE MEAD HALL EXPERIENCE IS IN THE MOMENTS THAT STAY WITH US

A student writes a special note to Mrs. Sokolik. It may take only a few minutes to put those words on paper, but it speaks to something much bigger: the bond between a student and a teacher who makes them feel seen.

Across town at our other campus, Mrs. Gojda's students become "surgeons," taking on a hands-on challenge that brings atmospheric pressure to life. There's curiosity, laughter, problem-solving—and a science lesson they're likely to remember long after the assignment is over.

These moments may look different, but together they tell the story of Mead Hall. Our teachers find ways to reach their students, and our students feel comfortable enough to ask questions, try something new, and say thank you.

That is the Mead Hall experience: learning that comes to life and relationships that last.



BEYOND THE BOARDROOM

Our Beyond the Boardroom series continues with Katy Hartnett, a Mead Hall parent and member of the Board of Trustees' Finance Committee. Get to know the experience she brings to the board, her love for the Aiken community, and why Mead Hall holds a special place in her family's life.



MEET TRUSTEE KATY HARTNETT:

Katy Hartnett has served on Mead Hall's Board of Trustees for approximately one year and is a member of the Finance Committee.

A financial advisor for more than 15 years, Katy helps clients connect their investments to their goals and find efficiencies in their spending. She brings that same careful approach to reviewing Mead Hall's income and expenses.

Katy previously served six years on the Child Advocacy Center board, including two as treasurer. She has also served on the Kisner Foundation Board and volunteered with the Hitchcock Woods Foundation and Aiken Horse Park.

Katy and her husband have two boys at Mead Hall. They are grateful for the small classes and personal attention their sons receive from their teachers. Originally from opposite coasts, Katy and her husband have lived around the world, but Aiken feels most like home. They are both equestrians; their boys, growing up on a farm surrounded by horses, have chosen just about every other sport!

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LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

Faculty Conversations

This week, I had the pleasure of conducting faculty conversations. These twice yearly meetings with each faculty member allows for one-on-one time to discuss the specific joys, challenges, ideas, and suggestions teachers experience during the year. We are always looking for ways to improve our teaching and learning as well as to improve processes and procedures. We want the best experience possible for all of our staff and students. I think what I love the most in these conversations is hearing how dedicated and passionate our teachers are about what they do in the classroom. They teach and nurture each child to ensure that Mead Hall students grow into well rounded and well educated young people. I am proud to serve alongside our STC faculty, providing the support they need to do their jobs well.

See you at school,

Joanne



Speech/Language Screening



Each year we partner with Kim Farmer of Therapy Solutions to screen students who might need speech services. Teachers make recommendations based on observations in class, and we contact parents accordingly; however, if you, as the parent, feel your child might need to be screened, please let your child's teacher know, so that we can get you the appropriate paperwork.

Explaining Communion

Father Jolly explained to the 1st Grade classes what Communion means to us here at Mead Hall.



Wednesday Uniforms



"Winter" chapel uniforms start **October 14**. Be sure to have a vest for boys and sweater and plaid skirt, skort, or jumper for girls. Also, both boys and girls should wear white button down dress shirts under sweaters and vests. [See our uniform information for details.](#)

Upcoming Dates



September

27 Mead Hall Sunday

October

- 1 Field Trip - 2nd Grade - RPSEC
- 2 Chick Fil-A Day
- 2 End of Quarter 1
- 5-9 Fall Break
- 14 Class Pictures - STC & APC
- 14 Guest Speaker - Third Grade Weather Reporter
- 16 Touch a Truck Event for PS, PK, K on APC campus
- 16 Report Cards open in FACTS
- 19 STC Parent Teacher Conference Day (No school STC)

SAVE THE DATE!

Parent/Teacher Conference Day on STC will be held on October 19. There will be no school for students on conference day. Teachers will be in touch about signing up for a time to meet.



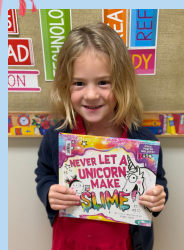
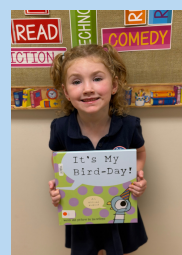
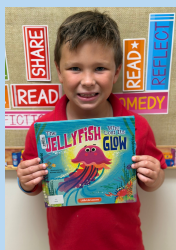
The STC campus will hold a Music Program for Grandparents on Tuesday, October 27, at 1:30 in the STC gym.

Birthday Book Club

Our September Birthday Book Club members include: Leo Nguyen, Avery Buchanan, Olivia Burke, Eva Miniard, Mary Reese Rabun, Amelia Hauptfleisch, Connor Stewart, Tripp Weinspach, Adeline Foura, Henry Kisner, and Blair Lancer.

We had one more August Birthday Book Club member Killi Ann Hulsebus.

These students enjoyed picking out a title from our new book selection in the library. After reading the book they donated the book to our library for other students to enjoy! We are thankful to these students.



Book Fair Bonanza

Fourth graders participated in the Scholastic book fair this week browsing and purchasing books and stationary.



Leaf Hunt

Kindergarten celebrated the first day of Autumn by going on a leaf hunt around Mead Hall.



MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

INTERACT CLUB OFF TO A GREAT START THIS YEAR

Mead Hall Interact Club began their year last week by hosting their sponsoring club, Sunrise Rotary, to a breakfast on the Aiken Prep Campus on September 17! Interact President, Pippa Elliott Sawyer, welcomed the Rotarians in her address at the breakfast and thanked them for their longtime support. The liaison from Sunrise Rotary, Sharon Johnson, shared a history of the Mead Hall Interact Club and the impact it has had in the school and in the community.

The first regular meeting of the Mead Hall Interact Club was held last week also, with Mead Hall Junior, Elliott Moreno, speaking to the club about the Civil Air Patrol. The students were very engaged in this presentation.

Interact gives students opportunities to serve others, build leadership skills, and connect with their community. We're proud of these students for stepping forward and look forward to seeing the difference they make this year.



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS IS GROWING!

Mrs. Brown's Battle of the Books program has grown from seven students last year to 20 this year! With more readers joining the team, we need additional copies of this year's books so every student can take part. Would you help stock their shelves? Click the link [here](#) to purchase a book for the program.

Thank you for supporting our readers!



Attention Battle of the Books Teams!

We will meet Thursday mornings at 8am in Mrs. Brown's room (106).

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY ROBOTICS CURRICULUM

Middle School students have an exciting new opportunity this year, as Mead Hall implements the Project Lead the Way Robotics curriculum. Students are tasked with being "Interns" at the Alliance, a fictional company that develops prototype robots for the needs of varying clients. The process challenges students to develop the concept of the prototype robot, create the physical robot using the engineering design process, and then program that robot to meet the client's needs. The process is guided but student-led, as Project Lead the Way is designed to have students think critically, test ideas, learn from what doesn't work, and try again. Because the curriculum can be adapted for different ages and levels of experience, students can be challenged appropriately while developing confidence as designers and problem solvers. Additionally, the instruction promotes students completing the course to develop takeable skills and knowledge—learning that has value beyond a Robotics classroom. Ms. Ferguson states, "Understanding how gears and mechanisms transfer motion, how sensors provide information, how programming connects an input to an output, or simply how to break a complicated problem into manageable pieces are skills students can carry into other classes, future careers, and everyday life. Helping our students develop takeable skills and knowledge is among the goals of every teacher at Mead Hall, and this curriculum helps meet that goal. I am so grateful for the generosity that allowed our students to have this experience."



SCIENCE IN ACTION WITH MRS. GOJDA

Mrs. Gojda's students became "surgeons" for a hands-on science project exploring atmospheric pressure. The creative challenge gave them a chance to test ideas, solve problems, and see a science concept at work for themselves. It's the kind of lesson that makes learning memorable—and might just inspire a future scientist or surgeon!



PANTHER PLANNER

OCT. 5-9
Fall Break

 [VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)



OCTOBER

PTO NEWSLETTER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	TSHIRT VOTES DUE <i>Chick-fil-A</i> 2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
FALL BREAK						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 BOOSTERTHON REGISTRATION OPENS	20	21 PTO DAY	22	23	24 FALL FESTIVAL STC 10:30-12
25	26	27	28	29	30 STC PUMPKIN WALL	31

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL T-SHIRTS

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE DESIGN SUBMISSIONS! WE HAD ALMOST 70. WE HAVE NARROWED DOWN TO THE TOP 10 AND NEED YOU TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!

[CLICK HERE](#)

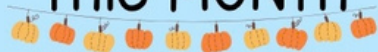
SEPTEMBER'S STAR TEACHER

MR. MCCUEN WON PTO STAR TEACHER FOR SEPTEMBER. HE WILL BE TREATED TO A LUNCH OF HIS CHOOSING, RECESS COVERAGE FROM PTO VOLUNTEERS, AS WELL AS A BLUE COLLARD CASSEROLE TO TAKE HOME FOR DINNER!

BOOSTERTHON

BOOSTERTHON IS BACK! REGISTRATION OPENS 10.19 AND THE EVENT KICK OFF IS NOVEMBER 2ND. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO

THIS MONTH



10.2 CHICK-FIL-A DAY

10.5-10.9 FALL BREAK

10.19 BOOSTERTHON
REGISTRAION OPENS

10.24 FALL FESTIVAL

10.30 GREAT PUMPKIN WALL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH FALL FESTIVAL AND BOOSTERTHON! PLEASE EMAIL US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED WITH EITHER!

FALL FESTIVAL: SET UP, TAKE DOWN, DAY OF OPERATIONS, HOSTING A GAME TENT

BOOSTERTHON: DAY OF LOGISTICS. WE WELCOME ALL PARENTS TO COME!

NEXT MONTH

11.2-11.10 BOOSTERTHON

11.10 BOOSTERTHON RACE DAY

11.11 CFA ORDERS DUE

11.20 CFA DAY





SCHOOL STORE HOURS

WEEK OF SEPT 28TH - OCT 2ND

MONDAY **8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.**

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TUESDAY **8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.**

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WEDNESDAY **8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.**

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THURSDAY **8:00 A.M. - 8:45 A.M.**

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FRIDAY *Closed*

CLOSED 10/2 - 10/9 FOR FALL BREAK

FOR APPOINTMENTS:

EMAIL MHSTORE@MEADHALLSCHOOL.ORG



MEAD HALL PANTHERS

JVVolleyball

The JV girls played South Aiken Baptist on Tuesday. While it did not turn out to be the win they had hoped for Coach Nikita noted "we made it through and learned to adjust and play together with some new players. Proud of the girls for adapting and continuing to learn."

Varsity Cross Country

Carly Brown and Willson Lee Lawson ran a challenging course at the Aiken Invitational held at Generations Park on September 16th. Both of the girls showed solid improvement. Next meet is at Wilson Hall/Sumter Academy Invitational at Patriot Park in Sumter.

Good Luck Ladies!!



Varsity Volleyball

The Lady Panthers suffered a tough loss to the Crusaders of South Aiken Baptist on Tuesday. Varsity girls played hard but ultimately fell short after three very close matches.

MS Golf

A huge congratulations to Burck, Max, Cam, Win and Preston for an awesome 1st place win against EDS and Westminster at Jones Creek last Wednesday with a total team score of 183. Medalist of the day goes to Win Hartnett with a 43 and shoutout to Max Ingram for shooting a 49! Well Done!

MS Flag Football

The MS flag football team 'kicked' off homecoming week...literally! Panthers defeated the Augusta Christians Lions with a 28 - 16 victory! Festivities started early with an inaugural tailgate party. Thank you to all the parents that came out to share food, enjoy pre-game fellowship with food, fun and plenty of school spirit.



Games at a Glance

9/28

MS Golf at Houndslake 4:00

JV/V Volleyball vs JDA 4:00/5:00

STUDENT SECTION THEME - CAMO



9/29

MS Tennis vs St. Mary's Aiken (Woodside) 4:00

JV/V Volleyball vs King Academy 4:00/5:00

STUDENT SECTION THEME - PINK OUT



9/30

MS Tennis vs St. Mary's Augusta (Fermata) 4:00

10/1

MS Tennis at Westminster (Newman Tennis Ctr) 4:00

MS Flag Football vs St. Mary's Aiken 5:00

10/3

Varsity Cross Country Panther Invitational Batesburg-Leesville
10:00 a.m.



MEAD HALL PANTHERS

Middle School and Varsity Swimming

The Men's team won 1st place for SCISA again against South Aiken Baptist

Congratulations

We had a fun and fast meet on Wednesday, September 16 at Hammond Hills pool in North Augusta. Congrats to our swimmers and especially to our men's team for winning the SCISA division last night against South Aiken Baptist! There were so many great improvements we saw last night, including best times and improved technique from everyone. We are so proud of our team!! Our final meet before State was Saturday, September 19 at USCA. This was a "last chance meet" for any of our swimmers to cut time before our State meet in October.

We had some great swims including:

Beckham Thomas dropping 5 seconds in his 100 Breaststroke & earned points

Maggie Wood dropped 12 seconds from her 100-yard Freestyle & earned points

Henry Johnston, Beckham Thomas & Neil Weldon all earned points for 100 Free with Henry & Beckham placing 1st and 2nd place in the event

Asher Thomas dropped time in his 50 free and placed 1st in the SCISA Men's 50 Free

Neil Wellons & Davis Feilder brought in points in their swims 50 Free

Men's 200 Free Style Relay (Asher Thomas, Henry Johnston, Neil Wellons & Beckham Thomas) placed 1st & earned points

Kai Huskey & Penny Laluz both earned points in 100 Breaststroke

Super proud of all our swimmers & their hard work and support for each other at each meet. They are truly a wonderful team.

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Worship Service

Sunday

7:45 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Being held in the Chapel of the Holy Apostles

9 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Contemporary Music

Being held in the Cheatham Parlor

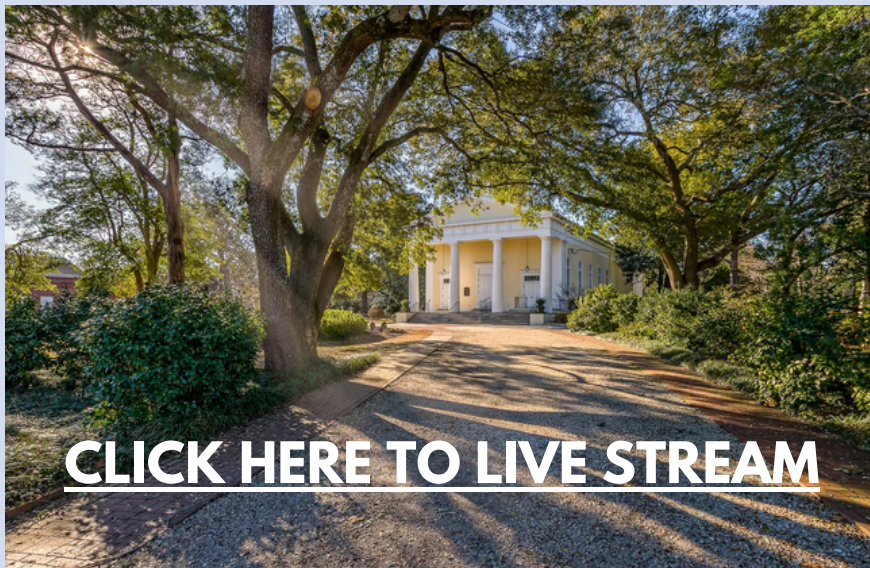
11:15 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir & Organ

Being held in the Cheatham Parlor

Wednesday

11:30 am - Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Being held in the Chapel of the Holy Apostles



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