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Mead Hall Episcopal School



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From the Head of School

Mead Hall Sunday was a joyful celebration of our identity as an Episcopal school and the parish day school of St. Thaddeus Church. It was wonderful to have the singing of our Lower School Chapel Chorus at the 9:15 service and the music of our Middle and Upper School Band at the 11:15 am service, as well as student readers and acolytes at both services. We even had a student representative at the 7:45 am service, with thanks to our Student Council President, Walker Wiedenman for joining us so early in the morning. Parishioners and school families enjoyed the pancake breakfast and browsing the book fair.

The theme of Episcopal Schools Celebration this year is “Be still and know that I am God.” The readings included a portion of Psalm 46, from which this theme was drawn, and the theme of God’s peace was contrasted with both the storms of nature and the storms of life. In my sermons, I highlighted how Mead Hall offers a peaceful space in a stormy world, where children can learn in a school where they are known and loved. In this supportive environment, we provide a rigorous education and challenge students to grow in intelligence and character so that they will be equipped for their futures and to face any storms they may encounter in life. I shared my appreciation to St. Thaddeus for the incredible support that the church community provides to the fulfillment of this mission.

I am particularly grateful that St. Thaddeus Church has helped us so much with the launch of our Annual Fund this year with a gift of $30,000. This gift makes such a difference to our students, by supporting their teachers, enriching their education, and maintaining their school. I hope that the support of the parish inspires everyone in our school community to donate to the Annual Fund and make this a great year for our students.

Be Still and know that I am God

Psalm 46:10

Blessings,

Frank Sawyer

Advancement & Development

OCTOBER 13 IS COMING... ANNUAL FUND GIVING DAY.

This year's Annual Report shares the people, programs, and moments that make Mead Hall special. On Tuesday, October 13, we'll come together for Mead Hall Giving Day to help make more of those experiences possible.

The Annual Fund supports the school's daily work, including teacher salaries and benefits, academics, arts, athletics, and student life. Look for a festive carline welcome and a friendly grade-level participation challenge. Throughout the day, families and friends can make a gift or pledge at a level meaningful to them.

There's a special way to make your response personal: include a note of appreciation for your child's teacher, and we'll deliver it on your behalf. You can support the school and remind a teacher how much they mean to your family—all in one day!

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A SPECIAL MEAD HALL SUNDAY AT ST. THADDEUS

This past Sunday, the Mead Hall and St. Thaddeus communities came together for Mead Hall Sunday, a celebration of the relationship between our school and its affiliated church. We are grateful to Father Jolly and the St. Thaddeus parishioners for welcoming us and for the many ways they support Mead Hall students.

The day brought generosity in action. The loose offering raised $1,090.05 for the Joseph Harris Scholarship Fund, which helps make a Mead Hall education possible for more students. An additional $5,100 was contributed to the Mead Hall Annual Fund, supporting the daily work of our school.

We were also honored to announce a new chapter in our partnership: St. Thaddeus has committed $30,000 in generous support to Mead Hall. This extraordinary investment reflects a shared belief in our students, our school, and the future we are building together.

To everyone who worshipped with us, gave, or helped make Mead Hall Sunday possible: thank you. We are deeply grateful for a church community that continues to walk alongside Mead Hall.



LOWER SCHOOL NEWS



2nd Grade on the Aiken Trolley Tour

Have a wonderful Fall Break!

Preschool welcomed grandparents last Friday into the classroom after a musical performance in the chapel.








Pre-K playing with a parachute during outdoor time.

Grandparents!

Preschool - 4th grade will hold a Choral Program for Grandparents on Tuesday, October 27, at 1:30 in the STC gym.

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.

Upcoming Dates

October

5-9 Fall Break
12 Students return - 2nd quarter begins
14 Class Pictures - STC and 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)
20 Field Trip - 3rd grade STEP (Hopeland Gardens)
21 Field Trip - PK to St. Barts
22 Field Trip - K to Sara's Farm
23 Field Trip - PK to Trinity 9:45am
23 Field Trip (Hopeland Gardens) 5th grade
24 Fall Festival 10:30-12:00
27 STC Choral Program for Grandparents 1:30pm (Halloween theme)
28 Make Up Picture Day
30 "Great Pumpkins" at Mead Hall
30 STC Fall Parties/Dress Down
30 Field Trip 4th grade to Aiken State Park

Middle & Upper School News

Panther Pride Filled Homecoming Week













Mead Hall's Homecoming Week was full of color, creativity, and school spirit! Students came dressed for Pajama Day, Tacky Day, and Class Color Day, filling both campuses with plenty of smiles. The excitement carried into a spirited pep rally as Panthers came together to cheer on their classmates.

At our first-ever tailgate party, families, students, faculty, and friends gathered along Fletcher Field before the flag football game. It was a wonderful chance to spend time together, support our team, and start what we hope will become a Mead Hall tradition.

The week ended with the Homecoming Dance on Friday night—a fun finale to all the celebrations. Thank you to everyone who dressed up, cheered, volunteered, and helped make Homecoming Week memorable. What a week to be a Panther!

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES LOADING



Imagine having no wait time between completing a college application and knowing whether or not you were accepted. That's exactly what happened when some of our seniors completed their college profile on the Common Application website. Many of them received admissions offers from several schools and all that was required of them was to answer a few additional questions, complete their profile and voila, acceptance letters will be forthcoming!

On the Spot Admissions have become increasingly popular over the years. Where I first heard of this concept was when I was working at another independent school and several colleges and universities who were visiting campus agreed to let seniors know their admissions decision if students completed the application "on the spot" after providing them with a transcript. This was particularly encouraging for students who were hesitant about applying to college. This often gave students the encouragement that they needed and the confidence to push forward. As one student wrote on the commonapp.org website, "Because at first I was having doubts[s] that nobody would accept me or want me at their school until I saw all my direct admissions and I felt so proud of myself and understood that my hard work did pay off." Even during the recent "College Night" at the Augusta Convention Center, there were occasional outbursts from students who were receiving their admissions decisions right there at the college's table! Thirty schools offered acceptances throughout the evening.

Last week, **Gabby Davis, Ryan Sanders** and **TyRique Williams** all received *On the Spot* acceptances when Andre Lemon from Paine College visited Mead Hall last week. Stay tuned...more acceptances coming!





OCTOBER

PTO NEWSLETTER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 TSHIRT VOTES DUE Chick-fil-A	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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

FALL BREAK

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 Policies



No Returns – All sales are final and we do not take returns on any merchandise. No refunds or store credit is given.

Exchanges – An even exchange may be made (same item, different size). The item must be in new, unworn condition with tags still attached.



Resale Items – There are NO returns/refunds or exchanges on any resale items.

Donations – We accept donations throughout the year of gently used uniform items (polo shirts, outerwear, khaki, plaid, blazers, ties etc.)



Payment – We accept Cash, Checks, Apple Pay and all major Credit Cards. Payment is due at the time of purchase – you cannot be invoiced via Square or FACTS for in stock merchandise.

Pre-Sales – At various times throughout the year, we will have a pre-sale on a particular item. Pre-Sale Items are pre-paid (via invoice, cash or check) and must be paid prior to receiving your item.





MEAD HALL PANTHERS

MS/Varsity Swim

Coaches will host a swim team END OF SEASON PARTY on October 23rd 4:00 - 6:00 in the APC Gym. Check your email or SportsYou for a SUG link. Qualified swimmers will travel to North Charleston on October 10th for the State Championship!

JV Volleyball

The JV girls played two home games this week taking on Jefferson Davis Academy on Monday and King Academy on Tuesday. Panthers were defeated in both games with Coach Nikita noting "although we did not play to our full potential and did not get the outcome we wanted, we stayed together and gave our best effort physically."

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WINTER SPORTS CODES

MS Pickleball Code	QCP2-M5AT
MS Girls Basketball Code	EBT9-Y3JT
MS Boys Basketball Code	6PDY-NASX
Varsity Girls Basketball Code	4TVT-XD66
Varsity Boys Basketball Code	YD5L-CFEV
Elementary Pom Squad Code	XN7L-JYLY
Archery Code	CRLY-XX95
MS Cheerleading Code	6PYC-7YEU

MS Flag Football

Congratulations Panthers on a tremendous WIN against Savannah River Academy last Thursday! They return to the field on Oct 1st to play St. Mary's of Aiken.



Varsity Volleyball

Lady Panthers played hard this week against JDA and King Academy. Leighton Wyatt had a combined 146 digs and passes between both games showing consistency and willingness to keep every ball alive. Against King Academy Coach T noted that "our blocking was the best we have performed all season." Keep up the resilience and teamwork!

MS Golf

The Panthers enjoyed beautiful weather competing against Augusta Prep and EDS at Houndslake on Monday. Coach Bennett noted that "unfortunately we were not all at the top of our game and EDS stole the show with a 152." Highlight of the day was from Nathan Tucker with a chip in birdie on hole 3, a par three on the Dogwood Course. Well Done!

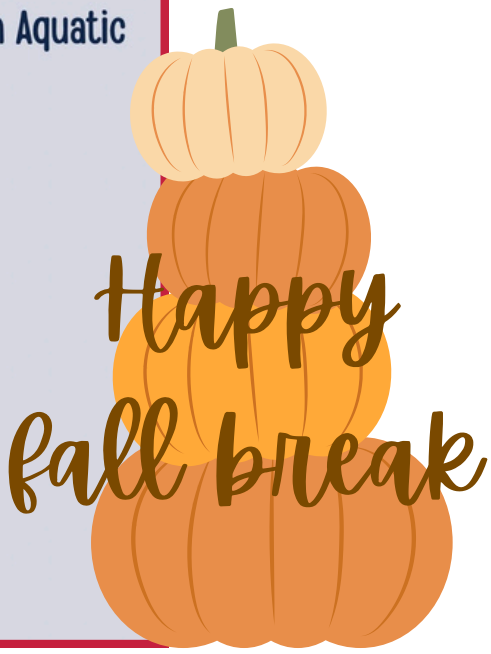
MS Tennis

MS Tennis played St. Mary's of Aiken on Tuesday. Congratulations to 8th grade player, Carson Smith, on winning his doubles match! The will wrap up their season at the AAMSL Championship on October 15th. Keep up the good work, Panthers!

MEAD HALL PANTHERS

Games at a Glance

10/10	Swim Team State Championship at North Charleston Aquatic Club *qualified swimmers only, meet time tbd
10/13	JV/V Volleyball @ Victory Christian 5:00 p.m.
10/14	MS Golf at Aiken Golf Club 4:00 p.m.
10/15	JV/V Volleyball @ King Academy 4:00 p.m. MS Tennis AAMSL Championship 10:00 a.m.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR





St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church

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

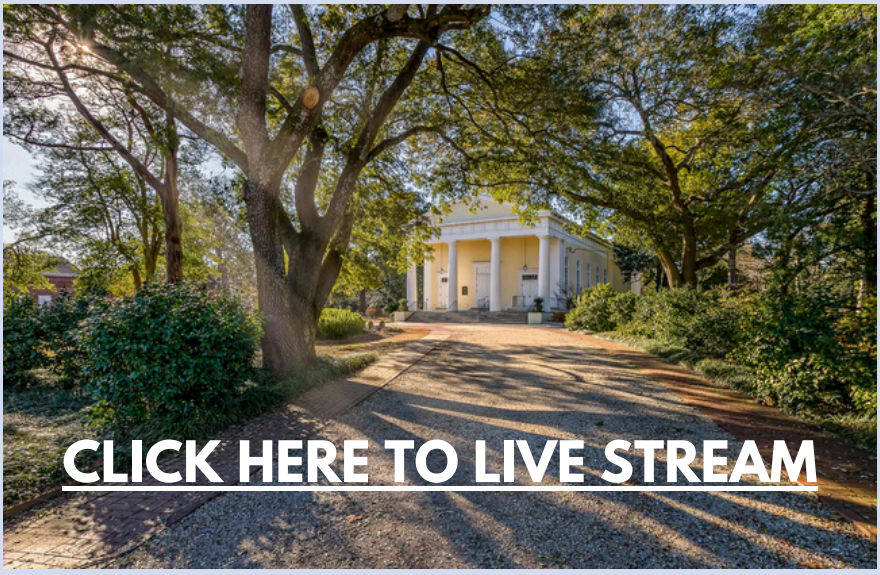
11:15 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Choir & Organ

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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