



## Mayo Enjoys New Conference Center and Gym

The students, parents, faculty, and staff at Mayo High School for Math, Science, and Technology are excited to have the long-awaited conference center and renovated gym available for different activities. Recently, the school celebrated the opening of the finished buildings with Darlington County School District board members, interim superintendent Dr. Bill Boyd, the Darlington mayor Gloria Hines, Academic Booster Club President Stevette Young, some of the construction supervisors, Student Council members, students, and teachers at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



While the official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held in October, the Mayo family began the year utilizing the facility by hosting school registration in the conference center. The conference center and gym have been used regularly since then.

The conference center has been a wonderful addition and already has been used for many activities including professional development, Phoenix Phocus groups, class meetings, drama and music department performances, inductions, parent meetings, and multiple district and community events. The new conference center was worth the wait and is proving to be a vital meeting place.

Likewise, the newly renovated gymnasium is appreciated. After a year without use of the gym, students and teachers were excited about getting back in the gym for physical education classes and events like the Back to School Bash, Academic Renaissance celebrations, and Fall Festival. With a new air conditioning system and floors, the gym provides another beautiful location where our students and community can gather.

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### Mission Statement

The mission of Mayo High School for Math, Science & Technology is to achieve excellence through a challenging curriculum with high expectations in a safe, positive environment to develop future leaders.

Hard Work Pays Off!



Check us out on Facebook.

## You Are Not Alone: A Play with Music

The drama and music departments invite you to their production of *You Are Not Alone*, an original play with music. The play will be held Thursday, November 2 and Friday, November 3 at 6:30 PM in the Mayo gymnasium. Tickets cost \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Come enjoy an evening of watching some of Mayo's talented students act, sing, and dance.



## Unleash Your Story

During October 8 – 14, teens across the nation were encouraged to unleash their story during Teen Read Week. Teen Read Week is an opportunity for students to celebrate the Young Adult Library Services Association's national adolescent literacy initiative.

Media Specialist Carol Ross organized Mayo's Teen Read Week activities to help students Unleash Your Story which was this year's national theme.

Students were able to play a round of mini-golf or other games in the Learning Commons, take a selfie at the Hollywood-themed photo booth, participate in a scavenger hunt, and had a chance at the spinning wheel for a prize.

Mrs. Ross would love for all of the students to love reading and wants to help students find books that foster such a love for reading.

## Additions to the Mayo Family

It is a delight to welcome Mrs. Danielle Watkins to the Mayo faculty. Mrs. Watkins is the new English teacher who teaches English II Honors, English II CP, Bible History, and speech. Mrs. Watkins graduated from Francis Marion University, taught at Latta High School, and worked in the Financial Aid Office at Francis Marion University prior to joining the English department at Mayo.

We also want to welcome our new custodians. Mrs. Taquila Buie joined the Mayo community in June, and Mrs. Sarah Johnson joined us in August. They both have become an integral part of the Mayo family already.

We are pleased to have Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Buie, and Mrs. Johnson as part of our educational team. They are making a difference in the lives of our students already. We are looking forward to getting to know them even better as the year progresses.

## State Fair Incentive Trip

Students who made a perfect score on an End-of-Course Exam, or earned a 3, 4, or 5 on an Advanced Placement Exam, or received a gold or platinum rating on the WorkKeys evaluation, or made a 24 or higher on the ACT, or made at least an 1100 on the SAT earned a trip to the South Carolina State Fair.

The students had a fabulous time at the fair October 13 celebrating their hard work. A special thank you to Georgia Pacific for sponsoring the trip.





## Student Involvement

The Mayo family showed its support for breast cancer awareness with its annual **Pink Out Day** on October 19. Students, faculty, and staff transformed our school into a picture of pink in support of the cause. Then, the **National Honor Society** sponsored the Pink Promenade for Breast Cancer Awareness to raise money for the McLeod Hospital's Breast Health Center

Then, **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)** helped transform the campus into a tapestry of red as we celebrated Red Ribbon Week, a time to pledge to be drug-free and learn the importance of doing so. This week included red ribbons adorning the campus, Crazy Sock Day, Signing the Pledge Day, and Going All Red Day.

The **National English Honor Society** celebrated the National Day of Writing by encouraging students to write and to sign the banner with their own six-word memoir.

The majority of the senior class is enrolled in the **Mayo Internship Program**. This opportunity gives students to work prior to graduation in career fields that interest them.

First Priority hosted the school's annual **See You at the Pole**. Many students, faculty members, and youth leaders participated in the early morning prayer and devotional time. First Priority leaders coordinated the program with the help of the club's advisor, Mrs. Ruth Taylor.

The **Ambassadors** have been busy sharing their love for Mayo; they have represented Mayo at the Magnet Fair, given tours, hosted an Open House, hosted an application assistance meeting, and written post cards to prospective students.

**Phoenix Phame Show Choir** performed at the Justin O'Connor Memorial Scholarship Foundation's Birthday Celebration at Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School on October 29.

Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology's students continually look for ways to perform positive acts in the community.

## School Happenings

The majority of the juniors and seniors attended **Ed-Op** at Francis Marion University. This event provided students with the opportunity to meet with college admissions representatives from institutions throughout the Southeast.

The **National Beta Club** and **National Honor Society** held their joint induction ceremony on September 26. Membership in these service organizations is based on the academic achievements and character of the inductees. Both had a large number of inductees.

In September, students enjoyed the **STEAM Career Fair** where they met with business people from STEAM-related (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) career fields and learned about the education and skills needed for those careers. Ms. Tiesha Davis organized this insightful, fun event.

On October 11, all ninth, tenth, and eleventh graders took the **PSAT** while the twelfth graders reflected on and celebrated three years of hard work with the annual **Senior Breakfast**. During the breakfast, seniors and their parents met with college admissions counselors, our National Guard representative, and our Jostens representative who presented a preview of senior supplies and began taking orders.

Eighty-nine students participated in the **Fall Showcase** on October 19. Under the direction of Mr. Cole Davis, music teacher, the band and chorus students performed many selections. The Fall Showcase included an art exhibit allowing parents to see the artwork of Mrs. Lyn O'Donnell's art students.

The **Senior Supper** was held on October 26 and gave seniors and their parents the necessary information to begin establishing financial aid for college. Under the guidance of Coker College's Betty Williams, Mrs. Danielle Watkins, and guidance counselor Mr. Michael Legette, participants learned how to complete the FAFSA application.

We are proud of all that the students and faculty are doing this year and look forward to continuing to see more great outcomes.

# Leading the Way to a Future Full of Possibilities

Throughout the month of November, Mayo will celebrate National Career Development Month. The theme of this year's celebration is Leading the Way to a Future Full of Possibilities. The students will participate in several activities to explore different careers and share their career interests. The first activity is a Career Jeopardy game. There will also be a Career Café, a Dress Your Door Contest, Dress for Success Day, and a poetry and poster contest.

As an academic magnet school, career exploration and development is an integral part of ensuring our students are ready for life beyond high school. Career specialist Ms. Tiesha Davis incorporates these types of activities to help students understand the importance of proper preparation for their future professions. We encourage you to talk with your child about what your career entails and what career he/she is interested in pursuing.

## Upcoming Events

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### Congratulations to the new Freshmen Class officers.

Working with Student Council advisor Ms. Jill Knight and the other Student Council members will give these students an opportunity to become involved in the leadership experiences at Mayo.

We know they will do an excellent job. They are:  
President – Shirvy Davis,  
Vice President – Gabe Gainey, and  
Senator – Nasir Lyde.

- Nov. 1-7 National French Week
- Nov. 2 Jostens Junior Ring Order Day
- Nov. 2 Music & Drama Production
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- Nov. 4 SAT
- Nov. 6 No School – Staff Development
- Nov. 7 Mu Alpha Theta, FBLA, and NEHS Inductions
- Nov. 9 Veteran's Day Program
- Nov. 10 Academic Renaissance
- Nov. 13-17 American Education Week
- Nov. 14 School Improvement Council/ Academic Booster Club
- Nov. 17 Interactive Career Fair for Sophomores
- Nov. 17 Thanksgiving Lunch - Clemson/Carolina Day
- Nov. 22-24 No School – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 29 Jostens Senior Supplies and Junior Ring Order Make-Up Day
- Nov. 30 Mr. Mayo Pageant
- Dec. 1 Blood Drive
- Dec. 7 Christmas Concert
- Dec. 12 Alumni Career Fair
- Dec. 15 Christmas Lunch
- Dec. 18-29 No School – Winter Break
- Jan. 2 Return from Winter Break