

CAMPAIGN PROGRAMS

Performing Arts Center, Upper Campus

In the 1950's, a generous gift from the Matthews family of Palm Beach provided for construction of Matthews Auditorium on the Upper Campus. It quickly became the center of our school's social, academic, and inspirational life.

Through the years, enrollment increased and classroom space was at a premium. When the larger Vicki and Peter Halmos Activities Center was built, all school gatherings and performances moved to that multi-use facility, and the Matthews Auditorium was divided into temporary classrooms. Matthews Auditorium, the former site of school plays, class presentations, ceremonies, and weekly assemblies fell silent.

Halmos Activities Center is a wonderful facility that serves many athletic and assembly purposes. However, for certain events, Matthews Auditorium is simply better suited. Musical and dramatic presentations inevitably suffer amid the lighting and acoustics of a gymnasium. The qualities of a properly designed theater are needed to effectively display the genuine efforts of children as they develop their performance skills.

Our goal is to reconfigure Matthews Auditorium into a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center. This renovation will include:



- An enlarged stage that will support full drama productions
- New seating that includes both temporary and permanent theater seats
- Practice rooms for band, orchestra, chorus, and dance
- Improved acoustics and new lighting

Our community is serious about the value of music, drama and dance as components of a complete education. The Great Expectations Campaign will provide for the transformation of Matthews Auditorium into a first-class Performing Arts Center, appropriate for a first-class independent school.

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