

Upper School Friday Folder October 22, 2021

From the seminar to the science lab, from the music room to the playing field, we begin with the conviction that all human beings can know truth, create beauty and practice goodness. ~ from the Thomas MacLaren School Mission Statement

Uniform and Dress Code Issues

As many of you have experienced, **our uniform vendors have been hugely backlogged** due to the supply chain issues that are affecting so many industries. **We know that this has been frustrating for parents** and students alike, and we do apologize for the inconvenience. As the weather gets cooler, and we all await the arrival of our long back-ordered shirts and sweaters and fleeces, feel free to send in a brief note to your child's respective dean requesting a temporary modification to the dress code. We ask that families please do your best to wear items that are as close as possible to the uniform items you are missing (i.e., blue sweaters and fleeces for the Lower School and red or burgundy for the Upper School), but **please know that we want to work with you** to make this as easy as possible.



Thank you for your support of the dress code even amid the frustrations.

Parking in Handicapped Spots - Only For Those With Placard or Plate



We would ask that only drivers that have a handicapped placard or license plate park in the reserved handicapped spots in our parking lot. It has come to our attention that some in our community who are handicapped have been unable to find an empty handicapped parking spot. Please only park in a handicapped spot if you have identification on your car that verifies your handicap. Thank you!

Students Not Picked Up By 4:00 p.m. Will Enter ASSH and Be Charged a Fee

We want to remind all parents that per our protocol as noted on page 42 in the Upper School Parent-Student Handbook, that if a student is not picked up by 3:45 p.m., we direct them to go to After School Study Hall. If a student remains on the premises after 4:00 p.m., then they will be automatically registered in Study Hall and parents will be billed for applicable fees. Thank you for your cooperation.

Drivers Stay in Car in Pick-Up Lane - Students Enter on Right Side of Vehicle

The drop-off/pick-up lane is a very busy place and we are witnessing some actions that are putting students in a dangerous situation. Please heed the following guidelines to make this daily journey for the students a safe one.

- 1. **Drivers should not get out of the vehicles in the pick-up lane** for any reason. If you need a student retrieved, please roll down your window and wait for a monitor to assist you. Monitors can locate and send the student to your vehicle.
- 2. Students should enter the vehicle on the right-hand side only. The left lane is a passing lane for cars, and it is dangerous for students to enter vehicles on the left side.



Looking for a Fun Night Out? MacLaren String Quartet Presents "Musical Images" Tonight, October 22



Looking for a fun night out with good music, drinks, and conversation? Our very own MacLaren String Quartet will be giving their first concert of the season at The Warehouse Restaurant downtown at 7:30 p.m. tonight, October 22. The program features "The Lark" by Franz Joseph Haydn and "Death and the Maiden" by Franz Schubert. Tickets are \$10. This event is appropriate for ages 10 and up. We hope you can join us! Please register here.

The MacLaren String Quartet was founded in 2016 and is comprised of four of our orchestra faculty members who are also performers with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic and hold advanced performance degrees in their given instrument.

6th Grade Boys Public Performance Plays - October 26 and 28

Parents and siblings of 6th grade boys are invited to attend the Public Performance plays next week. Check-in begins at 2:15 p.m. The plays start promptly at 2:45 p.m. and will finish by 3:30 p.m. Masks are required.



- Tuesday, October 26 6th grade boys alphas will present, The Pickwick Papers by Charles Dickens, directed by Mrs. Kolb.
- Thursday, October 28 6th grade boys betas "The Miraculous Eclipse" from A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, by Mark Twain, directed by Mrs. Johnson.

Save the Date: HS Info Night for MacLaren 8th Grade Families - Nov. 4

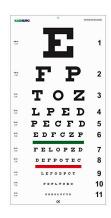
On Thursday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom, all MacLaren 8th graders and their parents are invited to



learn more about what the high school program at MacLaren is all about. This evening is set up for you and your child to explore the different aspects of high school life at MacLaren by listening to the stories of current high school students as well as a short presentation by Mr. LaBadie. There will be time for questions as well.

Save the Date: Vision and Hearing Screening - November 9-11

Students will have their vision and hearing screenings November 9-11. Screenings are done according to Colorado State Guidelines. All students in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th grades are screened. Only NEW students in 4th, 6th, 8th 10th-12th grade are screened, as well as any student on an IEP or 504 plan. The screening includes a basic vision acuity and pure tone air conduction hearing screening. If your student wears glasses or contacts, or if they use a hearing aid, please ensure they have them during the testing week. Please be aware that you will only be notified if your student fails the vision and/or hearing screening. If for any reason you do not want your student screened, please fill out the form found here and submit it to the attention of the School Nurse in the Main Office no later than November 2.



Volunteers Needed for Hearing and Vision Screening in November



Every year, we rely on parents to help us with the annual Vision and Hearing screenings. This year, the screenings will take place from November 9-11. We have over 600 students to screen so we genuinely need many volunteers to help us get this done in a timely manner. Please note that masks will be required and there is a mandatory training on November 8 from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

- If you are already a cleared volunteer, please click <u>here</u> to view the sign-up and where we need help.
- If you are not already cleared but would like to help, please fill out this <u>Volunteer</u>
 <u>Application</u> online so that we can expedite the background checks that are necessary
 before a parent can be approved to volunteer at the school.

If you have any questions about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Kim Law at klaw@maclarenschool.org.

Spread the Word! K-12 Information Night - Thursday, November 11

We are excited to finally have an in-person K-12 Information Night! Spread the word to your friends, neighbors and co-workers that MacLaren is hosting this evening on Thursday, November 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m. These evenings are an essential part of the enrollment process. They give prospective parents and children (5th grade and up) the opportunity to:

- Learn about the curriculum, philosophy and culture of the school
- Learn about what is expected of students and their families
- Listen to a student panel (Upper School only)
- Listen to an ensemble of Upper School students play some of their orchestra repertoire
- Talk with faculty and current MacLaren students (Upper School only)
- Take a tour of the school

Children in grades 5-11 are encouraged to attend this event. Younger children are welcome, but there will be no activities for that age group. No RSVP needed. Masks are not required but

are highly recommended. Please direct any questions to our Director of Enrollment, Brigette Mysliwiec at enrollment@maclarenschool.org.

Highlander Athletics Updates - Week of October 22

Date Change: MS Fall Sports Honors Night via Zoom - Tuesday, November 2



Date Change: On Tuesday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m., we will combine the Middle School Fall athletic programs into one collective Zoom event to honor our teams and give out some special awards! The Zoom link will be emailed to all parents.

HS Basketball Boys/Girls Registration Open

Registration for HS Basketball is open on MySchoolBucks. The season will begin with tryouts starting on November 15 and the regular season will run through mid-February. All athletes must have a current sports physical on file before they will be allowed to tryout. Any athlete whose physical expires mid-season must renew the exam prior to expiration. Registration deadline is November 10.



Visit the Athletics Schedules page on the website for current schedules.

Please direct any questions to Mrs. Steigerwald, Athletic Director, at csteigerwald@maclarenschool.org.

HS Basketball Open Gyms - Register Now

HS Girls Open Gyms: Thursdays - 6:30-8:00 p.m. Saturdays - 8:30-10:00 a.m.

HS Boys Open Gyms: Mondays - 6:00-7:30 p.m. Saturdays - 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Please register on MySchoolBucks to attend. These free workouts are optional and open to any interested HS students.

Highlanders in Competition

October 25

• MS Boys Basketball @ Monument Academy - 4:00 p.m.

October 26 - none

October 27

MS Boys Basketball vs. Vanguard - 4:00 p.m.



October 29

HS Varsity Boys Soccer - 2A 1st Round Playoffs - TBD

October 30

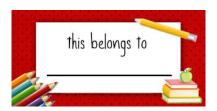
- HS Cross Country State Finals @ Norris-Penrose Event Center 9:40 a.m. 2A Boys, 11:00 a.m. 2A Girls
- HS Varsity Boys Soccer 2A Quarterfinals TBD

Come and cheer on your Highlanders this week!

Home game admission prices can be found on our website here.

View full athletics calendar on our website here.

Lost and Found is Overflowing! Please Label Your Child's Belongings



Please label your child's belongings with a fine tip permanent marker and check regularly that the the name is still legible. Items that have a discernable name on them will be returned to the student within a week. Students are also encouraged to check lost and found on their own during lunch or after school.

Are You Active Duty Military? Are You a Federal Employee? Fill Out the Impact Aid Funding Form Today

Each year our school is eligible to receive Impact Aid funding based on the number of eligible Impact Aid Forms we receive back from parents for our Impact Aid Application. The more students we can count, the more likely we will be to qualify for funding and the higher the percentage of funding our school will be eligible to receive.



Please review the list below to **determine if your family**

meets one or more of these eligibility categories as of October 1, 2021:

- 1. Student resides on federal property (ex: military base).
- 2. The student's parent or guardian is serving in the military (ex: active duty).
- 3. The student's parent or guardian works for the federal government or works on federal property (ex: military base, national forest land, VA medical center).

If you DO meet any of the categories above, please complete the online Impact Aid Form by following this link: https://app.hellosign.com/s/KuLloTWe by November 3. After clicking the link, you will be asked for your email address. A link to the actual form will be sent to your email address.

All information submitted is secure and will be handled confidentially. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Sheila Sellers at ssellers@maclarenschool.org with any questions or concerns.



Save the Date

11/2 - MS Fall Athletics Honors Night

11/4 - HS Info Night for MacLaren 8th graders

11/9 - Sophomore Parent College Night via Zoom

11/9-11 - Hearing and Vision Screening

11/11 - K-12 Information Night

11/22-26 - Thanksgiving Break

12/2-3 - Senior Drama III Performance

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