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FRIDAY FOLDER

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Colorado Gives Day - December 5



Have you been considering donating to MacLaren's Annual Fund? If so, you can schedule your donation now for Colorado Gives Day on December 5 and we will be entered into the Million Dollar Incentive Fund. Go to their website [here](#) to learn more. Thank you for your generous support of the school!

MS Girls Basketball Tryouts - Paperwork Due December 6

Middle School Girls Basketball Team tryouts are coming up soon! **Please make sure that you have submitted** the signed [Athletic Activities Information and Signature Page](#), sports physical from your health provider and the appropriate payment **no later than Wednesday, December 6. Girls will not be allowed to tryout without the necessary paperwork and payment received.**



- Monday, December 11, 3:45-5:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 12, 3:45-5:15 p.m.

Tryouts will take place in the MacLaren Gym. New players should be present at both tryout times. Returning players only need to come to the Tuesday tryout.

Please direct any questions to Andrew Swanson, Director of Athletic and Extracurricular Activities, at aswanson@maclarenschool.org.

Winter Fine Arts Nights - December 6 & 7



Winter Fine Arts Nights will again be held at the Roy J. Wasson Academic Campus at 6:30 p.m. Please see the specific instructions below for the arrival of students and guests. Wasson is located at 2115 Afton Way. Please see the following schedule for which orchestras will be playing on

each night:

4:00 p.m.

@ MacLaren Gym

**12/5 - Varsity Boys
Basketball Game vs.
Denver Street HS**

5:30 p.m.

@ MacLaren Gym

**12/6 - Winter Fine Arts
Night I**

6:30 p.m.

@ Wasson Academic
Campus

**12/7 - Winter Fine Arts
Night II**

6:30 p.m.

@ Wasson Academic
Campus

**12/8 - JV Boys
Basketball Game vs.
Pikes Peak Prep**

4:00 p.m.

@ MacLaren Gym

**12/8 - Varsity Boys
Basketball Game vs.
Parkhill Christian**

6:00 p.m.

@ MacLaren Gym

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- **Wednesday, December 6:**
 - Orchestra I alphas
 - Orchestra II alphas
 - Orchestra III alphas
 - Orchestra IV (all)
 - Orchestra VI (all)
- **Thursday, December 7:**
 - Orchestra I betas
 - Orchestra II betas
 - Orchestra III betas
 - Orchestra V (all)
 - Orchestra VII (all)

Please use this [campus map](#) as a reference for the instructions below.

Students: Orchestra I arrive at 5:45 p.m. Orchestras II-VII arrive at 6:00 p.m. (unless your sibling is in Orchestra I). **Students need to come in concert dress.** See page 49 of the [Parent-Student Handbook](#) for details.

Students should enter at the main auditorium entrance.

Students are responsible for taking their own instruments (except basses). The school will transport instruments of students who do not have instrument permits on file.

Basses: Parents of bass players that have a large enough car to transport the bass are welcome to do so. Please proceed to the north lot where you will be directed to the loading dock to unload the bass. Only these cars can park in the north lot.

Parking: Guests should park in the south lot. Guest entrance is the main auditorium entrance indicated on the attached map. Faculty will be on hand directing guests where to go. **Please do not arrive before 5:45 p.m.**

REMINDER: There are no extracurriculars, athletic practices or games and no ASSH on December 6 & 7.

We are looking forward to this festive end to the first semester of orchestra class!

Evals Sign-Up - Deadline December 11, 8:00 a.m.



On Monday, all parents were emailed a link to a Sign-Up Genius document where they could pick a time slot for their child's Parent-Teacher Evaluation meeting. **The Evaluations take place from January 3-5 and January 8.** We are happy to report that over 80% of families have already signed up! **If you have not signed-up yet, we encourage you to do so now.** If you have misplaced your link, please contact Mrs. Coleman at kcoleman@maclarenschool.org.

Each student is allowed ONE 20-minute slot, including parents who share custody. If there are extenuating circumstances, please contact

Mrs. Coleman at kcoleman@maclarenschool.org. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate more than one conference per student. **If you do not sign up for a slot by Monday, December 11, at 8:00 a.m., one will be assigned to you.** Reminder: Juniors and Seniors are required to attend the evaluation and be in uniform.

Project Week Packets Are Posted On The Website

Project Week packets have been distributed to all students. They can also be found on the website under the Students Tab, or by clicking [here](#). Questions about Projects? Please contact your child's Grade Level Lead. You can find out who that is by going to the [Staff Directory](#) on the website and choosing "Grade Level Lead Teachers" from the drop down menu just left of the search box.

Faculty/Staff Cookie Exchange - December 13



Calling all home bakers! The PSA is coordinating a family-hosted cookie exchange for the staff on December 13. Please sign up on our Sign Up Genius site by clicking [here](#). For more information, contact Becky Fuller at fuller.family@live.com.

Reminder: Submit PE Credits for 6th-10th Graders

All students in grades 6-10 are required to have one Physical Education credit per school year. This credit is earned outside of the school day by participating in 24 hours of physical activity over the course of the year. **If your child did any physical activity over the summer or during the fall, this would be a good time to log it and turn in your form.** *Note: All students who take part in MacLaren athletic teams (NOT clubs) will have their hours automatically logged for them and you do not need to submit your own form.* You have until May 1 to submit this form. Please click [here](#) for a copy of the form and further details or go find it under the Students tab>Athletics link on our website. Forms may be turned in at the Front Desk, or scanned and emailed to Sally Stokes at [sstokes@maclarenschool.org](mailto:ssstokes@maclarenschool.org).



Snow Delays and Cancellations



We may finally get some snow around here someday! When that happens, you might wonder if MacLaren is on a 2-hour delay or if school is cancelled. There are several ways to find out. By 6:00 a.m., the decision to call a 2-hour delay will be made and will be posted on our Facebook page, and will be emailed and texted to you. It will also be listed on all the major news sites in town; radio, television and internet. Before you leave for school, check one more time to see if school has

actually been cancelled. Sometimes, the call to cancel comes late because of unexpected changes in the weather. As always, the school respects your judgment as to whether or not you think the roads are safe to drive on. We just ask that you alert the school if you will be bringing your child to school late or if you decide not to bring your child at all. Thank you!

Save the Date: Noon Year's Eve Clan Service Project - Dec. 30

Save the date for our clan service day, Saturday, December 30th!



Every student is invited to this service opportunity over the break!

Clans have been paired to serve together at the Pikes Peak Children's Museum event by preparing and presenting a S.T.E.A.M. activity booth (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics). Ask your child what his/her clan is planning. Details will be attached in next week's Friday Folder.

Sibling Enrollment - Submit Your Letter of Intent Today!

If you are intending to send more of your children to MacLaren next year, please don't forget to submit a Letter of Intent for each one of them so that we can make sure they get a spot in the class you want to enter them into. **Only new students need a Letter of Intent to be submitted.** You can find the online Letter of Intent submission form on our website under the Enrollment tab. If you have any questions about the Enrollment Process and sibling preference, please contact Katherine Brophy, Director of Enrollment, at enrollment@maclarenschool.org.

One Hour of Your Time Can Make A Difference!

We are in need of parents that are willing to show up at the school by 2:40 p.m. and sit with a class of students while they have a study hall. We offer 7th Hour Tutorial Monday through Thursday. You could commit to one day a week or up to 4 days a week! While **you supervise the study hall**, a teacher is then freed up to do more one-on-one or small group tutorials during that time.

You don't need to teach, but you need to be cleared to work as a volunteer with the students. If you are cleared and willing, please contact Karen Triplett at ktriplett@maclarenschool.org or Jennie Morris at jmorris@maclarenschool.org. If you are willing, but not cleared, you can find the volunteer application on the website under the Parents tab. Submit the completed application to Karen Triplett or Jennie Morris. This gift of time from you is a huge gift to the teachers and students!

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Tis' the season for buying lots of food and gas! Every transaction you make at Safeway and Kings Sooper/City Market grocery stores and gas stations could be earning MacLaren significant money if you use the specially-coded gift cards that we sell. Please consider purchasing one for each store and reuse them throughout this season, and **we will earn 5% back** on most of your purchases. **The cards are on sale now at the Main Office for \$10 and comes loaded with \$10.** Stop on by and purchase your gift card today! Thanks for your support!

Save the Date

These are events in the not-so-distant future

- 12/14** - Last Day of Classes
- 12/15** - Faculty/Staff In-Service Day
- 12/15-1/1** - Winter Break
- 1/3-5, 1/8** - Evaluation Meetings
- 1/2-8** - Project Week
- 1/9** - Project Day

