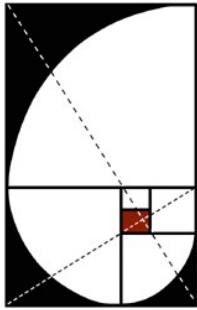


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THOMAS MACLAREN SCHOOL

College Counseling Newsletter

Dear parents,

As we look forward to the last few weeks of school and prepare for the summer, I encourage you to look into some of the wonderful summer programs that are available for your child. There is a list of Summer Programs on the school's [website](#). This list is by no means exhaustive, but rather a reflection of programs that are interested in the types of students that attend MacLaren. Some programs are on college campuses and award college credit, others are opportunities to explore different careers such as medicine or agriculture. Each is an excellent opportunity for your child to explore different areas of interest, even spend quality time on a college campus. Even if college credit is not offered, each is an asset to a college resume!

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to support your or your child as we finish out this school year,

Amy Cooper, College Counselor
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2018 COLLEGE FAIRS

STEM College Fair
June 3, 2018 (Sunday)
1:00-4:00 pm
University of Denver
Gates Field House

NACAC College Fair
Sept. 20, 2018 (Sunday)
1:00-4:00 pm
Denver Mart
Denver, CO

Performing Arts College Fair
October 15, 2018 (Monday)
7:00-9:00 pm
Denver Center for Performing
Arts—Seawell Ballroom

Students can register at www.gotocollegefairs.com



SENIORS

The May 1st Decision Deadline is approaching quickly! Many students have made their final decision of which college to attend in the Fall. There are also several who are still mulling things over. If you or your child have any questions or concerns as the Decision Deadline draws near, please do not hesitate to email or schedule an appointment with Mrs. Cooper this week.

Before the end of the school year, all seniors will complete a graduation survey. This is a time for your child will declare his or her final college decision, ensuring the final transcript is sent to the correct institution. Additionally, your child will be asked information about scholarships awarded by each college, including the schools you child will not attend. Students will need to go through each award letter and make note of each award they have been offered. An email will be sent to parents after May 1st with more details to help facilitate this process.

SENIOR CHECKLIST: APRIL



Make Final College Decision Follow instructions in acceptance letter/email for enrollment protocol.



Make a list of all scholarships and grants awarded by each college, include every school to which you were accepted. You will need this information to complete the graduation survey at MacLaren in early May.



Be aware of the deadline to accept or decline your financial aid at the school you plan to attend.



Finish Well. As the year come to a close, stay on top of your coursework so you can finish this year on a good note!



JUNIORS

SAT and ACT Registration

If your child would like to take the SAT or ACT this summer or early in the fall, there are several test dates and registration deadlines to put on your calendar:

SAT

June 2nd (register by May 3)

August 25th (register by July 25)

www.collegeboard.org

ACT

June 9th (Register by May 4)

September 8th (Register by August 3)

www.act.org

As a reminder, all SAT and ACT tests have a \$46 test fee that must be paid at the time of registration.

JUNIOR COLLEGE CONFERENCES

College Conferences are well underway! About half of the Junior class has had a one-on-one meeting with the College Counselor to discuss the current status of his or her postsecondary research and planning as well as to brainstorm new ideas to look into this summer. These meetings are scheduled during lunch and 7th hour. If you would like to know when your child's college conference is scheduled, email Mrs. Cooper at acooper@maclarenschool.org.

If you missed the Junior Parent Night on February 2, you can access the outline of the discussion:

[Junior Parent Night Outline.](#)

SOPHOMORES & FRESHMEN

Sophomores and Freshmen took the PSAT at MacLaren on April 11 and 12, respectively. This test is the preliminary SAT. The PSAT is the state test for freshmen and sophomores and it also provides practice for the SAT that your child will take in 11th grade. The SAT is a college entrance exam, meaning it is one of many aspects colleges look at when considering college admission.

Scores will be released in a few weeks. Instructions for receiving and interpreting your child's scores will be relayed to you as scores become available.

Freshmen and Sophomores are wrapping up their ICAP for the year this month. Be sure to ask your child what he or she has learned about his or her personality traits, learning styles, and personal interests and how these relate to his or her thoughts about life after high school!

