

THOMAS  
MACLAREN  
SCHOOL

### Thomas MacLaren School's Top 10 List

- 1) We are a **charter public school** teaching grades K-12, **tuition free**.
- 2) We have **single-gender** classes in a co-ed environment.
- 3) MacLaren students **take music every day**; all Upper School students take part in our award-winning string orchestra.
- 4) Our younger students **have P.E. and two recesses every day** while our older students can **try out for sports** in middle and high school (CHSAA 2A).
- 5) Our students **learn to read in a phonics-based program** that develops a love of reading. As they grow, they **read and discuss original texts**—novels and poetry, history and philosophy, economics and political theory
- 6) Our students **learn to think mathematically and scientifically**. They all start with Singapore math and hands-on science and all end with physics, computer programming, and calculus.
- 7) We have a **warm, engaging culture** characterized by kindness, friendliness, and peace.
- 8) Our school is a **community of learners** led by a dynamic faculty, over half of whom hold advanced degrees.
- 9) The Charter School Institute, the state chartering authority, has designated Thomas MacLaren School a **“School of Distinction”** annually since 2013.
- 10) Our students regularly rank among the **top performers on the SAT** both regionally and in the state.

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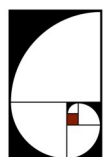
## **Our Vision**

We believe all students should be immersed in the best our tradition has to offer. We believe all students can be active and useful participants in the ongoing and enduring conversation that is a vibrant civilization. We believe all students can be formed in a habitual vision of greatness that makes lifelong learners of the doctor and the mechanic, the homemaker and the professor. Thomas MacLaren School strives to build a lasting community of learners in which each student is the agent of his or her education.

## **Our Mission**

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. To that end, we expect students to develop basic tools of learning, ordered basic knowledge, moral seriousness, breadth and depth of imagination, artistic ability and sensitivity, and a sense of wonder.

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