



FRIDAY FOLDER

Upper School Friday Folder October 1, 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

Thank You For Your Generosity!



We are so grateful for the large response we received for our latest fundraising efforts. Thank you for supporting MacLaren and the causes that we have chosen to help out.

Money raised:

Chick-Fil-A on Garden of the Gods, September 23 - **\$817.60** (15% of the sales attributed to MacLaren!)

Touching Tiny Lives 5K and Fun Run, September 24 - **over \$2000** (final amount TBD)

Know Truth, Create Beauty, *Practice Goodness*

End of Quarter Checklist Evals Coming Soon

Links to end of quarter **checklist evaluations will be emailed to every parent/guardian later this coming week** using our Secure Document Delivery system. The link in the email will take you to a secure site where you can read your child's evaluation. **The password for your child is their birthdate**, typed in this format: mm/dd/yyyy. (note: slashes are required).

If you have any difficulties accessing this evaluation, please contact Sally Stokes, Registrar, at macregistrar@maclarenschool.org.



Do Not Drop Students Off on Murray or Sawyer



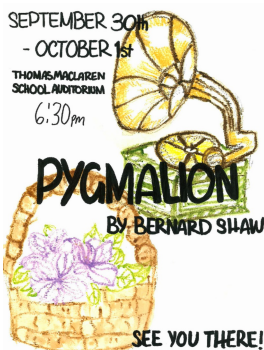
We have become aware that some parents are stopping along Murray or Sawyer and dropping their children off to walk the rest of the way to school. This is a dangerous practice which puts your children, and the other drivers in the area, at risk of being hurt in some sort of accident. **Please drive your child fully into the South Lot where you can either park and walk them to the front gate, or you can let them out in the drop-off lane.** Thank you for adhering to these guidelines that provide the best way for your child to arrive at school safely.

All Students Must Have Instrument Use Permit Form on File

Each child in the Upper School is given an instrument to use for Orchestra class during the year. In order to be able to take this instrument home to practice, **an Instrument Use Permit Form must be submitted.** Most parents submitted the form prior to the first day of school, but many still have not. Please take a moment to **fill out the form found [here](#) and have your child bring it to their Orchestra teacher.** If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact Mrs. Kolb at agkolb@maclarenschool.org.



Senior Drama I Performance - Pygmalion - Tonight at 6:30 p.m.



Don't miss the final performance tonight of *Pygmalion* by members of the Senior class. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the MacLaren Auditorium. **Admission is free! Masks are required.** Clan points will be rewarded. Please come out and support the seniors!

Community Stargazing Event Returns! - Tomorrow, October 2

Come enjoy a night of hands-on science and community as we host the National Space Science and Technology Institute, the Colorado Springs Astronomical Society, Cool Science... and food trucks on our MacLaren Campus. The event will run from **5:30-9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 2.**

This fun night is **free and open to the public!** Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, your friends and your family!

There will be **four food trucks onsite** for your dining pleasure, or you can bring a picnic of your own.

Volunteers are needed to help run this fun event. **Click [here](#) to see how you can help!**

If you have questions about this event, please contact Mrs. Oram, Director of Community Engagement, at joram@maclarenschool.org.



Make-Up Day for School Photos - Monday, October 4



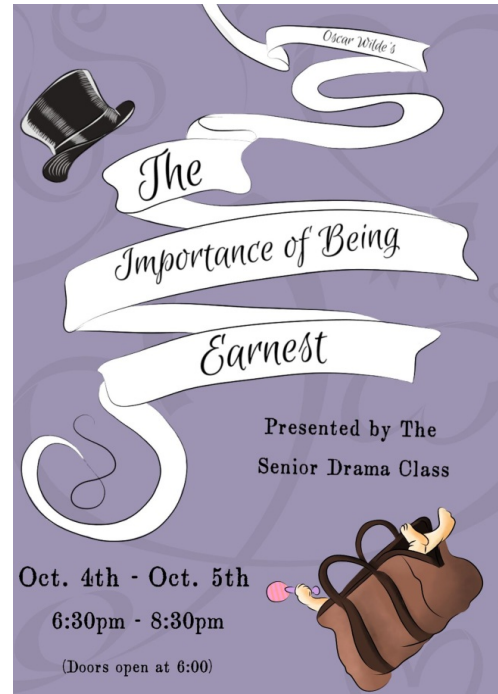
If your child was absent the day of school photos, there will be a make-up day on Monday, October 4. The **order form for US students** can be found [here](#). You may also **order your photos online** at this [link](#). Please note that LS and US have separate order forms/webpages. The late fee for orders placed after September 30 will be waived for these students.

Senior Drama Productions: October 4-5

Some of the senior class will be presenting the second play of the senior drama season. We hope you can join us in the MacLaren Auditorium for these **free performances**. They will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run approximately two hours. **Students will receive clan points for attending!**

- **October 4-5:** *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

Please note: Knowing that keeping students from getting quarantined is a high priority and that mixed cohorts is one of the things that contributes to further exposure, we have decided to have our upcoming senior Drama performances be masked events for the audience. The students performing will not wear a mask, but **we are requiring masks for all audience members**. This will allow students and adults to attend the performance and sit where they like without our needing to do any contact tracing or seating charts at these events. We will have masks at the entrance for anyone who forgets to bring a mask. We are thrilled to be able to put on live performances again! **Thank you for wearing a mask for two short hours, allowing us to minimize the spread of COVID and the need to quarantine anyone as a result of these performances.**



No School: In-Service Day and Fall Break - October 6-8



**There will be no school from October 6-8.
We hope you enjoy this Fall Break!**

Highlander Athletics Updates - Week of October 4

Middle School Boys Basketball Tryouts Start Monday, October 4

Middle School boys basketball tryouts **start on Monday, October 4 at 3:45 p.m. and run through Thursday**. Only boys that have preregistered and have a sports physical on file will be allowed to attend.



Direct any questions to the Athletic Director, Mrs. Steigerwald, at csteigerwald@maclarenschool.org.

Basketball Open Gyms Schedule Update

HS Boys Open Gyms continue on Saturdays only, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., except over Fall Break (October 9). Please register on [MySchoolBucks](#).

HS Girls Open Gyms will begin the week of October 10. More details to follow.

Please note that HS Basketball Team registration will open after Fall Break.

Highlander Games and Meets This Week

October 4 - No games or meets

October 5

- HS JV Boys Soccer @ Manitou HS - 4:00 p.m.

October 6 - No games or meets

October 7

- MS Cross Country Kodiak Classic @ Colorado Springs School - 4:15 p.m.

October 8

- HS Cross Country Black Forest League Meet @ Monument Valley Park - 2:00 p.m.

October 9 - No games or meets



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](#).

Annual Home Game Admission Passes are Back!



We are excited to announce that Annual Passes to home athletics events are once again available for purchase! **Passes are valid for the entire 2021-22 academic year, at either high school or middle school home games.**

The three types of passes available are:

Annual Pass – Family \$100

This pass may be used by the entire family, a portion of the family, or any individual within the immediate family for admission.

Annual Pass – Student \$40

This pass may be used by one individual K-12 student for admission.

Annual Pass – GrandPartner \$25

This pass may be used by one individual aged 55 or older for admission.

With the admission charge set by the Black Forest League for HS Events at \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, these passes will pay for themselves quickly!

Look for them in the School Store on [MySchoolBucks](#) or purchase at the gate of any home game.

Want to Buy a Spirit Shirt, Fleece or Highlander Gear? School Store Now Open!



We will again be selling Spirit Shirts, uniform fleece, and Highlander Fan Gear from **September 30 - October 14**. ***This will be the last time the School Store at BSN will be open this semester.*** Items ordered during this window are estimated to be delivered before Thanksgiving Break, however unforeseen issues with the supply chain **may delay delivery by several weeks**. Also, **US uniform fleece, sizes Youth Small and Youth Medium, are currently out-of-stock.**

The order form links have been delayed but *will be posted soon* [on the website](#) under the Parent tab>Uniform and Dress Code page.

Save the Date: MacLaren String Quartet Performs at Almagre - Friday, October 22

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. They will be giving a **concert at The Venue at ALMAGRE on Friday, October 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** featuring works by Haydn and Schubert. We hope you can join us! More details to follow.



Financial Need Survey



The pandemic has affected us all in different ways. One clear need that we continue to keep our eyes on is the financial hardship that COVID-19 has intensified for some in our community. **If you have a financial need that we might be able to assist with**, we would ask you to share any information you are comfortable sharing so that we can work to find ways to better support you. If you are interested, please find a survey [here](#).

Save the Date

- 10/13 - PSAT for 11th Graders
- 10/14 - Junior Parent College Night via Zoom
- 10/20-21 - Public Performance Plays
- 10/22 - MacLaren String Quartet Performance
- 11/4 - HS Info Night for MacLaren 8th graders
- 11/9 - Sophomore Parent College Night via Zoom



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