



THOMAS
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FRIDAY FOLDER

Upper School Friday Folder November 12, 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

A Spirit Day to Celebrate Founders' Day! - Thursday, November 18



On November 18, 2008, Thomas MacLaren School had its charter accepted and approved by the state authorizer, the Charter School Institute. Every year we remember this important anniversary by inviting the founders to speak at Morning Assembly and this year, **we are making it a Spirit Day as well!**

Students can show their Highlander pride by wearing Spirit Shirts, Highlander t-shirts and 1/4 zips, in place of their uniform shirt, and Highlander hoodies in place of their uniform fleece.

Save the Date: Thanksgiving Break - November 22-26



MacLaren gives a week off school for Thanksgiving Break.
We hope you enjoy this time with family and friends!

Winter Fine Arts Nights Are Returning! - December 8-9 Shop for Concert Attire Over Thanksgiving Break

It's been two whole years since our last Winter Fine Arts Night, so certainly your children have outgrown any concert attire they owned in 2019! **Thanksgiving Break is the perfect time to purchase the dress clothes and shoes that are required for the performance.** Please see pages

55-56 in the [Upper School Parent-Student Handbook](#) for the **Concert Dress guidelines**. If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact your child's Orchestra teacher.



Free Food Resource Coming to Colorado Springs! - Sign Up Now



The [Colorado Food Cluster](#) is expanding into the Colorado Springs area and is ready to have families sign up their children ages 3-18 to receive weekly free meal boxes delivered right to your door. Each student will receive a **weekly delivery of 7 suppers and 7 snacks**, including fruit and milk, until June 30, 2022. **No proof of income or FRL status is needed.** To learn more, please click [here](#).

Opt-In For Text Alerts From MacLaren

MacLaren regularly sends out text alerts highlighting **important events and deadlines**. During the winter months, we text information regarding **2-hour delays and school closures**. ***If you are not currently receiving texts but would like to opt-in to the service, please text "Yes" to 67587.*** If you have given MacLaren your high

school student's cell phone number when you filled out the annual Student Update, your child will need to opt-in to the texting service as well, if they have not already done so. Please direct any questions to Sally Stokes, Registrar, at [sstokes@maclarenschool.org](mailto:ss Stokes@maclarenschool.org).



End of Year Giving - To Faculty & Staff (Masters Fund) and to the School (Annual Fund)



All MacLaren families will be receiving **the Annual Appeal letter** in the mail in the upcoming days. In it, you will find instructions on how to **donate to a winter bonus that will go to all faculty and staff (Masters Fund)** as well as how to **donate to the school itself (Annual Fund)**. We rely on your generous response to this appeal to fund significant bonuses for employees and important improvements around the school. **No gift is too small!**

Please note: In lieu of personal gifts for employees, we encourage you to instead donate to the Masters Fund. 100% of the money collected is divided equally among all the employees so that all, from the custodians to the administrative staff to the teachers in the classrooms, may experience a morale boost from your generosity as the semester come to a close. Thank you!

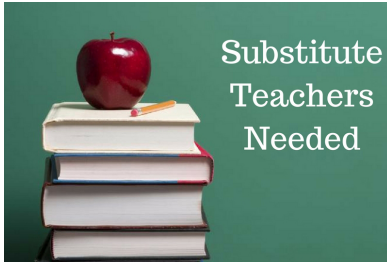
MacLaren is Hiring!

MacLaren has many part-time and full-time openings that we

are currently hiring for. Some of **our best employees are parents of our students**. Please look at the list [here](#) and see if you would like to be considered for any of these positions. For questions regarding employment, please email Kari Coleman at kcoleman@maclarenschool.org.



Make Some Extra Money and Help Out MacLaren - Become a Sub Today!



Just like most of the surrounding schools, **we are experiencing a shortage of substitute teachers and teaching assistants**. You can be of great assistance to us if you would **consider signing up to be a sub at MacLaren**. We use Tagg for our substitute teaching needs. Tagg is a web-based application that connects substitute teachers with the classrooms that need them. Just as you use on-demand apps to rent vacation homes or to set up a ride, we use Tagg to request guest teachers. Choosing to join the Tagg platform

means you will have access to substitute teaching jobs at Thomas MacLaren School, as well as in your area as an independent contractor! *Applicants must be 18 or older and have a bachelor's degree.* **Please register by clicking [here](#).**

Parents Need to Sign In Tardy Students

A friendly reminder to parents that **in order to excuse a student when he or she is tardy to school, a parent is required to come to the Main Entrance** (the South Entrance) **and sign the student in** ([see page 13 of the US Parent-Student Handbook](#)). A tardy may be excused for good reason such as sickness in the family, car trouble, or inclement weather. Nonetheless, parents must sign in their children before the tardy child can be admitted to school.

TARDY POLICY

A Front Desk staff member will give students a pass before going into class. Students who are late while Morning Assembly is still taking place must be signed in to excuse the tardy. **For students who drive themselves**, they will be considered unexcused if they are tardy unless the tardy is due to inclement weather. A parent/guardian may also notify the school if the student driver was late for another serious reason such as car trouble.

Free Counseling Available



We wanted to pass along information regarding this new resource. The state of Colorado is providing **free counseling services for children ages 12-18**. There is a short article explaining the program here: <https://coloradosun.com/2021/10/28/i-matter-free-therapy-colorado-teens/>

The link to the resource itself is here: <https://imattercolorado.org/>.

P.E. Credit Form for 6-10th graders - Submit by December 3

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. While students have all year to complete this requirement, those turned in by **Friday, 12/3** will be included in the Semester I grade reports.

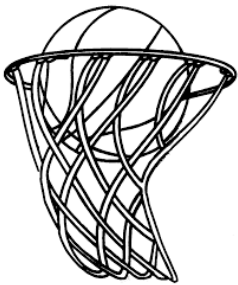


Please [click here](#) for a copy of the form and further details. Forms may be turned in at the Front Desk, or emailed to Amy Williams at awilliams@maclarenschool.org.

Note: If your child has played on a MacLaren athletic team this year, those PE hours will be logged for your child and you will not have to submit a form.

Highlander Athletics Updates - Week of November 15

High School Boys and Girls Basketball Tryouts - November 15-16



The schedule for tryouts for HS Boys and Girls Basketball teams are as follows:

HS Girls Tryouts - November 15-16, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

HS Boys Tryouts - November 15-16, 6:45-8:15 p.m.

To see the practice and game schedules for the season, please go to our website under [Students>Athletics>Athletics Schedules](#) or click the links below.

- [HS Girls Schedule](#)
- [HS Boys Schedule](#)

The deadline for registration has been extended to November 14. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Steigerwald, Athletic Director, at csteigerwald@maclarenschool.org.

Winter Sports Parent Info Night over Zoom - Wednesday, November 17

The **Winter Sports Parent Info Night** will be held over Zoom on **Wednesday, November 17, at 8:00 p.m.** The link will be sent via email. At this meeting, Mrs. Steigerwald, the Athletics Director, will go over the expectations for the upcoming basketball seasons. **We expect at least one parent of each athlete to attend.** The players will receive similar instruction during practice, so they do not need to attend this meeting.



MS Girls Basketball Team Registration Opens Next Week - Deadline December 3



Registration for tryouts for the Middle School Girls Basketball team will **open next week on Monday, November 15.** The deadline for registering is December 3. *All athletes must have a current sports physical on file to be allowed to tryout for the team.*

Tryouts will take place on December 10-11 and the season schedule can be found online under the Athletics tab>Athletics Schedules or by clicking [here](#).

In anticipation of the upcoming Middle School Girls basketball season, there will be **two Open Gyms over the Thanksgiving Break** that are **free and open to all middle school girls**, regardless if they want to tryout for the team.

- Saturday, November 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Highlanders in Competition

November 15

- MS Boys Basketball @ Atlas Prep - 4:00 p.m.

November 16 - none

November 17

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

November 18 - None

November 19

- MS Boys Basketball vs. James Irwin - 4:00 p.m.



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](#).



Save the Date

- 11/22-26** - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/2-3** - Senior Drama III Performance
- 12/8-9** - Winter Fine Arts Night
- 12/14** - Last Day of Classes
- 12/15-17** In Service/No School
- 12/16** - High School Dance!!!
- 12/20-31** Winter Break

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