



FRIDAY FOLDER

Upper School Friday Folder November 19, 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

Thanksgiving Break - November 22-26



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

Final Senior Drama Performances - December 2-3



The final group of seniors will be putting on two performances of **Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on December 2 and 3 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Auditorium. Come support our seniors in their last drama performances and **enjoy lots of laughter in this fun-filled comedy of Shakespeare!** Performances are free. *Masks are required of all audience members.*

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

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.

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.



Reminder: Winter Fine Arts Nights Schedule of Performances

We are so pleased to finally be able to have our normal **Fine Arts Nights** again! Like in the past, they will take place at **Wasson Academic Campus from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** The following schedule for Winter Fine Arts Nights was emailed to parents by the orchestra teachers this past week. The evenings will also include poetry recitation by some of the 6th grade Public Performance students. More details about the evenings will be forthcoming.

Wednesday, December 8:

- Orchestra I alphas
- Orchestra II alphas
- Orchestra III alphas
- Orchestra IV (all)
- Orchestra VI (all)

Thursday, December 9:

- Orchestra I betas
- Orchestra II betas
- Orchestra III betas
- Orchestra V (all)
- Orchestra VII (all)

Family-Hosted Cookie Exchange for Faculty/Staff - Tuesday, December 14



Please consider contributing a dozen (or more) holiday cookies for MacLaren's annual family-hosted cookie exchange. Staff will be able to make their own plates of cookies to celebrate the upcoming winter break. There are over 150 employees, so we would love to have lots of cookies to offer them! Cookies should be brought to school Monday or Tuesday, December 13 or 14. Please click [here](#) to sign-up. Thanks!

Contact Becky Fuller at fuller.family@live.com with any questions you may have.

Save the Date: High School Dance! - December 16

MacLaren High School Students
are invited to:

It's a Wonderful Life!

HS Holiday Dance Party
Thursday, December 16
in the MacLaren Commons
7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 6:30)



\$10 Admission; tickets available on [MySchoolBucks](#)

Festive, dressy attire (see p. 57 of the [Parent-Student Handbook](#) under Honors Assemblies for appropriateness)

We are in need of parent volunteers to help before, during, and after the dance. Please take a look at the needs we have and see how you can contribute to make this a wonderful evening for our high school students! SignUpGenius link [here](#).

Follow Crossing Guard Directions During Drop-Off/Pick-Up



We have noticed some dangerous behavior of adults rushing to get across the crosswalks when the crossing guards have signaled to cars to pull forward and for pedestrians to wait. **Please follow the instructions of the crossing guards at all times.** We do not want to have any accidents in the pick-up/drop-off lane. Thank you for your cooperation!

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



Sign Up for
Text Alerts

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

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!

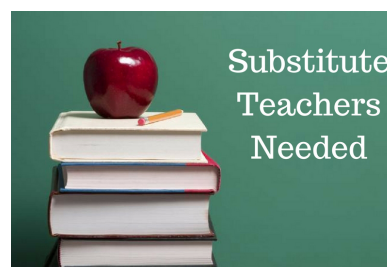
MacLaren is Hiring!



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](#).**



Highlander Athletics Updates - Weeks of November 22 & 29

MS Girls Basketball Team Registration - Deadline December 3

Registration for the Middle School Girls Basketball team is now open on [MySchoolBucks](#). The deadline for registering is December 3. *All athletes must have a current sports physical on file to tryout for the team.*



Tryouts will take place **December 10-15** and the 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 29

- MS Boys Basketball @ Banning Lewis - 4:00 p.m.

November 30

- HS Boys Basketball @ Vanguard
 - JV 5:30 p.m., Varsity 7:00 p.m.

December 1

- MS Boys Basketball CCAL Playoffs - TBD

December 2 - None

December 3 -

- MS Boys Basketball CCAL Championships - TBD
- HS Girls Basketball @ James Irwin Tournament
 - Varsity 3:30 p.m., JV 6:30 p.m.
- HS Varsity Boys Basketball @ James Irwin Tournament - 5:00 p.m.

December 4 -

- HS Girls Basketball @ James Irwin Tournament - TBD
- HS Varsity Boys Basketball @ James Irwin Tournament - TBD



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

- 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
- 1/3-7 - Evaluation Meetings
- 1/10 - US First Day of Classes

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