



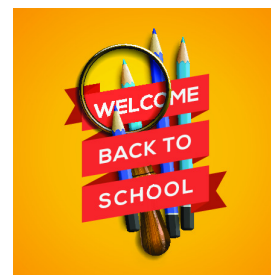
## Upper School Friday Folder August 13, 2021

*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*

### Welcome!

Welcome to the new school year and to our weekly Friday Folder!

Please keep your eyes peeled for each Friday Folder as we will have pertinent information and opportunities here every week. We will also archive them under the "Parent" tab on our website for your future reference. We are really looking forward to this school year. It has already gotten off to a great start!



### Front Desk Reminders

**Please note the important reminders of new procedures due to the pandemic. We apologize for the inconvenience.**

- **No visitors in the building, including parents/guardians.**
- **Picking up your child early?**
  - Email [macattendance@maclarenschool.org](mailto:macattendance@maclarenschool.org) 24 hours in advance.
  - Ring the bell at South Door.
  - Show ID at the camera - This is MANDATORY for pickup.
- **Child is arriving late for school?**
  - Email [macattendance@maclarenschool.org](mailto:macattendance@maclarenschool.org) with reason for tardiness so that it can be excused. If you do not send an email, the tardy will be unexcused.
  - We are no longer asking parents to sign their child in; instead they must email MacAttendance so that the tardy can be excused.
  - Please do not come in the building when bringing your child to school - just drop

off at the South Door and ring the bell.

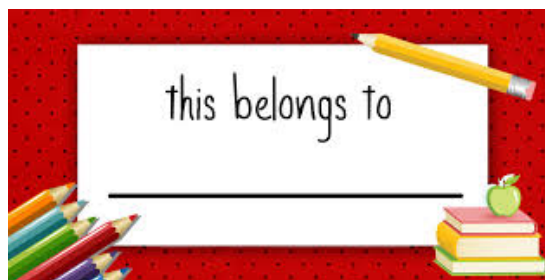
- **Child will be absent?**

- Email [macattendance@maclarenschool.org](mailto:macattendance@maclarenschool.org) with an explicit reason otherwise the attendance team will send an email asking for more specific information because of pandemic concerns.

Thank you so much for cooperating with these new protocols that have been set in place to keep your child healthy and safe while at school.

## Label! Label! Label!

This weekend, please **label all of your child's belongings** with their name - fleece, sweaters, hoodies, water bottles, pencil bags, etc. We cannot assist in getting lost possessions back to their rightful owner if they are not labeled with a name.



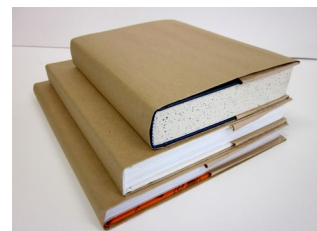
## Drop-off & Pick-up Reminders

1. We do not have permission to park in the church lot across the street.
2. If you have **any** Upper School student in your carpool, even if you also have Lower School students, pick-up time is at **3:35 (Mon-Thurs) or 2:45 p.m. (Fri)**. Unfortunately, we do not have the parking capacity for you to pick up Lower School students and then park and wait.
3. Students should not be getting into or out of cars unless the car is in the pick-up/drop-off lane or is parked in a parking space. Please do not let kids out of your car on Murray.
4. Drivers should use their turn signals when in the parking lot, in the pick-up/drop-off lane, and on Sawyer.
5. It is a Right-turn **ONLY** out of the MacLaren parking lot.
6. At all times, drivers should observe standard right-of-way laws. Right-turning traffic off Murray should **NOT** stop and allow left-turning vehicles to go ahead. Similarly, vehicles turning right into the parking lot should not pause to allow left-turning traffic off Sawyer.



## Cover your Books by Monday, August 16

All textbooks, hardbound, paperback and spiral bound are required to be covered by next Monday, August 16! This does not include the novels the students read in Lit/Comp or Humane Letters. Please assist your children with this task over the weekend.



1. Use thick brown paper grocery bags or mailing paper.
2. Use tape around all edges, the spine and corners with packing or duct tape and **insure tape does not adhere to any part of the book.**
3. A YouTube link for clear instructions may be found [HERE](#).

**VERY IMPORTANT!** Write child's last name in bold lettering along the spine as well as the front cover in permanent marker. This will help student's from inadvertently grabbing someone else's book and bringing it home by mistake.

## Mandatory Back to School Night - Thurs Sept. 2



At least one parent/guardian per family is asked to attend the **mandatory Back-to-School Night** on Thursday, September 2nd at 6:30 p.m. You will have a chance to meet your child's teachers and hear from Mr. LaBadie about important matters pertaining to the day-to-day life of the school. This event is **not for students**, just parents and guardians. We look forward to seeing you!

## Show the Staff & Faculty Your Appreciation!

The Parent Service Association invites any and all parents to donate snacks and drinks for the faculty/staff to enjoy throughout the day. This has always been a great pick-me-up and morale booster, and even more so now, when there is less personal contact between parents and MacLaren employees and a heavier workload on them.



There is a monthly sign-up that is coordinated by parent Beverly Frisbie. August's sign-up can be found [HERE!](#)

To join the email distro and receive the new sign-up link monthly, please email Beverly at [beverlyfrisbie@gmail.com](mailto:beverlyfrisbie@gmail.com). There is no obligation to sign up each month. Thank you for your generous support of all those who work at MacLaren!

## Buy MacMerch Online Today!



Show your Highlander spirit with **MacMerch!**

Socks, baseball caps, beanies, decals, lanyards, magnets, window clings, and Highlander masks in 3 different patterns! Order yours now on [MySchoolBucks!](#)

To see the full list of MacMerch available, click [here](#).

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## High School Socials are Back!

### Party on the Plaza

Fun and Games – Food and Friendship

Saturday, August 21

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10 on [MySchoolBucks](#)



9-Square in the Air & Full Sized Gaga Ball  
Brats cookout w/ Mr. Gallop & homemade dessert by Ms. Greishaber

Parents, Join the fun by volunteering [here](#).  
(If you are not yet a cleared volunteer, start [here](#).)

## Easy Ways to Earn Money for MacLaren While Shopping In-Person & Online



At MacLaren, we don't ask your family to sell Butter Braids, discount cards, or wrapping paper to help fundraise for the school. But we do have **easy ways that you can give back by utilizing fundraising programs that are already built in to your regular shopping routines**, whether online or in-person. We call it **Lifestyle Fundraising!** Over the years, **we have raised over \$10,000 through parent participation** in these different rebate programs. Please consider helping the school in this very easy AND very significant way. **For more information on Lifestyle Fundraising, click [here](#).**



### Save the Date

- 8/16 - MAPs Testing
- 8/21 - High School Party on the Plaza
- 9/2 - Upper School Mandatory Back to School Night
- 9/3 - Faculty/Staff In-Service Day, No School
- 9/6 - Labor Day, No School

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