



Upper School Friday Folder

August 20, 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 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.

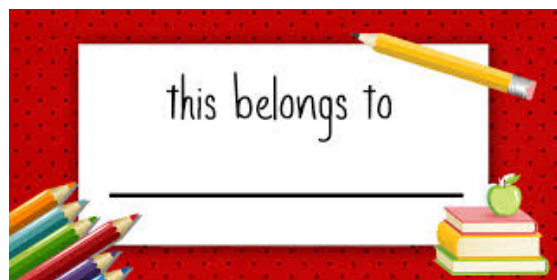
- **Picking up your child early?**
 - Email macattendance@maclarenschool.org 24 hours in advance.
 - Ring the bell at **South** Entrance. (see image)
 - Show ID at the window or to the camera - This is MANDATORY for pickup.
- **Child is arriving late for school?**
 - Email macattendance@maclarenschool.org 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 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



- We do not have permission to park in the church lot across the street.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Drivers should use their turn signals when in the parking lot, in the pick-up/drop-off lane, and on Sawyer.
 - It is a Right-turn **ONLY** out of the MacLaren parking lot.
 - 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.
- *Please do not drive through the apartment complex across the street. Those living there have noticed people speeding through which has put some of the residents there at risk.*

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



At least one parent/guardian per family is asked to attend the **mandatory Parent 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!

Highlander Athletics



Need to know where your student athlete is playing and practicing this week?

Or just want to cheer on our Highlanders?

[Click here](#) to see the Athletics schedule!

GO HIGHLANDERS!

TOMORROW - High School Party on the Plaza

Saturday, August 21

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10 in advance on [MySchoolBucks](#)

Fun and Games – Food and Friendship



Field Day Attire

9-Square in the Air & Full Sized Gaga Ball

Brats cookout w/ Mr. Gallup & homemade dessert by Ms. Greishaber

Questions? [Email](#) Joy Oram

Parents, join the fun and [sign up](#) to volunteer!

(If you are not yet a cleared volunteer, start [here](#).)

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.



[Sign up](#) to volunteer this month or [contact](#) MacLaren parent Beverly Frisbie to join the monthly email list.

There is no obligation to sign up! Thank you for your generous support of all those who work at MacLaren.

Get Involved: Join the Brigade!



Looking for another way to get involved in our community? Join a Brigade!

The Creamer Brigade keeps the fridges stocked with delicious coffee accoutrements to keep us moving and motivated. Sign up [HERE](#).

Join us in celebrating as part of the Birthday Brigade! If you'd like to join the crew that treats our faculty and staff on their special days, click [HERE](#).

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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](#).

**Prices subject to change.*



GrandPartner [grand-part-ner] ~
noun

1. The grandparents and similarly special friends in a student's life.

see also: wise, loving, supportive



Did you know that GrandPartners receive a special quarterly newsletter with unique opportunities? [Register](#) your child's GrandPartner today!

Don't delay! Our first **GrandPartners Gazette** edition of the '20-21 school year mails out at the end of this month.

Questions? [Email](#) Joy Oram

(GrandPartners previously signed up do not need to re-register)

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

8/21 - High School Party on the Plaza

9/2 - US Parent Back to School Night - Mandatory

9/3 - Faculty/Staff In-Service Day, No School

9/6 - Labor Day, No School

9/17 - MacLaren Society: *Dante's World*

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