



THOMAS
MACLAREN
SCHOOL

FRIDAY FOLDER

Upper School Friday Folder
November 5, 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

Time Change This Sunday - Fall Back!



Parents Need to Sign In Tardy Students

TARDY POLICY

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.

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.

Over the next week, we will offer courtesy calls and emails as families adjust. But starting on November 15th, this will be the expectation.

Vision and Hearing Screening - November 9-11

Students will have their vision and hearing screenings November 9-11. Screenings are done according to Colorado State Guidelines. All students in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th grades are screened. Only NEW students in 4th, 6th, 8th 10th-12th grade are screened, as well as any student on an IEP or 504 plan. The screening includes a basic vision acuity and pure tone air conduction hearing screening. ***If your student wears glasses or contacts, or if they use a hearing aid, please ensure they have them during the testing week.*** Please be aware that you will only be notified if your student fails the vision and/or hearing screening.



Spread the Word! K-12 Information Night - Thursday, November 11

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**TUITION
FREE!**

K-12
INFORMATION
NIGHT

6:30 p.m.
Thursday,
November 11

ENROLLING ALL GRADES K-12
2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR

1702 N. Murray Blvd,
Colorado Springs, CO 80915

We are excited to finally have an in-person K-12 Information Night! Spread the word to your friends, neighbors and co-workers that MacLaren is hosting this evening on **Thursday, November 11 beginning at 6:30 p.m.** These evenings are an essential part of the enrollment process.

No RSVP needed. Masks are not required but are highly recommended. Please direct any questions to our Director of Enrollment, Brigette Mysliwiec at enrollment@maclarenschool.org.

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.

Enrolling a Sibling in MacLaren Next Year? Submit Letter of Intent Today!

If you intend to enroll a sibling for the first time next fall, you **MUST fill out a Letter of Intent and submit it no later than January 28**, or your child will not receive a guaranteed spot in the class you are enrolling them for.

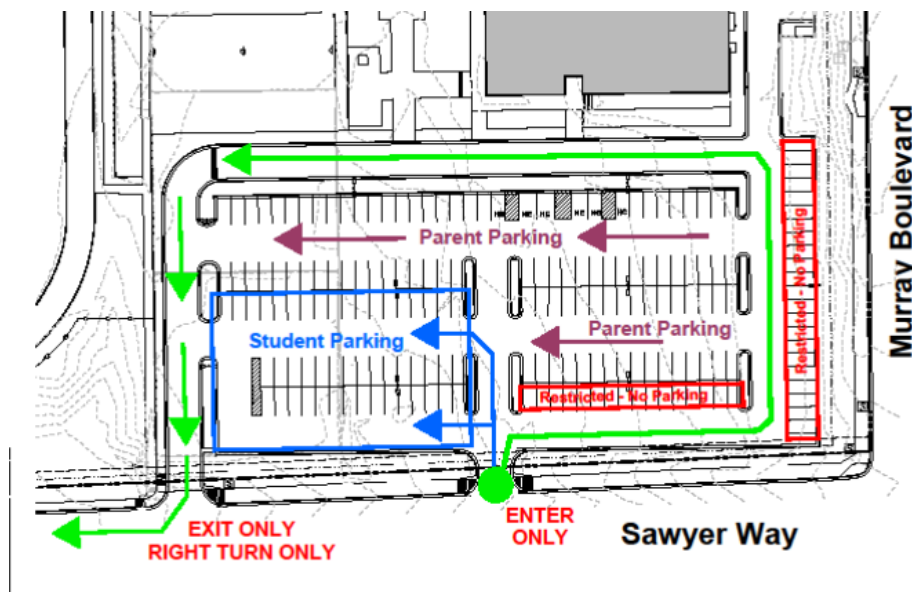
The Letter of Intent form can be found here:
<https://secure.infosnap.com/family/gosnap.aspx?action=30084&culture=en>

Please direct any questions regarding enrollment to Brigette Mysliwiec, Director of Enrollment, at enrollment@maclarenschool.org.



Park in Designated Spots Only - Please, Do Not Park in Student Parking

High school students who have a parking pass are struggling to find a parking spot in the morning in what is designated as student parking on the west side of the South Lot. Please see the attached picture to see exactly where students allowed to park, and **please park only in the parent parking spaces**. Thank you!



Used Uniform Fleeces and Cardigans For Sale on MySchoolBucks



We have gone through the donated used uniform pieces and added them to [MySchoolBucks](#) as a more convenient way for parents to purchase a fleece or cardigan, since they are in short supply currently. These pieces are available first come, first served. Please direct any questions about this sale to Staci Hanson at shanson@maclarenschool.org.

Highlander Athletics Updates - Week of November 8

Deadline for HS Boys/Girls Basketball Registration - Wednesday, Nov. 10

The HS basketball season begins with **tryouts starting on November 15** and the regular season runs through mid-

February.

REGISTER NOW!

To participate in tryouts:

- Register and pay athletic fee at [MySchoolBucks](#)
- Submit a current sports physical (*Any athlete whose physical expires mid-season must renew the exam prior to expiration.*)

The deadline to complete these items is **Wednesday, November 10.**

Visit the [Athletics Schedules](#) page on the website for current schedules.

Please direct any questions to Mrs. Steigerwald, Athletic Director, at csteigerwald@maclarenschool.org.

Highlanders in Competition

November 8

- MS Boys Basketball @ Rocky Mountain Classical - 4:00 p.m.

November 9 - none

November 10

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

November 11 - None

November 12 - None



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
- 12/20-31 Winter Break

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