



THOMAS
MACLAREN
SCHOOL

FRIDAY FOLDER

Upper School Friday Folder
December 3, 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

Final Senior Drama Performance - Tonight!



The final group of seniors will be putting on their last performance of **Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream** tonight 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.*



Instructions for Winter Fine Arts Nights - December 8-9

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)

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 evenings will also include poetry recitation by some of the 6th grade Public Performance students.

Please use this [campus map](#) as a reference for the instructions below.

Students:

- **Orchestra I arrive at 5:45 p.m. Orchestras II-VII arrive at 6:00 p.m.** (unless your sibling is in Orchestra I).
- **Students need to come in concert dress.** See page 55 of the [Parent-Student Handbook](#) for details. If a girl wants to wear a skirt, it must be full length.
- Students should enter at the main auditorium entrance.
- Students are responsible for taking their own instruments (except basses).
- **Bass Players:** We are in need of parents to help transport basses to Fine Arts Night on Wednesday, December 8, and others to transport basses back to school after Fine Arts Night on Thursday, December 9. For those bringing a bass back to school on the 9th, the options are to either take the instrument(s) home with you and return them to school on Friday, December 10, or return them to MacLaren immediately after Fine Arts Night on the 9th.
 - Please email Mr. Redpath at kredpath@maclarenschool.org 1) if you are able to transport a bass, 2) how many basses you might be able to transport, and 3) if you are able to take a bass to Wasson on December 8 (picking it up right after school) OR if you will be returning the basses to MacLaren on the 9th or 10th.

Parking: Guests should park in the south lot or on the street. Guest entrance is the main auditorium entrance indicated on the map linked above. Faculty will be on hand directing guests where to go. Please do not arrive before 5:45 p.m.

REMINDER: There are no extracurriculars, athletic practices or games, and no ASSH on December 8 & 9.

We are looking forward to this festive end to the first semester of orchestra class!

Sign Up for Evaluation Conferences - Deadline Tuesday, December 14



The Upper School teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents to discuss student evaluations between January 3-7.

All parents/guardians will **receive today an email with instructions on how to sign up for their child's evaluation conference time slot.**

Please note the following:

- The **deadline** for signing up is **Tuesday, December 14**. If you miss that deadline, you will be assigned a time slot.
- **Time slots are 20 minutes long**. Each student is allotted one time slot. We are **not able to accommodate more than one conference per student**.
- **6th-10th grade students are not invited** into their evaluation conference.
- **Juniors and Seniors are expected to attend their evaluation**, in uniform, prepared to self-evaluate themselves.
- Please **read your child's evaluation before you arrive**. There will be no copies available at the conference. **Juniors and Seniors should NOT read their evaluation.**
- **Missed conferences cannot be rescheduled.**
- Please direct any questions about sign ups to Mrs. Randolph at rrandolph@maclarenschool.org.

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 for faculty/staff. They 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](#). If you have any questions about the event, please contact Mrs. Oram at joram@maclarenschool.org.

Copy Paper Donations Needed



Half way through the year, we find our stock of copy paper is quite low. **Please consider picking up a few reams and donating them to the school before the end of the semester.** Thank you for your generosity!

Lifestyle Fundraising While You Buy Gifts and Food this Holiday Season



During the holiday season, our spending increases as we give gifts and have more people in our homes for festive meals. **Did you know that when you do your regular shopping at [King Soopers](#), [Safeway](#), [American Furniture Warehouse](#), and on [Amazon](#), you could easily unlock donations from those companies to the school and it doesn't cost you anything extra?** Click on the links above to see how easy it is to get those donations flowing to MacLaren without too much effort. Thanks!

Reserve Your Upper School Yearbook Today!



Parents can now place their Upper School Yearbook order on [MySchoolBucks](#). The price is \$30.00 and they will be distributed at the end of the school year in May. Please direct any questions regarding yearbook orders to Mrs. Hanson at shanson@maclarenschool.org.

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!



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



All MacLaren families should have received **the Annual Appeal letter** in the mail. In it, there are 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!

Highlander Athletics Updates - Week of December 6

MS Girls Basketball Tryouts - Friday, December 10



Tryouts for the Middle School Girls Basketball team will be from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 10. Please direct any questions you have to Mrs. Steigerwald at csteigerwald@maclarenschool.org.

Highlanders in Competition

December 6 - None

December 7 - None

December 8 - None

December 9 - None

December 10 -

- HS Varsity Boys Basketball @ ECA Tournament - 8:30 p.m.

December 11 -

- HS JV Girls Basketball @ ECA Tournament (Soroco) - 10:30 a.m.
- HS JV Boys Basketball @ ECA Tournament - 12:00 p.m.
- HS Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Fountain Valley - 2:30 p.m.
- HS Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Fountain Valley - 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

- 12/14 - Last Day of Classes - normal dismissal time
- 12/15-17 - In Service/No School
- 12/16 - High School Dance!!!
- 12/20-31 - Winter Break
- 1/3-7 - Evaluation Meetings/Project Week
- 1/10 - US Project Day - Half Day
- 1/11 - K-12 1st Full Day of Classes

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