



FRIDAY FOLDER

Upper School Friday Folder September 24, 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

Financial Need Survey



The pandemic has affected us all in different ways. One clear need that we continue to keep our eyes on is the financial hardship that COVID-19 has intensified for some in our community. **If you have a financial need that we might be able to assist with**, we would ask you to share any information you are comfortable sharing so that we can work to find ways to better support you. If you are interested, please find a survey [here](#).

Immunization Compliance Deadline

Any student that is not up to date on immunizations, or does not have a current exemption on file, will be receiving a non-compliance letter, and will have 14 days to get compliant per Colorado law ([Board of Health, Rule 6 CCR 1009-2](#)). **All students attending Colorado schools have to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is filed.** The minimum number and spacing of doses is set forth in the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) [Child](#) and [Adolescent](#) Immunization Schedules.



Reminder: Morning Assembly Attendance

A reminder from our Parent-Student Handbook regarding unexcused tardies:

If a student accumulates multiple unexcused tardies, **including to morning assembly**, then they may receive a consequence. At three (3) unexcused tardies, a student may receive a 20-minute



detention. After six (6), the student may receive a 30-minute detention. After eight (8) unexcused tardies, a conference may be held with the parents, and the student becomes eligible for In-School Suspension (ISS).

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please reach out to your child's Dean. You can find a list of the Deans and their email addresses on our website [Upper School Faculty Directory](#). Click on the "All" menu and select Upper School Deans. Then click on "Search".

School Store Delivery Delays Update

It has come to our attention that due to supply chain shortages that are outside the control of BSN, our school store provider, **the following items will be delayed in shipping.** The current estimate of when they will leave the warehouse is October 25.

- Highlander hoodies
- Highlander 1/4 zip
- Highlander T-shirts

The following items are out-of-stock for the foreseeable future :

- MacLaren US uniform fleece, size youth small
- MacLaren US uniform fleece, size youth medium

We apologize for the inconvenience of not having these items available as advertised. We will keep you updated on shipping dates and restocking of items. If you have any further questions, please contact Mrs. Coleman at kcoleman@maclarenschool.org.



Retrieving Student Items from Locker When Child is Sick



When your child is unable to come to school because of illness or quarantine, please follow the instructions below to help make the picking up of their school items go more efficiently.

- **If your child is home sick with a non-COVID related illness**, please plan to **bring a bag, your child's locker number, and locker combination** to the Main Entrance of the school. **Be prepared to show identification to be cleared to enter the school** where you will be able to retrieve the materials from the locker yourself.
- **If your child has been quarantined or isolated due to COVID**, your **child's Dean or teacher will gather all of the necessary academic materials** and leave them at the Main Entrance. The Front Desk team will reach out to you when the items are ready to be picked up.

If you have any questions about these protocols, please contact Mrs. Finch at dfinch@maclarenschool.org.

Student Survey Next Week

As part of a cohort of schools who have received a RISE grant to study student engagement, we are administering a short survey to

students next week. This survey will ask students to evaluate themselves on their own engagement at school. If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Mr. LaBadie at blabadie@maclarenschool.org.



Highlander Athletics Updates - Week of September 26

Middle School Boys Basketball Registration Deadline Tuesday, Sept. 28



Middle School boys basketball season is quickly approaching! **Practices start on Monday, October 4.** Register today at [MySchoolBucks](#). The **registration deadline is Tuesday, September 28.** Please note: A current sports physical filled out by your health provider is necessary to be able to practice.

Direct any questions to the Athletic Director, Mrs. Steigerwald, at csteigerwald@maclarenschool.org.

Basketball Open Gyms Schedule Update

MS Boys Open Gym Schedule Changes:

- Tuesday, September 28: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, September 30: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- No open gym on Saturday, October 2

HS Boys Open Gyms continue on Saturdays only, except over Fall Break (October 9)

HS Girls Open Gyms will begin the week of October 10. More details to follow.

Highlander Games and Meets This Week

September 27

- MS Boys Soccer CCAL Playoffs @ TBD** - 4:00 p.m.
- MS Girls Volleyball vs. Peyton - 4:00 p.m. *We need to win to advance to the playoffs. Come cheer on your Highlanders!*

September 28

- HS Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Fountain Valley - 4:00 p.m.
- HS JV Boys Soccer vs. Atlas Prep - 6:00 p.m.

September 29

- MS Boys Soccer CCAL Championships @ TBD** - 4:00 p.m.
- MS Girls Volleyball CCAL Playoffs @ TBD** - 4:00 p.m.

September 30

- No games/meets

October 1

- HS Cross Country Doherty Spartan Invite @ Bear Creek Park - 2:00 p.m.
- MS Cross Country Meet CCAL Championship @ Fox Run Park - 4:00 p.m.
- MS Girls Volleyball CCAL Championships @ TBD** - 4:00 p.m.

October 2

- HS Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Dawson HS - 11:00 a.m.
- HS JV Boys Soccer vs. Air Academy C-Team - 2:00 p.m.



** = check Athletics Calendar for final location

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](#).

Annual Home Game Admission Passes are Back!



We are excited to announce that Annual Passes to home athletics events are once again available for purchase! **Passes are valid for the entire 2021-22 academic year, at either high school or middle school home games.**

The three types of passes available are:

Annual Pass – Family \$100

This pass may be used by the entire family, a portion of the family, or any individual within the immediate family for admission.

Annual Pass – Student \$40

This pass may be used by one individual K-12 student for admission.

Annual Pass – GrandPartner \$25

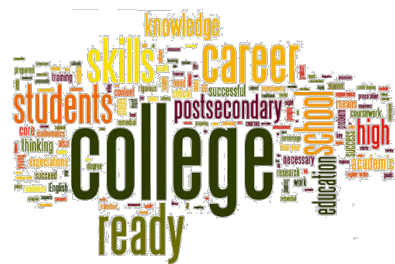
This pass may be used by one individual aged 55 or older for admission.

With the admission charge set by the Black Forest League for HS Events at \$6 for adults and \$5 for students, these passes will pay for themselves quickly!

Look for them in the School Store on [MySchoolBucks](#) or purchase at the gate of any home game.

Senior Parents College Night via Zoom - Tuesday, September 28

Parents of 12th graders are invited to attend a Zoom meeting with the college counselors on Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. During the parent night, the **counselors will be discussing how parents can support their child during the college application process, resources for application completion, and a general overview of Financial Aid and resources.** The Zoom link will be sent to parents via email just prior to the event. Please direct any questions to Ms. Cooper at acooper@maclarenschool.org or Mrs. Fadgen at efadgen@maclarenschool.org.



Want to Buy a Spirit Shirt, Fleece or Highlander Gear? School Store Opens on Thursday, September 30

We will again be selling Spirit Shirts, uniform fleece, and Highlander Fan Gear beginning on September 30. **This will be the last time the School Store at BSN will be open this semester.** Items ordered during this window are estimated to be delivered before Thanksgiving Break, however unforeseen issues with the supply chain **may delay delivery by several**



weeks. Also, US uniform fleece, sizes Youth Small and Youth Medium, are currently out-of-stock. The order form links will be posted [on the website](#) on September 30.

Senior Drama Productions: Sept. 30-Oct. 1 and Oct. 4-5

Some of the senior class will be presenting the first two plays of the senior drama season. We hope you can join us in the MacLaren Auditorium for these **free performances**. They will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run approximately two hours.

Students will receive clan points for attending!



- **September 30-October 1:** *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw
- **October 4-5:** *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde

Please note: Knowing that keeping students from getting quarantined is a high priority and that mixed cohorts is one of the things that contributes to further exposure, we have decided to have our upcoming senior Drama performances be masked events for the audience. The students performing will not wear a mask, but **we are requiring masks for all audience members**. This will allow students and adults to attend the performance and sit where they like without our needing to do any contact tracing or seating charts at these events. We will have masks at the entrance for anyone who forgets to bring a mask. We are thrilled to be able to put on live performances again! **Thank you for wearing a mask for two short hours, allowing us to minimize the spread of COVID and the need to quarantine anyone as a result of these performances.**

Community Stargazing Event Returns! - Saturday, October 2



Come enjoy a night of hands-on science and community as we host the National Space Science and Technology Institute, the Colorado Springs Astronomical Society, Cool Science... and food trucks on our MacLaren Campus. The event will run from **5:30-9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 2.**

This fun night is **free and open to the public!** Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, your friends and your family!

There will be **four food trucks onsite** for your dining pleasure, or you can bring a picnic of your own.

Volunteers are needed to help run this fun event. Click [here](#) to see how you can help!

If you have questions about this event, please contact Mrs. Oram, Director of Community Engagement, at joram@maclarenschool.org.

Make-Up Day for School Photos - Monday, October 4

If your child was absent the day of school photos, there will be a make-up day on Monday, October 4. The **order form for US students** can be found [here](#). You may also **order your photos online** at this [link](#). *Please note that LS and US have separate order forms/webpages.* The late fee for orders placed after September 30 will be waived for these students.



Save the Date

- 10/4** - Make-up Day for School Photos
- 10/4-5** - Senior Drama II Performances
- 10/6** - No School/In-Service
- 10/7-8** - Fall Break
- 10/13** - PSAT for 11th Graders
- 10/14** - Junior Parent College Night via Zoom
- 10/20-21** - Public Performance Plays
- 10/22** - MacLaren String Quartet Performance

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