

It's Back-To-School time, GrandPartners, and time for the *Moving In*, *Moving Up*, and *Moving On* edition of the Fall *GrandPartners Gazette*. Our only problem? We never have enough space to tell you about all the good things happening at Thomas MacLaren School. We hope you'll come and see for yourself. We're open, and your grandchildren are learning and growing. Please read about our events and watch your email for special GrandPartner invitations throughout the year.

MOVING IN: MacLaren enrolled a record 82 kindergartners this year and opened four kindergarten classes. These little Highlanders are making friends and learning the respectful ways of a MacLaren classroom, where they are already learning phonics, art, science, the Kodály method of singing, and Singapore math, "my all-time favorite!" according to a kindergartner of my acquaintance. This young scholar is also quite taken with Miss Anemaet, a teacher trained as a scientist, who has introduced the children to the cottonmouth snake and its "very long tongue." The new students are listening as teachers read aloud to them, and, before you know it, they will be reading independently.



MOVING UP: Fifth grade students graduated to sixth grade, trading the grey uniform shirts of the Lower School for the maroon of the sixth through eighth grades of middle school. They began playing in the string orchestra. They began learning Latin. Each joined one of the friendship clans. (Ask your grandchildren about these little communities within the school.) And they learned to negotiate metal lockers with combination locks. The first days of school were filled with the sounds of students at the lockers helping one another—"I think you need to turn it counter-clockwise first"—as they put books in and took books out and scurried to class.



Eighth grade students moved up from middle school to high school. They donned that bane of the laundry, the ninth through twelfth grade white shirt, and took on the responsibility of being examples for, and leaders in, the school. They entered the world of respectful debate in Humane Letters Seminar, and will prepare to take the stage for a Shakespearean play. These are the years of learning computer coding, of choosing a second foreign language once the four years of Latin is done. The work in these years is demanding and engaging. Be sure to ask your grandchild what he or she is reading or playing in orchestra or discovering in the science lab. You'll be amazed.

Our Mission

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. To that end, we expect students to develop basic tools of learning, ordered basic knowledge, moral seriousness, breadth and depth of imagination, artistic ability and sensitivity, and a sense of wonder.

Thomas MacLaren School - founded in 2008

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MOVING ON: Graduation The graduation ceremony for the class of 2022 was back in the City Auditorium in downtown Colorado Springs, a building designed by the architect, Thomas MacLaren, for whom the school is named.

The graduates were exhorted by former MacLaren board chair, and proud *GrandPartner* of five, Melissa Nussbaum, to remember: *"The goal of your education is humanity, in full, awake to the world, awake to one another, awake to all that is worthy, awake to wonder. The goal of your education is to become, and to remain, men and women learning in community and conversation with one another. Your teachers know what you must never forget: You were made for truth. You were made for beauty. You were made for goodness. Truth. Beauty. Goodness: This is your birthright. And—wherever you live, whatever your work—to know truth, to create beauty, to practice goodness, this is your high and noble calling."*

SPEAKING OF MOVING: Let's Talk Highlander Sports! Fall sports are here and our athletic fields and gym are busy with activity! MacLaren **High School Boys Soccer** team is ranked #1 in State for 2A after winning a season-opening tournament. And, coming up strong, the **Middle School Boys Soccer** team made it to regional playoffs last year and looks competitive again this fall.

MacLaren High School girls and Middle and High School boys can compete in a **sport new to the school, Volleyball**. We thank Athletic Director Chrissy Steigerwald for her leadership in growing the MacLaren sports program. Come watch the **Middle School and High School Girls Volleyball** compete at the net this fall.

MacLaren **High School Boys Cross Country** team took 5th at the state finals last year with many of those championship runners returning for the fall season. The **Middle School Boys Cross Country** team wasn't far behind, placing 6th at state, with many of their runners back to



compete. Watch for our **Girls Middle and High School Cross Country** teams to come on strong for the fall '22 season.

Go, Highlanders!

SCHOOL EVENTS

GrandPartners are always invited!

Community Stargazing
September 24, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
MacLaren Campus

Senior Drama I:
Moliere's "Les Femmes Savantes"
October 3 and 4, 6:30 p.m.
Senior Drama II: Moliere's "Scapin"
October 6 and 7, 6:30 p.m.
MacLaren Auditorium

MacLaren Society: Cosmic Ripples
The Space Foundation
October 8, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Reservations Required

Community Folk Dance Night
October 28, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
MacLaren Commons Area

Senior Drama III: tbd
December 1 and 2: 6:30 p.m.
Senior Drama IV: tbd
December 5 and 6, 6:30 p.m.

Winter Fine Arts Night
December 7 and 8, 6:30 p.m.
Wasson Auditorium

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