



Dear Parents,

I trust your child is enjoying their time with family and friends during summer break. My hope is each student will return rested, refreshed, and ready to begin a new school year. Hopefully, this information will assist you in getting your child organized and answer any questions you may have about the upcoming year.

Summer Work: Please remind your child about their summer work. All summer work assignments can be found by clicking [here](#).

Handbook Changes: The Student/Parent Handbook will be uploaded on the website soon under www.maclay.org/USLinks. There are some significant changes. Be sure to pay special attention to the following sections:

- [Daily Schedule](#)
- [Attendance](#)
- [Student Care Plan](#)
- [Dress Code](#)

Dress for Success: Every Wednesday, each student is required to dress in attire as outline below. **The first Dress for Success Day will be August 18**. No denim of any color is allowed except for outerwear. During cold periods, any dress code-appropriate outerwear is allowed on top of the required attire outlined below.

Ladies: Dress pantsuit, a dress or skirt with a blouse must be worn. No water shoes, including but not limited to crocs and flip-flops.

Gentlemen: A collared dress shirt, dress slacks, belt, and tie must be worn during the entire school day. Shirts must be tucked in during the entire school day. A sports jacket or blazer is optional but preferred. No water shoes, including but not limited to crocs and flip-flops.

Upper School Links: Please click [here](#) for important Upper School Forms and Schedules or visit www.maclay.org/USLinks

Course Schedules: Your child's schedule will be emailed on July 19. Students should carefully review the courses they have been assigned and email their academic advisor with any questions, concerns, or changes needed. Often, changes are difficult, but we will try to accommodate any changes that are necessary.

Lockers: All Freshmen and new students will be assigned lockers and locks. All returning students who wish to have a locker must contact Mrs. Croston, Academic Dean, at acroston@maclay.org

Supply List: While there is no "official" supply list for Upper School, below is an idea of the essential supplies students will need to be successful throughout the year. On the first day of class, each individual teacher will give students a policy sheet that will include specific supplies needed for his/her class.

General Supply List for Most Classes:

- Notebook Paper
- Pencils (#2)
- Ink Pens: Blue and/or Black
- 3 Ring Binders and Dividers
- Graphing Calculator (TI-83 Plus required but 84 Plus preferred)
- Laptop

Textbooks: Once you receive your schedule, you will find a complete list of textbooks/class materials for your student on the Maclay Online Bookstore at maclay.ecampus.com. When students are on the website, they should use their Maclay email as their username. Returning students should use their password from last year (reset it if you do not remember it). New students will need to use the Maclay email and create a password. This year, eCampus offers our Maclay families two options when ordering textbooks:

- **Option 1: Rental Bundle** - When logged into our eCampus bookstore, your student's schedule is linked to all the materials they need for each class. The rental bundle is a flat \$430 fee (with FREE shipping to your home). This rental bundle has proven to be significantly less costly than purchasing books and materials a la carte (**Option 2**) and automatically sends materials for added classes when schedules change. At the end of the school year, students simply return their non-consumables directly to eCampus.
- **Option 2: Shop by Course** - Also found on the eCampus website, this option allows your student to search each class and choose only what they want to buy (new, used, rental, marketplace). For this option, dropped course materials will need to be returned unused (within 30 days of when classes begin) and new materials ordered separately.

For questions about ordering from eCampus, please contact eCampus Customer Service at 844-523-8980 or Jen Crusoe, our Maclay textbook coordinator (jcrusoe@maclay.org).

Enrichment Courses: During FLEX, there will be Enrichment Courses offered to help students embrace intellectual challenges and expand their horizons. These courses are designed to open students' minds to new ideas, encourage their creativity, and help them to think and problem solve in new and exciting ways. A list of courses will be forthcoming.

New Student Orientation: Monday, August 9th at 9:00 a.m., all NEW 10th-12th grade students and parents are invited to Langford Hall for an orientation that will consist of an overview of the Upper School and its Administration. New families (from 2020 and 2021) are also invited to an ice cream social on Wednesday, August 4th from 6pm-7pm at Webster. We hope to see you there.

Freshman Academy Orientation: Tuesday, August 10th from 5:00pm-8:00pm, ALL 9th grade students are invited to meet in front of the Webster Center with Freshman Academy Director Angela Croston for fun class activities geared to help students transition to the Upper School. Mrs. Croston will be sending an email with further information.

New Faculty: When your son or daughter returns to campus, there will be a few new faces in the Upper School. We are excited to welcome to our faculty: Dr. Thomas Bevilacqua (English), Mr. Tyler Allee (Math), and Mr. John Gussaroff (Math).

Finally, parents, if you have not already done so, please make sure you create your FACTS Family Portal account. FACTS will be replacing PowerSchool and provide most of your school needs in one location such as payments, Marauder Meals, grades, calendar, etc. For instructions go to www.maclay.org/FamilyPortal.

I am excited about the upcoming year, and I hope this letter serves to ease your child's transition back to school. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

All the Best,

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Upper School Director

