



# Upper School



Dear Parents:

We made it through another fantastic year! As we close this year, the Upper School teachers and I are simultaneously deeply planning for the 2023-24 academic year. We look forward to offering new courses and opportunities for students to explore, including but not limited to the following: enhanced opportunities in our Academic Concentrations, Vocal Ensemble, Dance Technique, Abnormal Psychology in Film, African American History, Holocaust Literature, and Film, Greek, and Contemporary Issues. Before I end this note, I want to mention a few things...

- **Summer Work:** Please remind your child about their summer work. All summer work assignments can be found by clicking [here](#).
- **2023 Course Schedules:** Your child's schedule will be emailed mid-July. Students should 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.
- **FLEX:** During FLEX, there will be mandatory enrichment opportunities offered to help students embrace intellectual challenges and expand their horizons. Students will be required to stay on campus for the entirety of Flex when these opportunities are presented. To help with scheduling, we will produce a FLEX calendar this summer that will include mandatory offerings and dates.
- **Student Experience:** To ensure greater uniformity in providing the best student experience possible, we are exploring ways to better define student accountability and behavior. Our goal is to provide better opportunities for teachers and students to build their relationships and to provide a framework that will provide a consistent approach to regulate acceptable and unacceptable behavior. Our objectives are to, fairly and without delay, consistently enforce Maclay's Honor Code, Community Statement, and US Handbook rules and procedures.

As time progresses, things change — the school dress code is one of them. One of the topics being discussed internally is the possibility of bringing a version of the current Middle School uniform dress code policy into the Upper School beginning in the Fall of 2024. As we did with Lower School and Middle School families years ago, we are asking for your feedback. Your feedback will help provide details of a transition plan for the administration and Board of Trustees to review.

Our goal is simply to better support our students' academic, social, and emotional development and add another tier of security to our campus. Only current 9th and 10th grade parents and students should take the survey by clicking [here](#). Please respond by June 5, 2023.

For the 2023-24 school year, we will be implementing a stricter dress code that will continue to provide leeway for individuality but, at the same time, maintain a standard of modesty and provide a productive learning environment throughout the Upper School. This information will be sent later this summer.

I am excited about the upcoming year, and I hope this letter serves to provide you with a glimpse of the 2023 school year. Enjoy the summer, and please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

All the Best,

Charles E. Beamer, Jr.  
Assistant Head of School  
Upper School Director

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## Athletic Teams and Workouts:

Are you playing a sport this coming year or want to workout this summer? Visit [www.maclay.org/workout](http://www.maclay.org/workout) to view the summer training and workout schedule for many of our teams or to view the weight room schedule and hours for the Peipers Field House.

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## Reminders:

- Textbook rentals are due back Friday, June 2nd. Visit [maclay.ecampus.com](http://maclay.ecampus.com) for instructions.
  - Schedules will be posted in mid-July. At that time, you will receive an email with instructions on the online bookstore opening and the process for ordering textbooks.
  - There is no school supply list for Upper School. You will need just your basic school supplies like paper, notebooks, pencils and pens. The laptop and graphing calculator you used in middle school should be acceptable for Upper School. See the Upper School website for details on laptops and calculators.
  - New Upper School Student Orientation is Monday, August 7 in Langford Hall from 4:00pm-5:00pm.
  - First day of class for Upper School Students is Wednesday, August 9.
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## Freshman Reminders:

- Freshman Academy Orientation for all 9th graders: Monday, August 7th from 5pm-8pm . RSVP with your t-shirt size [here](#).
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[2023-2024 School Calendar](#)



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