

MACLAY SCHOOL CONNECTION DAYS

LOWER SCHOOL: AUGUST 7 & 10 | MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL: AUGUST 10&11



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WHAT IS CONNECTION DAY?

Connection Day is a dedicated time for every family to personally meet with their child's homeroom teacher.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

- **Personal Connection:** Ensure each student has a reliable adult advocate on campus.
- **Community Building:** Foster a sense of belonging within the school community.
- **Communication Hub:** Act as a liaison between students, teachers, and parents.
- **Parent Partnership:** Cultivate strong relationships between parents and the school through consistent communication with a faculty member.
- **Resource Navigation:** Provide a central point of contact to connect students and families with on-campus resources—such as counseling, tutoring, college advising, learning support, or enrichment opportunities—now or as future needs arise.



WHAT HAPPENS DURING YOUR APPOINTMENT?

- This **25-minute individual meeting** with your child's homeroom teacher will provide valuable information to your teacher that will help your family's year be as successful as possible.
- Discussion Topics May Include:**
- » Your child's interests and learning preferences.
 - » Hopes and any concerns for the school year.
 - » Helpful family insights to support your child's success.

Teachers May Ask:

- » What are your child's favorite subjects?
- » Do they enjoy sports, arts, or other extracurriculars?
- » Is there anything we should know to best support your child?



WHAT ELSE CAN FAMILIES DO THAT DAY?

- Attend the **Back-to-School Fair** in Langford Hall 9am-2:30pm on Friday, August 7th and Monday, August 10th, so that you can ask questions, learn about programs, get a campus tour, and more.

Who Will Be There?

- » Technology Team
- » Student Health Services
- » Kids Club/Enrichment
- » Music Academy
- » Athletics
- » Volunteer information
- » TruBru Café will be open
- » Student Support Services
- » Center for Academic Excellence
- » Marauder Meals
- » The MARC
- » College Counseling
- » Clubs
- » Parking Permits



- Take a **campus tour** with Student Ambassadors. Walk your child's schedule, tour campus, get comfortable learning your way around.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Families will receive an email with a link via **Bookings** the week of July 27th to book an appointment with your child's homeroom teacher. Due to schedule restraints, multiple household families will attend the same meeting.
- Leave yourself an hour to visit the **Back-to-School Fair** in Langford Hall as well as your Connection meeting.



Q&A

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What if I'm not able to make a Connection meeting?

Reach out to your child's homeroom teacher to reschedule a one-on-one meeting for a time that works for both of you within two weeks of school starting.

What if I'm familiar with campus and the teachers and have no concerns, do I still need to make an appointment?

Yes, every child should have at least one parent to attend the meeting. This meeting benefits you but also your child's teacher so they can learn more about your child and help make it a great year.

Will there be more Connection Days?

Yes, the Conference Days in October and March.

What if I want to contact another administrator or program director? Your Homeroom teacher will be able to advise you on who to contact or you can visit the webpage at www.maclay.org/BacktoSchool and click the Who to Contact or Directory button.

Does my child need to come to the meeting?

No, the Connection meeting is for parents and teachers, but you are still welcome to have your child attend. Lower School families will be able to have their child meet with the teacher for the first part of the meeting and then continue one-on-one while their child enjoys activities with our staff in the Commons. Middle School and Upper School students are invited to come to Langford Hall to meet with a student ambassador who will take them on a 'walk your schedule tour'. It could also be a great time for Middle School students to set up their lockers.

Do I need to prepare anything for the meeting? You know your child best, and we want to get to know you! Your teacher's focus is to listen so that they can gain insights on how to best support your child to reach their best potential.

Will I meet my child's other teachers?

Most faculty members will be conducting Connection Meetings all day and not be able to accommodate additional meetings. However, the Back-to-School Parent Night will be when you will be able to meet all of your child's teachers.

Will I learn about the expectations and procedures at this meeting? No, the Connection meeting focuses on learning about your child. Policies and procedures will be covered at the Back-to-School Night and the administration and support staff will be available in your division or in Langford Hall for additional questions.

When are the Back to School Parent Nights?

Upper School: Thursday, August 27th

Middle School: Tuesday, September 1

Lower School: Tuesday, September 8

Where do I park? All parking lots will be open, and the loop road is open. You are welcome to park closest to your classroom teacher or at the Dining Hall outside of Langford Hall. For a map go to www.maclay.org/map.

Can I tour campus and find my child's classrooms while I'm there? Yes! Student Ambassadors will be stationed in Langford Hall to take you on a personal tour so your child is familiar with their classrooms on the first day of school.

What if I have trouble booking my appointment?

You can contact the IT Office at helpdesk@maclay.org or call 850-893-2138 ext. 600.



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More Questions: AskRowdy@maclay.org