

MACLAY SCHOOL

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Dear Middle School Families,

We hope you have enjoyed your summer break!

We are excitedly looking ahead to the start of the 2026-2027 school year. **Wednesday, August 12** is our first day of school. Students should plan to report to their advisors/homerooms by 8:15am, and 6th graders report by 8:00am.

Below you will find a few key reminders and updates to help prepare for the new year.

Summer Work

Our summer reading and math practice is designed to help students stay engaged academically, reinforce their math skills, and expose them to diverse authors and perspectives through a rich selection of reading materials. Students can access their course-specific assignments through the [Middle School Summer Work link here.](#)

Schedules, lockers, and locks

Students will receive their finalized schedules within the next couple of weeks. All students may come to the Middle School on Connection Days (August 10-11) to obtain their lockers and locks, and have any questions answered. On our website, you will find directions for those who wish to build their own locker shelves. However, ready-made aluminum shelves are acceptable as well. [The Assembly instructions can also be found here.](#)

Connections Days

We are excited to continue the format of our orientations this year: a 1:1 meeting between each family and their child's homeroom teacher on August 10-11, called Connection Days. You will receive more information on this in the coming weeks, including a link to book your meeting. [Click here for more details on Connection Days.](#)

The **Back-to-School Fair** will be held in Langford Hall on Friday, August 7, and Monday, August 10. The Fair will feature information tables clubs, College Counseling and Technology. Student Ambassadors will also be available to provide campus tours and take your child through their schedule. The Fair hours are 9am-2:30pm both days.

Back-to-School Forms

Please go into your Veracross Family Portal to complete your Back-to-School Required forms and click the Magnus Health link to complete clinic forms. Your Magnus log-in is the same as your Veracross Family Portal log-in.

Sixth Grade Orientation

All sixth-grade students should plan to attend Sixth Grade Orientation on Friday, August 7, from 8:30am to 2:00pm. This day is designed to help students build relationships, become familiar with Middle School expectations, and begin the year with confidence. After you drop your 6th grader off at Cartee Gym, **please plan to attend the 6th Grade Parent Coffee in the Library after drop-off.**

You should have received an email with the details and RSVP link last week; if not, RSVP below. The deadline is Friday.

New Students

Families new to Maclay should have received a Family Portal email from Veracross containing your username and password. Parents should have also received information with the student's email and password. If you need assistance, the IT team will be available at the Back-to-School Fair, or feel free to call 850-894-0911.

Quick Links

For information, including PE uniform orders (orders must be placed July 20-31), the school calendar, student handbook, and important campus procedures, please visit the Middle School Links page at www.maclay.org/MSLinks. Just a note that if your child is taking Dance instead of PE, they do not need to order PE Uniforms.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Middle School Director and honored to be part of your child's educational journey. We invite all our Middle School parents to the Maclay Community Association **Welcome Back Coffee on Friday, August 14th, at 8:15am in Langford Hall**, and we invite you to save the date for the **Parent Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 1st.**

We hope that you have a wonderful rest of your summer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Middle School Office at 850-893-4981.

Sincerely,
Barbara Rubio-Gomez
Director of Middle School

**6th Grade Orientation
RSVP**

**Back-to-School
Webpage**

PE Uniform Link

Veracross Family Portal



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