

MACLAY SCHOOL

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Dear Upper School Families,

I hope your summer has included time for rest, family, and renewal. As we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year, we are excited to welcome both returning and new Upper School students and families. Our faculty and staff look forward to partnering with you as students begin the year prepared, supported, and ready to grow.

The first day of school is **Wednesday, August 12, 2026**. Please review the important reminders below and complete any applicable action steps before school begins.

Summer Work

All assigned summer work is required and should be completed before the first day of school. Students can access course-specific assignments through the Summer Work link below.

National Honor Society: Service Hour Requirements

Students who plan to be considered for National Honor Society membership should ensure that all required community service hours are completed and properly submitted.

- Rising 11th-grade students must have a minimum of 72 documented service hours.
- Rising 12th-grade students must have a minimum of 108 documented service hours.

All service hours must be submitted by September 1, 2026. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Heather Bas at hbas@maclay.org.

Course Schedules

Students should review their schedules carefully as soon as they are available in their Veracross portal. Questions or requests should be directed to the appropriate advisor.

- Grades 9-10: Ms. Shana McComb smccomb@maclay.org
- Grades 11-12: Daron Gallina (A-K) dgallina@maclay.org or Lauren Furman (L-Z) laurenfurman@maclay.org

Our goal is to place each student in the schedule that best supports their academic success while balancing graduation requirements, appropriate course placement, and class availability. We will thoughtfully review all schedule change requests, although we may not be able to accommodate every request.

Textbooks

The eCampus bookstore or www.maclay.org/Books will open July 27. Families are encouraged to place orders early to allow adequate time for delivery. Free standard shipping will be July 27, 2026-August 3, 2026 for orders over \$285.

Students should use their Maclay email address as the username and their student ID (the student ID is located on your Veracross portal and can be found by hovering over your child's photo) as the password. Parents of new students have received an email with their child's Maclay email and password. Information about digital resource access codes will be included in shipments or available on the student's Digital Bookshelf.

Students with unresolved textbook rentals from the 2025-2026 school year must resolve those obligations before ordering new materials. For assistance, please contact eCampus Customer Service at 844-523-8980.

School Supplies

Teachers will provide course-specific supply expectations at the beginning of the school year. In the meantime, students should have the following basic materials available:

- Notebook paper
- No. 2 pencils
- Blue or black ink pens
- Three-ring binders with dividers
- A graphing calculator (TI-84 Plus CE preferred)

Lockers

Freshmen will have the opportunity to sign up for a locker during Freshman Orientation. Students who choose not to sign up at that time may request a locker at any point during the school year by seeing their Homeroom teacher. Returning students who would like a locker should contact their Homeroom teacher.

Connection Days

On July 27th, parents will receive an email to book their family appointment with their homeroom teacher. This is an important beginning to the new school year. [You can learn more about the Connection Days here.](#) Appointments with your homeroom teacher will be 25 minutes on Monday and Tuesday before school starts. Students do not attend, but are welcome to come to the Back-to-School Fair and get a tour of the locations for their class schedule.

Back-to-School Fair

The Back-to-School Fair will be open on Friday, August 7th, and Monday, August 10th. There will be tables for clubs, the MARC, S3, College Counseling, Technology, and more. Student Ambassadors will also be available to walk students through the daily schedule so they can see where their classes will be held.

Back-to-School Forms

The Back-to-School Forms, including student driving and off-campus lunch, along with contact information update and clinic forms, are available on your Veracross Family Portal and must be completed before school begins.

Freshman Orientation

All ninth-grade students should plan to attend Freshman Orientation on Friday, August 7, from 8:30 to 2:00pm. This day is designed to help students build relationships, become familiar with Upper School expectations, and begin the year with confidence.

After you drop your 9th grader off at Webster, please plan to attend the 9th Grade Parent Coffee in the Dining Hall.

You should have received an email from Freshman Sponsor, Mrs. Paul, with the details and RSVP link last week; you can also RSVP below. The deadline is Friday.

New Students

Families new to Maclay received a Family Portal email from Veracross containing their username and password, as well as an email with their 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.

For additional beginning-of-year information, including the school calendar, student handbook, and important campus procedures, please visit the Upper School Links page at www.maclay.org/USLinks or www.maclay.org/BacktoSchool. Please go ahead and **save the date for the Parents' Back-to-School Night on Thursday, August 27th.**

Thank you for taking the time to prepare for the year ahead. We are looking forward to a strong start and to all that our students will accomplish during the 2026-2027 school year.

All the Best,

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