Greetings

Hey! Welcome to Maclay School! We are so glad you will be joining us for this upcoming school year!!! Coming to a new school is such a huge transition, and we know that it can get a little scary. So, we want to help you acclimated as soon as possible. This newsletter will help you see what options are available at Maclay in the social realm; however, before you delve into all your options, remember to keep an open mind, and the easiest way to feel comfortable in your new environment is to just GET INVOLVED!!!

Mentor Club President – Grace Crapps and Rachel Rumana

Take Care of Before School

✓ Make sure your Maclay passwords email, and portal are set-up
✓ Know where your classes are
✓ Get all your books and supplies (correct calculator for math!)
✓ Know the dress code
✓ Get some information about the sport you want to play, and start practicing

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Don't Question It.

Here are a few things that we considered a MAJOR must do at Maclay, so just go for it!

- Buy a yearbook! Contact: Mrs. Mayer Room G-4
- Attend the Chiles vs. Maclay basketball games
- Dress up for Homecoming week and Marauder Madness, and go to the football game. Trust us, if you're wearing normal clothes those weeks, it won't be normal.
- Attend the Mr. Maclay Pageant (you will never laugh harder than at this event!)
- Go to the Cabaret and the Talent show.
- On Valentine's Day buy your love match-up sheet. Who knows? You might find a connection!
- For those upper classmen: GOT PROM! You won't regret it.
- And for everyone: participate in AT LEAST one club or sport. How else can we get to know your wonderful personalities?? You can find the lists of clubs and sports on the following pages.

Dress Code

This. Is. Important. Maclay has a pretty easy dress code to follow, but if you break it...you have to wear SCRUBS the rest of the day. Not flattering. Here is a breakdown of the dress code, so when you arrive on campus, your outfit doesn't get swallowed by the scrubbies.

- Shorts, skirts, and dresses must be at least fingertip length
- No athletic shorts
- No frays or holes on any clothing item
- No visible undergarments
- No sweatpants or yoga pants
- Leggings can only be worn if top is at least fingertip length
- Boy's pants must have a zipper
- Girl's straps must be at least 3 fingers wide (no T-backs or racer-back shirts)
- No hats in the building
- Footwear must be worn at all times

FYI

- Old Gym = gym by cafeteria
  = Cartee Gym
- New Gym = gym by the track
  = Webster Center

Service Hours

Volunteering and getting service hours are very important in your high school career. You must have 72 hours by Junior year or 108 by Senior year to qualify for the National Honor Society. Also, service hours are ESSENTIAL for scholarships.

Many leadership and service clubs require that you put in extra hours during the year to stay a member. The FL Bright Futures Scholarship requires 75-100 hours, depending on the GPA level. When applying for money scholarships, many organizations require you to list how many hours you have and usually the finalists are the people with the most hours.
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Food for Thought

Break:
Between C and D classes we have a ten-minute break when you can eat a snack and talk with friends. (many people go to the lunchroom to buy chips or cookies.)

Lunch:
The high school lunch is from 12:24 – 12:59. If you are a junior, you are allowed one day per week for off campus lunch in the second semester. If you are a senior, you are allowed every day for off campus lunch, given that you are in a good academic standing. Other than that your options include: bring a lunch or buy a lunch. Lunch tables are available all around the campus. Enjoy the beautiful sunshine!!!

The Maclay Cafeteria has the following:
- Daily Special / Hot Meal
- Sandwich Bar
- Marauder Pizza
- Hamburgers
- Chicken Sandwich
- Salad Bar
- Sport Drinks / Water
- Cookies, Chips, Biscuits
- Fruit
- Ice Cream

First Week Suggestion: Bring your lunch in the first couple days because the cafeteria gets really crowded at the beginning of the school year.

For example, the Best & Brightest scholarships in Tallahassee are primarily about service hours. Therefore, don’t cut yourself short in opportunities by not having enough hours. Get started volunteering now and make it fun by participating in something you enjoy!

Make sure you get your hours recorded by turning in service hours sheets to maclayservice.org at the end of each quarter! A username and password will be assigned to each student.

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Daily Schedule

Rotating Schedule:

At Maclay our class schedules rotate by shifting one class each day. (FYI: our periods are called blocks; 1st period is A Block)

Class time on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday is 50 minutes, and all Wednesdays are early release days which means shortened class time. Time between classes is 3 minutes. Break is 10 minutes, and lunch is 35 minutes.

Flex Period/Homeroom Period:

On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, we have a stationary 30-minute Flex or Homeroom Period at the end of the day. This period is to be treated like a homeroom, allowing time for one or more of the following options:

- Class meetings
- Make-up Tests
- Voting
- FLVS
- DIS
- Utilizing the Library and After School Resource Center
- Study time
- Internships
- Tutoring
- Advising
- Etc…

The Pods:

The pods are the sections of classrooms around the courtyard. Each pod is given a letter (A, B, C, D); however, some pods aren’t labeled (the Science Hall—F, the Old Gym—G, the Portables—P, and the New Gym—WC). When looking for your class, use the room numbers given on your schedule to help you find your way. The room numbers are in the form of a letter with a number. For example, the class with a room number C–4 would be the room #4 in the C pod.

Academics

When it comes to classes, you have exams. The policy at Maclay is if you maintain an A- or higher for the entire year you can exempt the final exam. If you are in a senior course, some teachers will allow a B- or higher. However, everyone must take his or her mid-term (first semester) exams. If you are taking APs, you have to take the AP exam because it allows you to get college credit for your class!

*Tip: Check your Credits! When you schedule your classes, make sure you know what are the required courses and PLAN when you will take them so you can graduate on time!*
Go Clubbing!

Clubs are a great way to participate in your interests, build leadership skills, and spice up that high school resume for college. Plus, you meet so many people when you join clubs!

To join a club this is what you have to do:
(A) Talk to the listed sponsor about joining or (B) listen for the announcements during the first weeks of school to hear when certain clubs are meeting.

All clubs meet during lunch, so just keep an open ear or ask someone if you can’t find where the club is meeting.

Your Club Options

LEADERSHIP CLUBS

– Student Council
  Student Council helps organize and run many events including orientation, the Back-to-School Dance, Honor Signing Ceremony, the Halloween Assembly, Career Day, the talent show, Student and Teacher Appreciation Days, and several charity fundraisers such as the Mr. Maclay Pageant. This club consists of four officers, who are elected by the high school, and four class representatives, who are elected by their respective grades. Student Council works hard for the Maclay student body by providing fun activities periodically during the school year and for the Tallahassee community by raising money and volunteering for charities.
  SPONSOR: Mrs. Bas, B-4 & Dr. Berk, A-2

– Interclub Council
  This organization is comprised of the club presidents and sponsors in order to organize and schedule events without having overlaps.
  SPONSOR: Mrs. Bas & Dr. Berk, Room A-2

Field Trip Opportunities

At Maclay, we don’t just keep you AT Maclay! There are many opportunities to go on trips and to have fun with your classmates.

Freshmen have the Freshman Challenge. This is a trip where the freshmen and junior/senior counselors go spend a day doing fun, outdoor activities. This trip is great way to meet and bond with your new classmates because everyone is starting high school together!

Sophomores go on Sophomore Safari. For 4 days, the class travels to North Carolina to do activities like caving, biking, horseback riding, and white water rafting!

Taking a break from the heat, juniors go to Colorado for a Junior Ski Trip. For 5 days you can ski or snowboard with your besties!

And Seniors. They don’t have one big trip but lots of fun activities. For example, they have Grad Bash which is all night at the theme park Universal Studios. There’s also Beach Day, a skip day where the seniors go beaching instead of schooling.
HONOR SOCIETIES

– French Honor Society

La Société honoraire de français (French Honor Society, FHS”) is the Maclay School chapter of a national honor society FHS). FHS’s commitments as an organization include promotion of the Francophone culture and charity. It is open to French students with an A- average or better in French II or above and high grades in all other classes. New members are sworn in at the end of every school year.
SPONSOR: Dr. McColley, Room B-3

– Spanish Honor Society

This society is Maclay School chapter for the National Spanish Honor Society. This club strives to celebrate Spanish culture, and it is a tradition that every meeting has chips and salsa. It is open to students who have maintained an A- average in their Spanish classes and completed at least Spanish II.
SPONSOR: Mrs. Moody, Room B-2

– Art Honor Society

This honor society is for students who show exceptional art skills and are usually in the AP Art.
SPONSOR: Ms. Maurey, Room E-4

– Latin Honor Society

This club is for students who have academically excelled in Latin. (It’s similar to the French and Spanish Honor Societies.)
SPONSOR: Mrs. Youngblood, Room G-1
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– Mu Alpha Theta

The Mu Alpha Theta is a math honor society which promotes interest in mathematics and develops strong scholarship in the subject. Each year Maclay Mu Alpha Theta participates in 3-4 competitions such as the Rickard Invitation and Math Bowl and comes back with good results. At the end of the year, students who have average of A- or higher in his or her math classes are inducted as new members for the next year.
SPONSOR: Dr. Perry, Room WC-1

– Science National Honor Society

The Science National Honor Society is open to any student who has an academic average of at least an A- and is either in an experimental AP science or has earned 5 full-year credits of upper school science courses.
SPONSOR: Mr. Schnippert, F-4

– Honor Council

This council is a group of elected students from each class who listen to cases and discuss punishments for students who break the honor code.
SPONSOR: Mr. Burrows, Science Building

– National Honor Society

This society is for students who have at least an A- average and are recommended into the organization by the faculty. This club does charity projects throughout the year and members are required to peer tutor for a minimum of four hours per quarter.
SPONSOR: Mrs. Gimbel, Room D-3

– Cum Laude

This organization is for the highest academic ranking juniors and seniors. The top 10% GPAs of juniors and top 15% of seniors are inducted into this society. You even get taken to lunch at A La Province for your induction, so keep up the good grades!
SPONSOR: Mrs. Bas, Room B-4

SERVICE CLUBS

– Maclay Community Service Club

Maclay Community Service Club, or MCSC, is a student-run community service organization for freshman and sophomores. Students in the club participate in community service projects around Maclay and in the Tallahassee community. Requirements to be a member of the club include a minimum of 15 community service hours, and $5 dues. It’s a fun and rewarding club, and enthusiastic, participatory students are always welcomed!
SPONSORS: Ms. Maurey, Room E-1
– Anchor Club

Anchor club is a community service club offered to junior and senior girls. Throughout the school year, the girls come together twice a month during lunch to discuss different service projects. Anchor participates in events such as the Run for Lawson and the Forget-Me-Not Walk, as well as birthday buddies for Boys Town. The club focuses on service projects both inside and outside of Maclay. Anchor is a great club to be involved with. It’s fun, and you are helping those in need.

SPONSOR: Mrs. Fantle, Room C-4

– Key Club

This service club is open to junior and senior boys. The club helps run drives for local charities and puts together homecoming week. It is a great way to help people and get community service hours.

SPONSOR: Mr. Burrows, Science Hall

– Mentor Club

Mentor Club welcomes new students to Maclay. (This newsletter was put together by us!) We are here to answer any questions you have and want your transition into Maclay to be as smooth as possible. Mentors make sure the new students know where his or her classes are and introducing them to the student body. So, if you want to help future new students, JOIN US!

SPONSOR: Dr. Hampton, College Counseling Office


During Homecoming Week, we have a Powderpuff Tournament where the grades compete against each other.

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SPECIAL INTEREST CLUBS

– Genesis Dance Team

Our dance team is known throughout Tallahassee and competes at the national level. Aside from regular competition year-round, the team performs as various sports games during the year. If you are interested in joining, you must try out for the team.
SPONSOR: Mrs. Halpin (ask a dance member for tryout details)

– Company (Theater)

If you like acting, singing, dancing, playwriting, or costume designing, then this is the club for you! Company is a group of students who puts on plays throughout the year. (and they’re REALLY good!)
SPONSOR: Mrs. Cindy Thomas, Room G-3

– Band

Band is an elective you can take to practice an instrument you play or learn a new one. The band puts on various performances throughout the year; however, as a note, our band is not a marching band and does not play at football games.
SPONSOR: Mrs. Corzine, Band Room

Mr. Maclay Pageant: Organized by Student Council, the pageant is an annual charity fundraiser. Elected boys from each grade compete in talent, formalwear, and Q & A portions to be crowned Mr. Maclay. Trust us, it’s a hilarious event you won’t want to miss!

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– Writing Club
  This club produces a monthly newspaper and bimonthly literary magazine. The newspaper is called the *Andalusian* and covers school activities to world news. The literary magazine contains nonfiction, fiction, poems, artwork, etc. produced by the students. The club meets roughly once a month and is open to all grades.
  SPONSOR: Dr. Jamir, Room C-3

– Junior Classical League (Latin Club)
  This club is for students who took Latin or are taking Latin. They compete in a State competition every year. (They have multiple State titles!)
  SPONSOR: Mrs. Youngblood, Room G-6

– Green Club
  Green Club is a club whose goal is to make Maclay's campus environmentally friendly. We participate in activities such as coastal clean-ups, campus clean-ups, and recycling around the school. There are also great opportunities to receive service hours. We invite all students to join.
  SPONSOR: Ms. Simonton, Room F-3

– Multicultural Awareness Club (MAC)
  This club explores different cultures around the world. They are known for their international festival lunches where the club cooks food from different parts of the world for students to buy.
  SPONSOR: Mrs. Sloderbeck, Room B-1

– Photography Club (to be announced)
  Photography club is where members can share photos and further their skills in photography.
  SPONSOR: Ms. Maurey, Room E-4

– Model UN
  Model UN allows students to participate in a mock United Nations by representing different countries in various committees. In February, we go to a competition where students discuss political issues much like the ones being discussed in the real United Nations. It is a fun and interesting club for anyone who is interested in world politics and political issues.
  SPONSOR: Mrs. McCann

– Chess Club
  This club meets at lunch to play chess. We have a school championship every spring.
  SPONSOR: Dr. Perry, Room WC-1

– Smash Club
  Smash Club meets up every week during lunch to play Super Smash Bros. Come to check it out!
  SPONSOR: Dr. Perry, Room WC-1
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– Book Club
  This club meets at lunch once a month to discuss any personal reading books as a group. We welcome all students with an interest in reading!
  SPONSOR: Mrs. Fantle, Room C-4

– Yearbook
  The yearbook staff is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Throughout the year, the staff members develop and create a yearbook for Maclay. We have yearbook class every day, and design and work on pages for sections like activities, academics, sports, people, and advertising. We also learn photography techniques with InDesign and Photoshop.
  SPONSOR: Mrs. Mayer, Room G-4

– The French Circle
  Le Cercle français is Maclay Upper School’s French language club and promoter of Francophonie. It is open to all students. Typical activities include bake sales, National French Week, Mardi Gras, and any activities that promote the culture of the French-speaking world.
  SPONSOR: Dr. McColley, Room B-3

– Brain Bowl
  Brain Bowl is a club that you should join if want to test how much you know. We practice once a week on questions that range from history and science to things like popular music and sports. There are questions for everyone. We go to a handful of tournaments a year. The victors of tournaments take home shiny trophies, bragging rights, and in some cases money (we have won a total of around 3,000 dollars at one tournament).
  SPONSOR: Mr. Schnippert and Dr. Berk, Room F-4

– Arts and Ideas Club
  Arts and Ideas Club is dedicated to the exploration of the intellectual self. We tend to focus on various artistic, intellectual, and philosophical ideas, which often result in deep discussions or debates. Our biggest event of the year is the CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS! It’s something to really look forward to! Plus, we bring cupcakes or other treats every meeting!
  SPONSOR: Ms. Maurey, Room E-4

– Science Bowl
  Science Bowl is a nationwide academic competition that tests students’ knowledge in all areas of science and mathematics. Two four-student teams face-off in a fast-paced question-and-answer format, being tested on a range of science disciplines including biology, chemistry, Earth science, physics, energy, and math. Our 2010 team won the North Florida Regional Science Bowl and traveled to Washington, DC to compete in the National Science Bowl.
  SPONSOR: Mr. Schnippert, Room F-4
– Technology Club

The Maclay Bureau of Technology is Maclay’s official club for all things related to electronic sciences and mechanical engineering. Our main activities are robotic and computer coding competitions. This club is fairly new, but already we have won an ACM coding challenge at FSU, made an official Maclay app for android, and competed in the local SEAMATE underwater ROV challenge.
SPONSOR: TED

– Peer Tutor Organization

The National Honor Society will assist students after school in numerous subject areas. All tutors receive service hours for their terrific assistance to their peers.
SPONSOR: Mrs. Gimbel, Room D-3

– Equestrian Team

Although they may be fairly new, the mighty Maclay Equestrian Team has already achieved outstanding recognition for their terrific performance and horsemanship. Join us and get ready to gear up for some competition on our high school team!
SPONSOR: Mrs. Johnston

– American Red Cross

To help make a difference join our Red Cross Club! We address our community’s needs by organizing blood drives, educating others about disaster preparedness, and much more.
SPONSOR: Mrs. Croston

– Strategy Gaming Club

We welcome all players of all levels of strength and interest to join our Strategy Gaming Club. This club is open to all students, so come by one of our regular meetings during lunch!
SPONSOR: Dr. Rolfs, Room A-4

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Sports

Besides the MANY club options, we have sports you can participate in! One good thing about Maclay’s small size is we don’t cut people. If you want to play, go for it! However, remember you are committing to a team and attending practice is vital. Sports are also a good energy release from a long day at school and a fun way to make new friends in all grades.

We have two levels of most sports: Varsity and Junior Varsity.

Please visit the athletics page at www.maclay.org to get in contact with coaches or ask a student or faculty member how you can reach them.

Athletic Director: Coach Scherrer

Fall Sports:
- Cross Country: Coach Droze
- Football: Coach Ramer
- Swimming: Coach Dressler
- Volleyball: Coach Bunch
- Golf: Coach McCann (girls) Coach Cotton (boys)
- Cheerleading: Coach Minacci

Winter Sports:
- Basketball: Coach Harris (girls) Coach Granger (boys)
- Soccer: Coach Dickson (girls) Coach Warner (boys)
- Cheerleading (Varsity only): Coach Minacci

Spring Sports:
- Track and Field: Coach Droze
- Tennis: Coach Vinson
- Baseball: Coach Sherrod
- Softball: Coach Gainer
- Weightlifting: Coach Droze (girls) Coach Peruzzi (boys)
- Lacrosse: Coach Chavez

Questions: email askrowdy@maclay.org

Our running program at Maclay is known throughout the state. With our current coach, Coach Droze, the guys’ and girls’ teams together have 22 State Championships!

Football games are a great way to meet new people and show your school spirit!