



What You & Your Family Need to Know This Year

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A Look Ahead: Junior & Senior Year at MAC

Why This Presentation?

Your student is right at the start — high school at MAC is filled with exciting events, milestone experiences, and real costs. This guide makes sure you have the information you need now so nothing catches you off guard — financially or otherwise.

Key Events

From Spirit Week to College Tours, your student is experiencing these memorable moments right now — here's what to expect.

Real Costs

Many events this year have associated fees. We want families to know what's coming so you can budget with confidence.

Policies

Participation in all events is tied to academic standing, attendance, and conduct — decisions made today have a direct impact.

Academic & Behavioral Standing

School Policy requires that all students maintain good academic and behavioral standing in order to participate in events. This includes **grades, attendance, and student code of conduct**. These standards are in effect **today** — and directly impact your student's ability to participate in current and upcoming events this year.

 Students not currently in good standing are **not** allowed to participate in events — this applies to activities and experiences happening right now, not just in junior or senior year.

 If a student pays for an event and is subsequently placed on the Stop List, payments are non-refundable as funds have already been paid.

Grade Threshold Policy

This policy determines event participation eligibility based on your student's **current grades — right now**. It applies to every event.

 All A's, B's & C's

Good to Go! No action needed. Student may participate in events.

 Has a "D" or "F"

Not Eligible to Attend any school activities or events.

Grades are checked one (1) week prior to the event. Grades are not re-checked after that cut-off.

Student Activity Exclusion — "Stop List"

Beyond grades, students may be placed on the Stop List and excluded from activities. Any of the behavioral infractions below can result in immediate exclusion from current and upcoming events.

Code of Conduct Violations

Failure to follow school rules and behavioral expectations.

Chronic Attendance Problems

Excessive absences or tardiness affecting standing.

Uniform Violations

Repeated failure to comply with dress code policy.

CSI (Indoor Suspension)

In-school suspension impacts event eligibility.

 The Stop List is in effect for a full calendar year from the date of the infraction.



Operoo — Your Hub for All Forms & Payments

Operoo is the platform students and parents use right now for all event sign-ups, payments, and communications. If your student is in any activity or excursion, Operoo is where it happens.



Forms & Payments

All field trips, sign-up forms, and activity payments are processed through Operoo. No cash alternatives for major trips.



Parent Communication

Teachers send notices and updates directly to parents via Operoo. Stay informed about deadlines and events in real time.



100+ Languages

Operoo is available in over 100 languages, making it accessible for all families in our community.

Upcoming Events

Junior year is filled with school-wide events. Here's what your student is participating in this year — exact dates are shared at the start of 11th grade.

1

Picture Day

September 23rd, 2026

2

Spirit Week

October 26-30

3

Pep Rally

October 28, 2026

Arts Camp 2026

Cost: \$375 — Payments accepted on Operoo only. Must qualify through the Grade Threshold Policy.

Chorus, Dance, Theatre

September 15–19, 2026

Payment Due: August 30th, 2026

Creative Writing, Instrumental, Photo, Film, Visual Art

November 16–20, 2026

Payment Due: October 25th, 2026

 For student account payments or credits, your arts teacher must notify the Activities Office **prior to the deadline** so it can be reflected on your Operoo form.

Spirit Week- October 26-30, 2026

Themes will be announced later, once students vote. Here's what's going on and what you need to know:

Cost

\$2 per day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. **Wednesday Spirit Day is FREE!**

Payment

Collected during Homeroom. **Cash or Card** accepted.

Dress Code

All clothing/costumes must be school-appropriate. **No masks or weapons.** Students will be dress-coded for inappropriate attire.



Looking Ahead:

Trunk-or-Treat (Juniors & Seniors Only)

Late October — Registration via Form on BAND

Candy

Students must provide their own candy to participate.

Prize

Winning car receives **\$50 per student** towards non-arts-related Activities.

Haunted House

October 27th

7th Period & After School

\$5

Per Student

Screams and scares are in full swing as our Haunted House opens its doors! Students explore terrifying corridors, encounter unsettling creatures, and brace themselves for the unexpected.

 Discretion is advised for sensitive students. This event is intended to be scary.

More School Events Throughout the Year

Beyond our major events, we host a vibrant calendar of activities to keep our students engaged, foster school spirit, and provide unique opportunities for fun and fundraising.

1

Seasonal Spirit & Markets

- **Additional Pep Rallies:** Energize our teams before big games.
- **Fall Spirit Days:** Show your school pride with themed outfits.
- **Rooftop Fundraisers**

2

Parties & Sales

- **Winter Spirit Week:** A festive week of themed dress-up days.
- **Valentine Boot Scoot**
- **Winter Foam Party**
- **Student Holiday Market:** Shop unique handmade goods from student entrepreneurs.

3

Rallies & Creativity

- **Spring Pep Rallies**
- **Spring Spirit Days**
- **Student Spring Market**

College Tour Field Trips- 9th & 10th Grade

Explore your future! We've organized two exciting campus visits for our 9th and 10th graders to give them a taste of university life and help them visualize their next steps.

9TH GRADE

Florida International University (FIU)

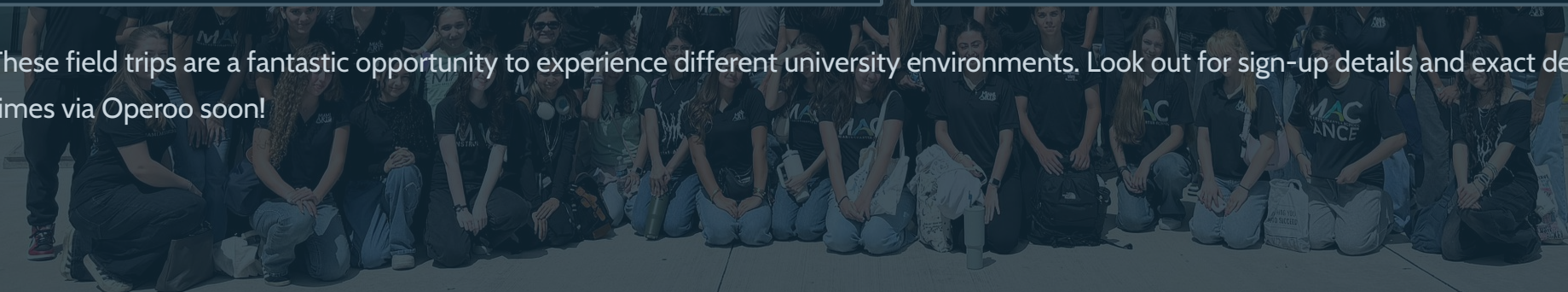
- **Dates:** February 5th
- **Cost:** \$10 per student
- Includes pizza lunch on campus

10TH GRADE

University of Miami (UM)

- **Date:** February 4th
- **Cost:** \$10 per student
- Includes pizza lunch on campus

These field trips are a fantastic opportunity to experience different university environments. Look out for sign-up details and exact departure/return times via Operoo soon!



Looking Ahead- Junior College Tour Trip — \$550/student

3-Day Trip in January of Junior Year — Information and Field Trip Forms on Operoo.

Includes transportation, hotel, college tours, t-shirt & theme park ticket. Your student will visit:

University of Florida

UF — Gainesville, FL

Florida State University

FSU — Tallahassee, FL

University of Central Florida

UCF — Orlando, FL

University of South Florida

USF — Tampa, FL

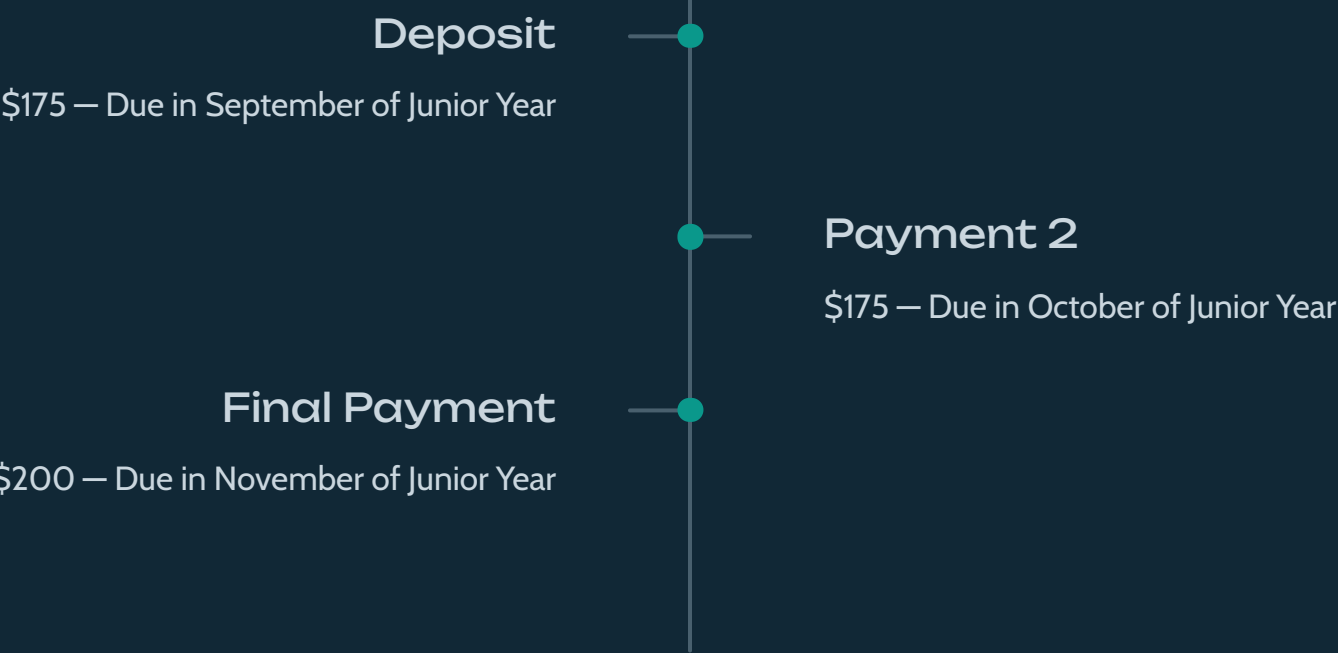
Florida Gulf Coast University

FGCU — Fort Myers, FL



Epic Universe

Theme park day at Universal's Epic Universe included in the trip!



⊗ ALL PAYMENTS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE. Payments accepted via Operoo only.

Looking Ahead- Junior Rings — A Special Milestone



A Herff Jones representative will visit campus — orders are taken during lunch.

Ring Ceremony: February of Junior Year, **9:30 AM**

Breakfast in the Listening Room.

Semi-formal attire required.

Students receive free tickets based on participants.

MAC Ambassador Program

The Miami Arts Charter School Ambassador Program is comprised of high school students who excel academically and artistically. Selected for their achievements and leadership, these ambassadors represent the school at events, inspiring peers and promoting our vibrant artistic community.



Open to All High School Students

Any 9th–12th grade student in good standing is eligible to be considered for the program.



Nomination-Based Selection

Students are nominated by their arts teacher or an administrator — not through self-nomination.

Looking Ahead - Joining the Quad Squad

What is the Quad Squad?

The Quad Squad is a dedicated group of student leaders who help enhance our school community by supporting various events and activities.

- Pep Rally Volunteers
- Event support throughout the year
- Lunchtime Activity organizers (Music, Games, and more!)

End of Year Awards Assembly

May 18, 2027 | Time TBD

This spring, students are recognized for their academic achievements, leadership, and contributions to the school community at the annual End of Year Awards Assembly.

 By Invitation Only

Launching Next Year: Prepare for Success!

As each year concludes, we're excited to host another parent meeting designed to prepare families for everything next year holds. We'll share comprehensive details, key dates, and what to expect as your student embarks on their next year of their high school journey.

This is a fantastic opportunity to get ahead, ask questions, and ensure a smooth and successful transition into the following year.

 Details & date coming soon — stay tuned!

Sponsorships — Help Offset Activity Costs

Students can seek sponsorships right now to help offset the cost of school activities. If you know of a company that would like to contribute financially or through the donation of goods to the MAC Class, please reach out — this is a great option available to your family today.

Small Business Partners

Local businesses can partner with the class to provide financial support for activities and events.

Company Donation Matching

Some companies match employee donations — explore this option with your family's employer today.

Email: amurga@miamiartscharter.net

Stay Connected

All junior students **must** join the BAND App **right now**. Scan the QR code shown here to join immediately. Start following MAC communications so you're always in the loop.

Text Hotline

(786) 305-6226

Text Join26

Email

amurga@miamiartscharter.net

Website

Check the MAC website for all updated information.