


**Welcome to BearNotes (8/4/08)**

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## MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL BEARNOTES

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- **Thursday, August 7** - 6 to 7:30 p.m., Sports Physicals, BAK Physical Therapy
- **Wednesday, August 13** - Arena Check In for Freshman & Seniors, New Gym
- **Thursday, August 14** - Arena Check In for Sophomores & Juniors, New Gym
- **Tuesday, August 19** - Freshman Student Orientation, Ayer's Gym, 8 a.m. - Noon
- **Tuesday, August 19** - Freshman Parent Coffee, M-A Staff Lounge, behind Resource Center (see [Campus Map](#)), 8 a.m.
- **Thursday, August 21** - First Day of School

**WELCOME TO BEARNOTES**

Welcome to our first official 2008-2009 school year BearNotes. We hope your summer has been great so far, and look forward to a wonderful school year.

You'll see that our BearNotes is new, using HTML formatting. If the system you use has trouble with this format, no worries, you can elect to get this note in a plain text format, both for the current e-mail and for future mailings. Please note that no matter how many children you have attending M-A, you should only receive one BearNote, and that we have converted to a once per week schedule (to be issued no later than 6 a.m. Monday morning).

The table of contents to your left will allow you to jump to sections that interest you right away. We will only include sections which apply for any given BearNote. Information on submitting items for BearNotes is located at the bottom of this note.

As with anything new, learning opportunities will present themselves. If you'd like to provide feedback, please feel free to send to [your BearNotes Team](#).

**M-A ADMINISTRATION**

**ARENA REGISTRATION.** Per the calendar schedule above, your child's registration is on either August 13th or 14th. Need extra forms for Arena Check-In? Click to download copies of the [Prestige Portrait Order](#), and the [BearNotes and TriVocis Signup](#).

**BE AN ESL TUTOR - - ONCE A WEEK MAKES A DIFFERENCE!** Come help M-A's English language learners with reading, writing and vocabulary. No need for prior tutoring experience or knowledge of a second language. Pick an hour a week to suit your schedule and find a very satisfying way to be part of the M-A community! Contact Linda Fornaciari (laderalinda@mac.com) or Marla Stark (marlastark@mac.com) for more information.

**M-A Administrative Support Needed.** The M-A administration still needs volunteers to help with Arena Check-In. There are over 2,000 students to get checked in using almost 100 volunteers. The two time slots that still have openings are:

Wednesday, August 13 from 4:00-7:15 p.m. (freshman and senior day)

Thursday, August 14 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. (sophomore and junior day)

If you are not currently on our email list and would like to be notified of future volunteer opportunities to help the M-A administration with specific events as they arise throughout the school year, please email either of us to be added to the list. This list is only for M-A Admin Support, it is not the general PTA mailing list. Thank you again for your gift of time!

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 Kristin Smith, kttsmith@yahoo.com  
 M-A Admin Support Co-Chairs, 2008-2009

PTA



**Look for the M-A PTA booth during Arena Registration.** If you know of people who would like to sign up for BearNotes, you can either forward them this email, or they can sign up at Arena Registration.

**Trivocis is the PTA's official monthly newsletter.** M-A PTA is "going green." Tired of getting the paper version of Trivocis? Opt out! Simply fill out the form sent with the Arena Registration package and opt out of receiving hard copies and into receiving a link to the current PDF version of Trivocis by email.

**CALIFORNIA STATE PTA LEGISLATION ACTION ALERT AB 2115** would require members of charter school governing boards to comply with the same conflict of interest and open meeting laws as comprehensive high school district school board members (such as M-A's SUHSD). The California State PTA supports this bill and urges its members to contact their state senators to urge its passage. AB 2115 is consistent with a general principle of the California State PTA that supports adherence to strict ethical practices at all levels of government, and increases the opportunity for greater parental and community involvement in the governance of all public schools, including charter public schools. Please send a short note in support of AB 2115 to Senator Joe Simitian, California State Senate, 11th District, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814, or email him at [senator.simitian@sen.ca.gov](mailto:senator.simitian@sen.ca.gov). For more information, go to <http://www.capta.org/sections/advocacy/downloads/alert-070308.pdf>.

**FASHION SHOW.** The M-A PTA Fashion Show, "Rock On!!" will be on October 25th! We are looking forward to a wonderful event! We need interested seniors to sign up to participate

and would love parent volunteers as well. We will have our kick off meeting on Thursday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m., location TBD. Please contact Julie Brody - [julie@brodyfamily.net](mailto:julie@brodyfamily.net) or Anne Mellenthin - [anne@mellenthin.com](mailto:anne@mellenthin.com)

#### ATHLETICS



**Interested in Fall Sports?** Interested in any sports? Check out the Menlo-Atherton High School Sports Boosters [M-A Athletic Boosters Page](#).  
**M-A Athletic Boosters needs a volunteer.** Interested in maintaining our Boosters website (see [www.m-aboosters.org](http://www.m-aboosters.org))? If you are technically able and interested in contributing your time and talent, please contact Suzanne Amato at [amato\\_family@msn.com](mailto:amato_family@msn.com) as soon as possible.

**The Athletic Boosters will have a table at Arena Check-In later this month.** Please stop by to purchase this year's BearWear and learn more about how you might contribute to the success of the M-A Athletic Boosters organization. See you there!

**Need a physical to participate in sports?** Come to BAK Physical Therapy, Thursday, August 7, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., to get your Pre-Sport Physical. This is for all student athletes. The cost is \$20.00 (cash, check, or credit card). This physical is valid for the entire 2008-2009 school year! All Fall, Winter, and Spring sports! Need the form? Go to the [Athletics webpage](#), download the Permit to Participate form and bring it to BAK Physical Therapy, 705 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025. Call (650) 363-5674 for further information.

#### BEARNOTES SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Email submissions to [your BearNotes Team](#) by Thursday noon, spellcheck/proofread them first, and format them in Arial 10 pt.
- Please keep submissions **concise**, and include the organization name, event, date, time, location, and contact info, including web site URL.
- All submissions are subject to editing by the PTA.
- For the PTA policy on BearNotes publication, please go to the [M-A PTA web site](#).

#### Go Bears. Grrrr!

Your BearNotes Team  
M-A High School PTA BearNotes

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