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## MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL BEARNOTES

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### CALENDAR

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, September 8 - Last day to add a class.**  
 See your guidance counselor
- Thursday, September 11 - ESL Tutor Kick-off Meeting,** 9 a.m. in Room F-15 ([See article](#))
- Wednesday, September 17 - M-A 101 - Orientation to Menlo-Atherton High School,** 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., M-A Library (first Parent Education Night) ([See article](#))
- Sunday, September 21 - Performing Arts Center Roof Raising,** 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### CHALLENGE DAY

**Volunteers Needed for Challenge Day 2008 - BE THE CHANGE!** Join us Monday, Tuesday and/or Friday, November 3rd, 4th or 7th for the memorable one-day workshop that promotes compassion, communication and community building among the **Class of 2012**. It's a great way for freshmen parents to get involved at M-A --- a one day commitment that helps our teens break down barriers and create new levels of empathy and respect. Come participate in one of the most meaningful volunteer opportunities of the year.

Adult volunteers are critical to the program's success. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Small Group Leader: 7:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Registration: 6:50 am - 8:15 a.m.
- Lunch: 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Volunteer for any of three roles, pick the date which works best for you, then e-mail your preference to Barb Windham or Peggy Propp at [challengeday@mabearspta.org](mailto:challengeday@mabearspta.org). Please put "Challenge Day Volunteer" in the subject line and note how many days you would like to volunteer. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students!

**M-A ADMINISTRATION**

**COME TO OUR ESL TUTOR KICKOFF MEETING.** September 11 at 9 a.m. in Room F-15! We have a wonderful team of enthusiastic tutors who have signed up, and we'd welcome even more of you. Please come find out all about it. We will explain the ESL path for students through M-A and a noted ESL educator will give advice for tutors beginning work in the classrooms. Contact Linda Fornaciari ([laderalinda@mac.com](mailto:laderalinda@mac.com)) or Marla Stark ([marlastark@mac.com](mailto:marlastark@mac.com)) for more information. Tutoring begins the third week of September - - YOU CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!

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**PTA**

**M-A PTA PARENT EDUCATION SERIES 2008-09.** The first PTA Parent Education Series event - M-A 101: Orientation to Menlo-Atherton High School with Principal Matthew Zito - is scheduled for September 17. "M-A 101" offers new and returning families an inside look at the operation and structure of Menlo-Atherton High School. Topics will include School Schedule, Program Offerings, Guidance, College Counseling, Course/Athletic offerings, senior and alumni student testimonials and more. This event will be offered in two time sessions (morning and evening) on September 17 (See [Upcoming Events](#)). For more information, contact Parent Education Chair Charlene Margot, [parenteducation@mabearspta.org](mailto:parenteducation@mabearspta.org). Q & A period follows the event.

**eScrip - THE PAINLESS WAY TO DONATE TO YOUR SCHOOL.** You have **three ways** to donate money to M-A through eScrip!

1. Renew your commitment to the eScrip program with Safeway. Last year Safeway gave over \$23,000 dollars to Menlo-Atherton. You must renew your request once a year to continue your contributions. You can use [this link](#) to renew the Safeway commitment.
2. Be sure that M-A is a recipient by clicking on "my eScrip" when on the eScrip website. You can split your commitment between up to three organizations or give all contributions Menlo-Atherton High School PTA.
3. Please add other cards to your eScrip list for even more donations. Macy's is particularly generous to eScrip, so be sure to add them to your profile. This can also be done online under "my eScrip".

If you have any questions about any of this, or would like some help, please contact Emily Liggett at [emliggett@pacbell.net](mailto:emliggett@pacbell.net) or at 650-867-8662. Thank you for your financial support of the PTA!

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**ATHLETICS**

**Bear Wear.** Remember that you can always purchase M-A clothing online. Go to the M-A website ([www.mabears.org](http://www.mabears.org)) and look for the link to Bear Wear.

**LOOKING FOR UPCOMING GAME SCHEDULES?** There are two locations where you can look to find out upcoming game/match information. The [Athletic](#)

[Boosters'](#) webpage has information, as does the [M-A calendar](#).

**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS WATSONVILLE 25-16, 25-7, 25-11!!** Kelli Branning had 12 kills, Regina Mullen 8, Diane Seely 4, Kate Reardon 3. Regina Mullen had 8 aces, Sophia Cornew 4. Kate Reardon had 3 blocks, Diane Seely 2. Way to go Bears!! Come out and support the M-A volleyball teams! They will be at Sacred Heart Prep on Thursday, 9/11 and at home against Wilcox on Friday, 9/12. Both games will start at 6:30 p.m. for Varsity, 5:00 p.m. for JV.

**TENNIS.** The M-A Girl's Tennis Team got off to a fast start with a dominant victory over South San Francisco! Coming off a second consecutive CCS quarterfinal appearance last season and with the loss of 5 seniors, the young Bears had something to prove. They did so in a convincing fashion, led by seniors Julia Peck and Anna Murveit, the Bear Netters shut out the Warriors, 7-0. The Bear Frosh Soph started their season strong as well beating the Warriors 5-0. The Bears next take on the Scots of Carlmont at M-A on Tuesday, September 9.

**FOOTBALL.** The varsity football team opened their season with a convincing victory over visiting Saratoga Saturday 30 - 0. The defense came up huge, sparked by an interception by Sam Knapp and Abe Simons' recovery of two fumbles, one of which he returned for a touchdown. Vaughn Smith scored two rushing touchdowns, Erick Stanske booted in a field goal and Turner Baty connected with Sam Knapp for a touchdown. The JV football team also came up victorious, beating Saratoga 29 - 23 with a last-minute touchdown by Cameron Moody.

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#### COMMUNITY NOTES

RN/LVN Needed. Ms. Linda Common was the Principal at Woodside, but now wears another hat as the Chief Administrator of Special Education for the Sequoia district. She is in need of a parent, who might also be home - who happens to be an RN or an LVN. The district is in need of an RN and/or an LVN to help with a student at Sequoia while his regular LVN takes a break to have lunch each day. The RN/LVN will be compensated for their time - but they must have an RN or LVN license. Please contact Ms. Common at [lcommon@seq.org](mailto:lcommon@seq.org) for further information.

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#### 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.
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### Go Bears. Grrrr!

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