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## MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL BEARNOTES

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### CALENDAR

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday, September 26** - Club Rush, Lunchtime at the Girls Soccer Field (See [article](#))
- **Wednesday, October 1** - 9th Grade Parent Guidance Department Information Meeting 6-7:30pm. English in Library; Spanish in Guidance Office
- **Friday, October 3** - Last day to drop a class without penalty. See Guidance Counselor
- **Saturday, October 18** - Homecoming Dance
- **Saturday, October 25** - Fashion Show

### CHALLENGE DAY

Attention ALL PARENTS! We are grateful to the many people who have already volunteered for Challenge Day!! You've filled more than half the open positions, including all the registration and lunch roles, thank you. We STILL need about 50 additional small group leaders. A small group leader works with 5-8 students (not his or her own child), and stays with the group the entire day from 7:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.. The small group leader helps facilitate the students' experience through small group discussions and communication exercises led by the professional Challenge Day staff who come to M-A. You can volunteer to help on any one of three dates: Monday, Tuesday or Friday November 3, 4 or 7th. No previous experience is needed, so it's a great way to get involved in the school. In response to past input, small group leaders will have an optional one hour training/Q&A session on Saturday, November 1, in the morning.

Sign up for Challenge Day small group leader by e-mailing the date of your choice (in order of preference) to Barb Windham (Daniel 2011) or Peggy Propp (Alan 2012) at [challengeday@mabearspta.org](mailto:challengeday@mabearspta.org). Please put "Challenge Day Volunteer" in the subject line. Don't pass up this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our teens!

### M-A ADMINISTRATION

**Bus Passes.** Sam Trans Bus Passes are sold by Nanci Meacham, the school treasurer, through the 15th of each month.

**Club Rush** will take place on Friday, September 26, during lunch on the Girls' Soccer Field. This wonderful event gives our entire student body the opportunity to check out ALL of the wonderful clubs that are available to meet the interests of the wide diversity of our wonderful student body. Clubs will publicize their mission, vision and goals, meeting times and locations and introduce their club advisors and some of the club officers. It is most important that our students move swiftly through the event to check out as many clubs as possible in the lunch period, pick up information provided by the clubs, sign up to receive more information, and to be open to signing up to join clubs with or without friends. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends with similar interests and to perhaps explore leadership opportunities available within the club system. Joining a club is a great way to get involved with the Menlo-Atherton community. The list of clubs changes yearly, depending on student interests and involvement. Check out the clubs offered this year. For further information, please contact Ms. Todd at [ktodd@seq.org](mailto:ktodd@seq.org).

**California Scholarship Federation (CSF) Week** is coming October 27-31. Applications are available the week prior from the student's English teacher. Look for the sign-up table every day during lunch that week outside the library. Only sophomores, juniors and seniors will register at this session as the Spring 2008 grades are processed. Keep your recently mailed transcripts or report card handy! For further information, please go to <http://www.csf-cjsf.org/CSFHome.asp>.

**ESL Tutors still needed.** There still are some openings for you to come to M-A once a week and help our English Language Learners! You can make a world of difference in just one period a week. Check your calendar and see if you can tutor at any of the following times. No foreign language or prior tutoring experience required. Contact Linda Fornaciari at [laderalinda@mac.com](mailto:laderalinda@mac.com) if you have any questions. Available times and teachers:

**JJ Lee-Gilbert ROOM F- 13**

Novanet: Period 1 Mondays 7:50 - 8:40am (1 spot open for a tutor knowing geometry)

Period 1 Thursdays 7:50 - 8:40am (2 spots, 1 needs geometry knowledge)

ESL 2: Period 2 Wednesdays 7:50 - 9:25am (needs 2)

Period 3 Wednesdays 9:40 - 11:20am (needs 1)

**Diana Torres ROOM C-13 ESL 3 and SDAIE 1, ROOM E-20 for SDAIE 2**

SDAIE 1 (10th grade) Thursdays: 12:05 - 1:40pm (Needs 5) for help with book group discussions

SDAIE 2 (11th grade) Wednesdays: 12:05 - 1:40pm (Needs 5) for help with book group discussions

SDAIE 2 Thursdays 1:45 - 3:20pm (Needs 2) for help with book group discussions

**Angelica Rodriguez: ROOM E-17** Homework Center: Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:30pm (needs 1)

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**eScrip Frequently Asked Questions!** Please renew your Safeway contributions for escrip! To do this, go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Your name and "Menlo-Atherton PTA" should appear near the top of the screen. If you see the "Renew" button, please click on it and you're finished with the renewal process. (If you don't see "Renew", then either you've already done it or have not listed a Safeway card.) If you see your name, but "M-A PTA" is not listed as a recipient, please go to "my escrip" to add M-A PTA, #136550465. If you do not see your name, then go to "sign in",

where you can input your email address, phone number, or card number to locate your account. Then follow the procedures above. Thank you very much for your support of M-A! Please contact Emily, [emligget@pacbell.net](mailto:emligget@pacbell.net) with any questions.

**Volunteers needed for M-A's PTA Fashion Show Saturday October 25th!!!** A total of 150 people are needed for all three shows. Show times are 12:00 Noon, 4:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. We need your help in the following areas: dressing rooms, clothing racks, backstage, ticket takers and will call, DVD and raffle sales, door monitors, security, luncheon set-up and take-down, student food helpers and show set up and take down. Please contact Cindy Newton at [newton\\_c@sbcglobal.net](mailto:newton_c@sbcglobal.net) and specify the show(s) you are available to help along with what you would like to do. Thank you for helping in the critical fundraising effort.

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#### FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE



**Roof Raising.** We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see the work in progress on our beautiful Performing Arts Center. Visit the Foundation's website (see the Quick Web Links at top) for continued progress reports.

**Special Opportunity.** Every fall, the Foundation for the Future hosts a special event to honor donors who contributed at the Leadership Level (\$2500 or more) in the prior year. This year's event will take place on October 15th, and we'd love to include any Leadership newcomers. If you weren't a Leadership donor last year, but are interested in joining the Foundation for the Future at the Leadership level this year, please contact Cindy Folker, Director of Development: [cfolker@seq.org](mailto:cfolker@seq.org) or call (650) 322-5311 x 5206. There's still time to attend our October event and join the Leadership ranks!

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#### ATHLETICS



### All the Scores and More!

**Upcoming Games.** We have a jam-packed sports schedule! Luckily, the M-A school website has a very comprehensive calendar. Want to see this week's schedule? Here's a link to the week's [events](#). Sports are coded in purple.

**Girls Waterpolo** - Q: How do you know that our Girls Bears are passionate about waterpolo? A: You can find them working out at the pool at 6 a.m. every day before school! And their hard work has translated to success! Last weekend, they won 3 out of 4 games in the St. Francis Invitational, losing only to Clovis West in double overtime. Then, in their league opener, they swamped Burlingame 13-6, led by Becca Dorst with 5 and MJ O'Neill and Lauren Knox contributing 2 each. Next on the schedule...the Bears are looking for a REpeat against Menlo. Come to Menlo and see the action - Wednesday, September 24, at 5 p.m. M-A U-Know!

The **Menlo-Atherton Cross Country team** turned in another strong performance at the Lowell Invitational at Golden Gate Park on Saturday, led by the freshman team finishing 1st out of 47 teams and the sophomore team who took 5th place in the large field.

**Varsity volleyball** crushes Carlmont 25-17, 25-17, 22-25, 25-17!!!! Regina Mullen had 14 kills, 4 aces; Kelli Branning had 13 kills, 2 aces; Diane Seely had 10 kills, 9 blocks, 2 aces; Seini

Moimoi had 7 blocks; Kate Reardon had 6 blocks; Hannah Branning had 2 aces for an excellent performance. The girls also defeated Sobrato 3 - 0!! Kills: Regina Mullen 10, Kelli Branning 9, Diane Seely 6, Kate Reardon 4; Blocks: Kate Reardon 3; Aces: Diane Seely 4.  
Come watch the girls block and kill this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. against South City!!

**Boys Water Polo.** The first PAL match of the season was held against Burlingame at Burlingame. Varsity Results: M-A wins 10-7. MA Goals: Richard Hong - 3, Jed Springer - 3, Eric Wright - 2, Simon Hood - 1, Scott Swartz - 1. M-A Saves: Nick Beltramo - 8. The Roche Tournament was held this weekend at M-A, results to be announced ASAP. The next PAL match is scheduled against Menlo at Menlo 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 24.

**Girls Golf.** The M-A girls golf team remains undefeated with a victory over Saratoga High School 222-245 at Sharon Heights Country Club. Amrita Sehgal was again the low scorer with a 47.

**GIRLS TENNIS CLOBBERS 'CATS.** Rival Woodside came to M-A eager for an upset. Instead the Lady Bears sent the 'Cats home with their tail between their legs, clobbering them 7-0, led by the undefeated #1 & #2 players, Marietta Tuionetoa and Paige Keating. After a non-league match against Gunn, the Bears travel to Burlingame to take on the co-league leader Panthers on Thursday, September 25.

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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.
- For the PTA policy on BearNotes publication, please go to the [M-A PTA web site](#).

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