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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, October 1** - 9th Grade Parent Guidance Department Information Meeting 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (NOTE NEW TIME) 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
- Wednesday, October 22** - PTA Parent Education Series, Financial Planning for Your College-Bound Student ([See article](#))
- Saturday, October 25** - Fashion Show

M-A ADMINISTRATION

Help Keep Our Campus and Our Community Safe. Use the Menlo-Atherton High School Anonymous Tip Line (650) 306-8824.

ESL Tutoring. Just a few more tutoring openings to fill!

The students and teachers really need YOU! Please consider coming to M-A once a week to help our English Language Learners. No foreign language or prior tutoring experience required; the teachers will tell you all you need to know to tutor. Contact Linda Fornaciari at laderalinda@mac.com. Available times and teachers:

JJ Lee-Gilbert, ROOM F- 13, ESL 2: Period 7, Thursdays, 1:45 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. (Needs 2).

Diana Torres, ROOM E-20, SDAIE 1 (10th grade), Thursdays, 12:05 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. Need 3 for help with book group discussions. SDAIE 2 (11th grade), Wednesdays, 12:05 p.m. - 1:40 p.m. Need 1 for help with book group discussions. SDAIE 2, Thursdays, 1:45 p.m. - 3:20 p.m. Need 2 for help with book group discussions.

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PTA



Don't miss the **"Rock On" PTA Fashion Show** on Saturday, October 25, in the New Gym. Please support M-A and our seniors. Consider underwriting or advertising in our program book. More information about these options is on our web page [here](#). Click [here](#) for the ticket order form in English ([aqui en Espanol](#)). Thank you for all you do to support the M-A PTA! Questions? Contact fashionshow@mabearspta.org.

PTA Membership Drive. The M-A PTA wishes to thank the many wonderful families, teachers, and members of our larger community who have joined the PTA this fall. In addition, we would like express our gratitude to those who have contributed to our call for direct donations over and above the \$7 membership fee. The PTA is a vital partner in making M-A a first-class high school. Membership applications, direct donations, and donations of your valuable time are always needed and welcome at any time. For more information, check out our web site www.mabearspta.org.

October PTA Meeting The PTA General meeting will be held in the wrestling room **8:30 - 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 7th**. Our featured speaker will be **School Principal Matthew Zito** with a school safety update. We will also vote on our first round of mini-grants. The minutes for the 9/2/2008 meeting have been posted at http://www.mabearspta.org/agendas_min.html.

We still need Challenge Day volunteers for Nov. 3, 4 & 7! We only need ~30 more group leaders...all other positions are filled (thank you to all who have signed up!). Come and enjoy a fun and "hands on" experience with our new M-A students. Your presence can make a big difference. The time commitment is 7:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for any one of the dates. Please e-mail Barb Windham or Peggy Propp at challengeday@mabearspta.org to say which day you'd like to be a group leader.

PTA PARENT EDUCATION SERIES: Financial Planning for Your College-Bound Student Wednesday, October 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Menlo-Atherton Library. Mark your calendars now for an important event for the parents of 9th, 10th and 11th grade students! Join M-A college advisor Alice Kleeman and presenters from Edfund and Bellarmine College Prep for an information-packed evening on "planning ahead to pay for college." Refreshments offered in the Library Foyer; Q & A session to follow presentation. Please RSVP to Charlene Margot, Co-Chair, Parent Education Series, parenteducation@mabearspta.org. (Note that Alice Kleeman will offer a professional presentation on financial aid to parents of seniors in January 2009).

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M-A ACTIVITIES

Band Updates are Online! For band news and the calendar, please see our website <http://www.mabandboosters.org/>. For information, please contact Mary Hom, Band Booster Chair at tream5@juno.com.

HOMECOMING AT A GLANCE: DECADES!!!

Homecoming week is Monday, October 13 - Saturday, October 18. Are you ready to leave 2008 and prepared to travel back through the decades? This year's Homecoming festivities will let us stroll through some of the most exciting DECADES in history **ALL WEEK LONG!** Join our time machine and travel through the decades as we look forward to:

- MONDAY: October 13. (80s) Sport the big hair, leg warmers, fingerless gloves,

headbands, and wear your favorite day-glo color!

- **TUESDAY:** October 14. (70s) Watch the disco ball as you wear your polyester leisure suits and platform shoes or roller skates!
- **WEDNESDAY:** October 15. (60s) Come on, surfer girls and guys. Wear your swingin' sandals, white bell bottoms, and tie-dye shirts or mini-skirts, hippie vests, and go-go boots. Finish the look with the white lipstick and extra-big sunglasses!
- **THURSDAY:** October 16. (50s) Grease is the word, Daddy-O! Bring out your bowling shirts, rolled up jeans, Capri pants, circle skirts, and cotton knotted shirts. Don't forget to dust off the leather and satin jackets for the complete look!
- **FRIDAY:** October 17. M-A Pride Day-Maroon and Gold!!! Plus, Homecoming Rally and Homecoming Game versus Terra Nova @ Sequoia High School with Extended Varsity Homecoming Halftime where the Homecoming Royalty are announced.
- **SATURDAY:** October 18. The Roaring 20's Homecoming Dance is 7:30 pm-11:30 pm at Menlo-Atherton High School. Last day for ticket sales is Friday, October 17 at 3:30 p.m. unless we sell out sooner!

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FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE



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 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!
(Click [Here](#) for This Week's Calendar)

GOLF. On Monday, September 22 the Menlo-Atherton Girls' Golf Team visited Los Gatos HS at La Rinconada Country Club. Los Gatos handed M-A their first loss of the season, 202-211. Shea Robinson of Los Gatos was medalist with a 40. Amrita Sehgal has the M-A low score with a 49. On Tuesday, September 23 M-A hosted Los Gatos HS at Sharon Heights Country Club. Los Gatos came out on top for the second time with a 213-216 victory. Mele Latu of M-A was medalist at the match with a 47. M-A has an overall season record of 7 wins and 2 losses. The Aragon High School and Menlo-Atherton High School Girls golf teams met on September 25, at Poplar Creek. The match was incredibly competitive and resulted in a 196 tie. The Medalist for the round was Mele Latu with a 39.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL REMAINS UNDEFEATED! M-A defeated Sequoia 3-0. Kills: Kelli Branning 10, Regina Mullen 9, Diane Seely 8. Blocks: Diane Seely 3. Aces: Kelli Branning 3, Regina Mullen 3. M-A also defeated South San Francisco 3-0. Kills: Regina Mullen 14, Diane Seely 10, Kelli Branning 9, Kate Reardon 7. Blocks: Diane Seely 4. Come watch the girls battle Aragon this Thursday at 4:30 p.m.!!

M-A GIRL'S TENNIS IN 1ST PLACE. After defeating co-leader Burlingame last week and dominating Mills and San Mateo this week without #1 player Marietta Tuionetoa, at the mid-point of the season the Bears are in sole possession of 1st place in the top rated Bay League of the PAL. The Bears continue their quest for a league championship next Tuesday in a home match against South San Francisco.

Try-outs for our M-A Cheerleading Squad will be held October 6th and 8th in the New Dance Studio at 5:00 p.m. Come out and cheer for M-A and get ready to show your spirit for our Basketball season. Email Coach Barbara with questions: kbmvp@stanford.edu.

GIRLS WATERPOLO. The Bears scored first, fast, and frequently in a spectacular 17-4 Repeat win against Menlo in the season's "Big Game". Becca Dorst led with 6 goals, followed by Vanessa Lane with 4. Hannah Breen (2), Lauren Knox (2), Anna Geiduschek, and Sarah Winters also added points, and Heather Bogott put the final bit of icing on the cake. The ghosts of M-A past must have been smiling as the young Knights retreated to their castle. (Yet we all know Menlo will be back to fight another day, and we look forward to our next contest!) Next up: League game vs Half Moon Bay at 3pm on Wednesday, Oct 1 at M-A Spieker Pool.

FOOTBALL. The varsity football team improved its record to 3 -1 with a thrilling 24-22 victory over Leigh Friday night. Russell Perkins had an early interception, quarterback Turner Baty connected with Rod Nash and Sam Knapp for touchdowns and Vaughn Smith also rushed for a touchdown. Eric Stanske secured the victory with a last-minute clutch field goal.

BOYS WATERPOLO TOURNAMENT RESULTS. The Boys Waterpolo team played hard in the Roche tournament, winning one and losing three matches against some of the state's best teams. We defeated Palo Alto 8 - 3 in the first match, then lost 6 - 3 to Mater Dei (the eventual tournament winner), 11 - 5 to La Jolla and 8 - 5 to Vista placing 8th overall in the tournament. Nick Beltramo put forth outstanding effort in achieving a total of 43 saves. While the offense played hard, notably, Jed Springer scored at least once in all four games. Great effort, guys! ([Return to Top](#))

COMMUNITY NOTES

Jeanne DuPrau's "The Diamond of Darkhold: The Fourth Book of Ember" Friday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m., at Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma Street, Menlo Park. Kepler's Books and the City of Menlo Park present Jeanne DuPrau and her newest release, "The Diamond of Darkhold: The Fourth Book of Ember." In this conclusion to the acclaimed series, readers will learn if Lina and Doon can bring light to a world that is always in darkness. Please join us. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (650) 330-2530.

Health Insurance Event. Please come to a wonderful event celebrating the important work of the Ravenswood Family Health Care Center. Support this organization that provides health care to those without health insurance. Luncheon on Saturday, October 4, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Little House, 800 Middle Avenue in Menlo Park. Open to all M-A families.

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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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