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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, October 6** - Workshop for M-A Pacific Islander Parents, 7 p.m., M-A Library (See [article](#))
- Tuesday, October 7** - deadline for PSAT sign-ups. Send a \$25 check made out to "M-A PSAT" with your child to their English class.
- Saturday, October 18** - Homecoming Dance
- Wednesday, October 22** - PTA Parent Education Series, Financial Planning for Your College-Bound Student
- Saturday, October 25** - Fashion Show (See [article](#))

M-A ADMINISTRATION

Workshop for M-A Pacific Islander parents. M-A is looking at ways to improve student achievement by encouraging parent involvement to increase student success and academic achievement. The first meeting is on Monday, October 6, at 7 p.m. in the Menlo-Atherton Library. This workshop presentation will focus on high school basics such as grading periods, graduation requirements, attendance policy, written and verbal communications from the school and the district. We will review sample progress reports, semester report card, attendance letters, and encourage them to use **Communicado** to communicate with teachers as well monitoring their students progress.

Homecoming Dance Behavior Guidelines. The Homecoming Student Leadership committee wishes to remind students of the following safety guidelines for the October 18 Homecoming Dance: no drugs or alcohol, always appropriate dancing and respectful behavior. Students are invited to enjoy the dance and conduct themselves in a manner that shows respect for themselves and other members of the school community. No inappropriate dancing will be allowed as stated by the M-A Dance Regulations. (Refer to 2008/09 Student Handbook page 13.)

District Finances. As the M-A community has read in the local news, the Lehman Brothers collapse has had a financial impact on many school districts' funds, including ours. The

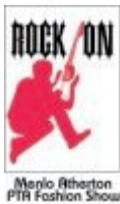
Administration will provide further detailed information in an upcoming issue of BearNotes. Rest assured that the Sequoia Union High School District is consulting with the San Mateo County on this issue.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We urge you to supply the gift of your time to help in these essential activities. Tutoring makes a difference for single individual students - most rewarding. Challenge Day makes a difference to a small group of new high-schoolers, launching their high school career. Finally, **the Fashion Show is the single biggest fundraiser event the PTA offers.** Your help is critical to generate funds that benefit the entire student body.

ESL Tutoring. Just a few more tutoring openings to fill! Contact Linda Fornaciari at laderalinda@mac.com to determine the remaining need.



Fashion Show. The M-A PTA Fashion Show still needs a significant number of volunteers both before the event and event day. Jobs, big and small, are available for both before and during the shows. Show times are 12:00 noon, 4:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Please contact Cindy Newton as soon as possible with your availability at newton_c@sbcglobal.net.

Bakers Needed for PTA Fashion Show Bake Sale!

We need your best baked goods delivered to the New Gym on Thursday, October 24th, noon till 7:00 p.m. for the **Fashion Show Bake Sale!**

Also, volunteers are needed to **package** the treats on the 24th and **sell** at the Bake Sale during all three shows (12 noon, 4:00 & 7:30 p.m.)

It's easy, it's fun & it's so *delicious!*

For sign-ups and details, please contact Judy Hood & Leslie Murveit at: summerhood1@yahoo.com

Challenge Day still needs volunteers for small group leaders! Due to the large size of this year's freshman class (600!), increased parent participation is needed to maintain the small group interaction that makes the event so personal and meaningful. The time commitment is 7:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on either November 3, 4 or 7. Please e-mail your choice of date to Barb Windham or Peggy Propp at challengeday@mabearspta.org. Act now... and make a difference in the lives of our students for years to come!

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PTA



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.

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FASHION SHOW NEWS



You're invited to "[Rock On](#)" at the [PTA Fashion Show](#) on Saturday, October 25, in the New Gym. Tickets are on sale for the luncheon show (12 noon), afternoon show (4:00 p.m.) and evening show (7:30 p.m.). Shows do sell out, so **please order now!** Click [here](#) for the ticket order form in English ([aqui en Espanol](#)). This is a great way to support all of the programs funded by the PTA.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE M-A PTA AND OUR SENIORS! VOLUNTEER, UNDERWRITE, ADVERTISE, BUY RAFFLE TICKETS AND ATTEND THE SHOW. Every year, our 7:30 p.m. show sells out. Use the form in the Trivocis to order your show tickets, raffle tickets, and DVD today! We've made it easy. One check covers it all.

MANY THANKS TO OUR SHOW'S PRELIMINARY UNDERWRITERS: David D. Bohannon Organization, The Brody Family, Sand Hill Advisors, The Walecka Family, The Cogan, Horowitz and Mellenthin families. Please consider giving. For further information on underwriting or advertising, click [here](#). To do so, contact Lynne Young at lynnewyoung@yahoo.com or Leigh Flesher at lcflesher@sbcglobal.net.

ADVERTISE IN OUR PROGRAM BOOK. Feature your business in full page, half page, or business card ads. For further information on underwriting or advertising, click [here](#). Please contact Camille Eder at anteder@comcast.net.

CHECK OUT THE LATEST FASHIONS FROM OUR TERRIFIC LOCAL STORES! Our show features new styles from: Afterwards, American Apparel, Anchor Blue, Calla, Cassis, Harold's, Leaf and Petal, Lucy, Marial's Bridal, Men's Wearhouse, Mercer, Nike, North Face, Patrick James, Pickled, REI, Selix, Skateworks, Tommy Bahama, Torrid and more.

ENJOY LUNCH AT THE NOON SHOW. Again this year, Jeffrey's Hamburgers is donating a delicious organic specialty salad. Gather your friends and reserve a table for 10, join a few friends and sit together or come on your own and meet new friends. Freshman families have the option of sitting with other freshman families.

DON'T MISS OUR AMAZING RAFFLE! Prizes include: Six month (once per month) package at Massage Envy, Apple iPod Nano with \$50.00 iTunes gift card, \$250.00 TicketMaster gift card, Apple iPod Touch, Golf and lunch for four at Wente Vineyards and more.

Thanks from Julie Brody, Charlene Cogan, Jody Horowitz and Anne Mellenthin, Fashion Show Co-Chairs

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M-A ACTIVITIES

CLUBS AT M-A. In September, students had the opportunity to experience Club Rush, a way to check out some of the many extracurricular activities the school has to offer. The M-A website now has an updated [list of the clubs](#), which identifies the clubs, club subject matter and contact points. Please encourage students to explore these! If you have questions, please contact Andy Stuart (astuart@seq.org) or Kelly Todd (ktodd@seq.org).

Quiz Bowl News. On Saturday, M-A clobbered Sacred Heart in the first round of the televised game show Bay Area Quiz Kids. Watch the game on Saturday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m. on KRON-channel 4. Check the show date on the club website [here](#) as sometimes it changes.

COMPUTER DONATION PROGRAM. M-A needs YOUR old computers to send home with hard-working, deserving students. If you or your company have computers to donate, please contact Sue at 650-853-1711, or at kayton@alum.mit.edu. We are very close to reaching our goal of having a computer in every student's home, but need more computers to replace machines as they break.

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M-A COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

This is a reminder regarding the Senior Parent College Information Night on Tuesday, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. Sixty-two people have responded that they will attend. If you have not yet let Ms. Kleeman know you plan to attend, please do so; she need to know how many chairs to set up and how many copies to make.

This event is for parents of seniors only (no other parents, no students). Ms. Kleeman will talk to you about how she communicates with seniors regarding college-related tasks and issues, and she will answer your questions about ... anything! Please send RSVP information to Ms. Kleeman at aakleeman@aol.com.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

College Planning Workshops - Sunday, October 12, 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 26th 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma Street, Menlo Park. Alan Bisarya Ed. M and Vikram Wadhvani of Complete College Coaching present a two-part series on how to strengthen your college application. Learn about the admissions process, college financing, and how to choose the college that's right for you. Get tips on how to write a good college essay and hear about the mindset of the college admissions officer. Discover how to maximize your high school potential by choosing the right courses and extracurricular activities. This free event is open to students and parents. For more information, call (650) 330-2530 or visit us online at www.menloparklibrary.org or www.completecollegecoaching.com.

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ATHLETICS



All the Scores and More!
(Click [Here](#) for This Week's Calendar)

FOOTBALL. The varsity football team lost to Seaside Saturday by a score of 42-21. Plagued by turnovers, the Bears played from behind the entire game. On defense, Sam Knapp had an interception and Chris Gow recovered a fumble. Turner Baty connected with Sam Knapp for one touchdown and with Russell Perkins for the other two.

BOYS WATERPOLO. Boys Varsity beat Half Moon Bay, 16-1, on Wednesday, October 1. Twelve different players scored to give the team another league victory! Next game is against Los Altos at 7:00 p.m. (JV at 6 p.m.).

GIRLS WATERPOLO. After stunning Sacred Heart Prep and top-seeded Rio Americano, the Bears took the silver in the NorCal Championship tournament and earned a #1 CCS ranking in the Sept 29 coaches' poll. Then they won their game against Half Moon Bay, to remain undefeated in league play. Congratulations to the Bears and Coaches Rubin and Gill for these historic achievements! Thank you, Boosters, for the warm-up robes that are keeping them comfy on the pool deck as fall approaches. This weekend, the Bears will travel to the Western States tournament in Modesto to compete once more against the best teams in Northern California.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL. Varsity volleyball gets revenge! M-A varsity hosted a tournament on Saturday, which was won by the visiting Aragon High. After losing outside hitter Regina Mullen to an injury, M-A had to reshuffle its lineup and was defeated by San Mateo 0-3 on Tuesday; Kills: Diane Seely 9, Kelli Branning 6. On Thursday; however, the Bears came out strong to defeat Aragon 3-0 to regain first place in the league. Kills: Diane Seely 24, Kelli Branning 18; Blocks: Seini Moimoi 5, Kate Reardon 5; Aces: Seini Moimoi 6. Come watch the girls take on Woodside this Thursday at 4:30!!!

GIRLS TENNIS. M-A CONQUERS CARLMONT. The Bears welcomed back their #1 player, Marietta Tuionetoa after a week's sick leave, went to Carlmont and in blustery conditions against a fired up Scots squad, came out on top, 4-3. Although the Scots fought tooth and nail, Casey Burnett & Lizzy Peck clinched the victory, keeping the Lady Bears undefeated league record perfect.

GIRLS GOLF. On Tuesday, September 30, Menlo-Atherton's Girls Golf Team had matches against Capiuchino and Mills. M-A was the clear victor with a score of 181, beating Mills with 201 and Capuchino with 251. Medalists for the round were Mele Latu and Amrita Sehgal tied at 43. The rest of the team had their best match this season with the following scores: Rachel Verity (47), Kendall Mongird (48) and Tami Vujovich (59). M-A's season record is now 9-2-1. ([Return to Top](#))

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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