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MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL BEARNOTES

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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, October 18** - Homecoming Dance, 7:30 - 11:30 p.m., at Ayers Gym and Gym Complex Patio
- Tuesday, October 21** - Minimum Day #2
- Wednesday, October 22** - PTA Parent Education Series, Financial Planning for Your College-Bound Student ([See article](#))
- Saturday, October 25** - Fashion Show ([See article](#))
- Thursday, October 30** - Trick-or-Treat Street, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Menlo-Atherton High School ([See article](#))
- Monday, November 10** - 8th Grade Information Night, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Ayers Gym, **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

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, **note that the Fashion Show is the single biggest fundraiser event the PTA offers** ([See article!](#)). Your help is **critical** to generate funds that benefit the entire student body.

The M-A FASHION SHOW DESPERATELY NEEDS YOUR HELP. On October 25, we still need **50** volunteers to help. Show times are 12:00 noon, 4:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. We need ticket takers, raffle sales, backstage model escorts, door monitors, dressing room and clothing rack attendants. **DON'T WAIT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Please contact Cindy Newton as soon as possible at newton_c@sbcglobal.net.

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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FASHION SHOW NEWS



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.

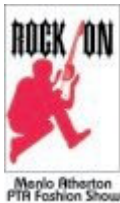
Bakers Needed for PTA Fashion Show Bake Sale!

We need your best baked goods delivered to the New Gym on **FRIDAY**, 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



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.). You can now buy tickets on campus outside Room B21 during lunch, Monday-Thursday. Shows do sell out, so **please order now!** Click [here](#) for the ticket order form in English ([aquí en Español](#)). This is a great way to support all of the programs funded by the PTA.

ENJOY LUNCH AT THE NOON SHOW. 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 Wentle Vineyards and more.

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

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M-A ADMINISTRATION

AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) Program. Do you love your job and would you like to share your path with interested M-A students? [Share your enthusiasm!](#) Contact Cat Burton-Tillson at cburton@seq.org with questions.

Dance Behavior Guidelines. Parents, please take the time to discuss this note with your students! The Homecoming Student Leadership committee wishes to remind students of the following safety guidelines for the October 18th Homecoming Dance: **no drugs or alcohol, dance appropriately, and behave respectfully.** 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.) Any questions please contact our

Student Activities Teachers, Kelly Todd, ktodd@seq.org and Andy Stuart, astuart@seq.org.

SAT class - sign-ups for Spring 2009. M-A will again be offering their popular spring 0 period SAT Prep Class. There will be an article in the next TRIVOCIS describing the class and how to sign-up. The sign-up date will be on Wednesday morning, November 19th, before 7 a.m., in Room D20. **Do not** contact your student's counselor to sign-up. If you have questions that cannot wait until you have read the article in the next TRIVOCIS, contact Gregg Whitnah at gwhitnah@seq.org.

District Finances. M-A Principal Mr. Matthew Zito informed parents at the October 7 PTA General Meeting that the Sequoia Union High School District's \$6 million loss related to the collapse of Lehman Bros. includes approximately a \$1 million loss in general operating funds which will be shared by all schools and programs in the District. While he mourns the loss of any monies to the school, Mr. Zito believes we can all work together and still keep our programs in place for this year at M-A. The remaining loss of approximately \$5 million is in unallocated construction funds; and, as our building projects were previously allocated, we will be able to finish the construction of the Performing Arts Center and landscape the front of the school. Mr. Zito further stated that the Superintendent and Trustees have been excellent fiscal stewards for our District. Thus, the negative impact to both operating and construction funds will be softened somewhat by reserves set in place a few years ago to cover unexpected losses such as this. As more information becomes available, BearNotes will keep readers informed.

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PTA



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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SCHOOL NEWS

BEAR PRIDE FRIDAY. Let's make this the most spirited year in the history of Menlo-Atherton High School. The goal is for every Friday to be Bear Pride Friday. We hope to look down Pride Hall and Hello Hall or across the G-Wing, the Green, or Girls Soccer Field at lunch to see an ocean of maroon and gold. Every Friday, please throw on your Bear Wear, sport your favorite athletic team shirt, or show off your favorite M-A gear. Any appropriate maroon and/or gold shirt will show your Bear spirit. Don't forget to stop by the Student Store at lunch to see the newest Bear Wear for sale. The store just received a shipment of White "star" M-A tees and the new grey star hoodies. Be the first to own one!!! Don't forget that you can also log on to <http://www.prepsportswear.com/> to design and purchase your own original piece of Bear Wear. Staff members: join in by wearing your staff shirts on Bear Pride Fridays. Join us EVERY Friday for Bear Pride Fridays!!!!

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M-A COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

For twenty-five years, **Oxbridge Academic Programs** has been offering 8th-12th graders the opportunity to attend summer programs in five European cities: Oxford, Cambridge, Paris, Montpellier, and Barcelona. Programs are aimed at advanced junior high and high school students who have the desire and motivation to enrich themselves intellectually while immersing themselves in a foreign culture. Oxbridge Academic Programs representative Mario Suarez will visit Menlo-Atherton High School on Monday, October 20 during the lunch period. Students at all grade levels may attend, and no pass is necessary since the visit takes place during the lunch period. Please stop by to ask any questions and pick up a brochure! Direct questions to Ms. Kleeman at aakleeman@aol.com.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Menlo Park Library Teen Night: After Hours! Friday, October 24, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma Street, Menlo Park. Have the library all to yourselves at Teen Night: After Hours! After the library closes to the public on Friday, October 24, the doors will open to students from grades 6 - 12 for after hours fun. Bring your friends! Enjoy a movie and snacks, Internet and free WiFi. Listen to music and browse the shelves. This event is free and open only to students from grades 6 - 12. Contact: Michelle Barrese (650) 330-2530.

You're Invited to Trick-or-Treat Street! You are invited to Trick-or-Treat Street, an annual event in which young children (ages 0 to 10) and their parents celebrate Halloween by trick-or-treating from door to door at Menlo-Atherton High School classrooms. The purpose of Trick-or-Treat Street is for Menlo-Atherton High School to provide a fun, safe environment where kids from neighborhoods near M-A can celebrate Halloween. Trick-or-Treat Street will take place on Thursday, October 30 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Menlo-Atherton High School. Please come with your children or younger siblings dressed in your Halloween costumes for an exciting night filled with candy, activities, and prizes. Happy Halloween; see you there!

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ATHLETICS



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

CROSS COUNTRY. The PAL season opener at Crystal Springs last Tuesday had Julia Vitale and Jarrod Nixon finishing first for the Bears in their respective varsity races. The JV boys and girls both finished second overall with Shayda Abadi and Kevin Sheridan finishing first for the Bears. Our Frosh/Soph team showed strength, but finished second to Carlmont by only 3 points with Michael Hester winning the race and Jack Beckwith finishing second.

GIRLS WATERPOLO. Girls J-V Water Polo is off to a crazy good start with an 11-2 record going into the week. There were two recent games against Leland and St. Francis where the set offense was extremely strong and there was huge success with driving resulting in kickouts for the other team. The girls continue to improve and turn mistakes into opportunities to learn. Contributions are being made from everyone on the roster, according to Coach Lara. The JV team also wants to give a big congratulations to Varsity's Becca Dorst for being named the Palo Alto Weekly's Athlete of the Week.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL. Disappointment for varsity volleyball! On Tuesday, Burlingame narrowly

defeated M-A, despite 19 kills from Diane Seely and 13 from Kelli Branning. M-A also lost to Woodside on Thursday in 3 close games. Please come support the girls in a comeback bid against Carlmont on Tuesday and Sequoia on Thursday, both at 4:30 p.m.!!

GIRLS TENNIS. M-A CLOBBERS 'CATS With the potential league title match with Burlingame looming ahead next Tuesday and missing two Varsity starters, the Bears traveled to Woodside to take on their arch rivals. The young Bears showed their late season experience and maturity, crushing the 'Cats, 5-2. Senior Julia Peck with only one league loss this season did not lose a game, winning 12 games in a row to finish in a record 45 minutes!

GIRLS GOLF. On Wednesday, October 8, the Menlo-Atherton Girls Golf team had a three way match with Aragon and Capiuchino at Poplar Creek. M-A eeked out a win with a 194, beating Aragon with 196 and Capuchino with a 265. The medalist was Mele Latu with a 45. M-A girls golf team also defeated San Mateo 212 to 272. Amrita Sehgal was the medalist with a low score of 48.

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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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