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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **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
- **Friday, October 31** - Senior Baby Picture due date ([See article](#))
- **Friday, October 31** - Halloween
- **Monday, November 10** - 8th Grade Information Night, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Ayers Gym, **NOTE DATE CHANGE** ([See article](#))

PTA



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PARENT EDUCATION SERIES No. 2: Planning Ahead to Pay for College on Wednesday, October 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the M-A Library. Parents of freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are invited to attend this Parent Education series event, which will take place in the library. Our presenters are Katy Murphy, head of college counseling at Bellarmine Prep High School in San Jose and Luanne Buchman from EdFund. Alice Kleeman will provide some remarks that tie their advice directly to the way we handle financial aid and scholarships at M-A. The Parent Education Series offered this presentation last year and parents found it tremendously helpful. Please RSVP to Charlene Margot, Parent Education Chair, if you plan to attend at parenteducation@mabearspta.org. We hope you will find this session enjoyable and helpful!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

One last time - we hope you understand our need to repeat these requests, but volunteers are how our events function successfully.

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 NEEDS YOUR HELP. Next Saturday, October 25, we still need volunteers to help. Show times are 12:00 noon, 4:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. We also need tear down assistance on Sunday, October 26. Please contact Cindy Newton as soon as possible at newton_c@sbcglobal.net to determine what jobs are still open.

Challenge Day still needs volunteers for small group leaders! 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!

Volunteer Mentors Needed for Juniors in M-A's Academy. The Menlo-Atherton High School Academy is a small school-within-a-school program that strives to create a nurturing environment where students can develop a love of learning and acquire the academic, personal, and critical thinking skills needed in today's information-based society. To help these students reach their long term goals, our junior students are partnered with mentors from career fields that interest them. As a mentor, you will be paired with a student to help them plan for their future through a series of guided activities. We recognize time is short, but if you can commit to four 1-1/2 hour visits between now and June, you will truly make a difference in the community and our students' lives. And it's fun! Our first meeting will be on November 14, with subsequent meetings in January, March, and May. Please contact Chris Rubin at crubin@seq.org if you are interested or would like more information. Thank you!

ENGLISH-AS-A-SECOND LANGUAGE TUTORS NEEDED! We are off to a great start with the community support for the ESL tutor program at Menlo-Atherton High School. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who have made their way to the classrooms for their allotted time. Both the teachers and students are enormously grateful for your efforts. We need a few more volunteers, if possible, for the time slots listed below. Remember, there is no Spanish language proficiency needed--the tutors are there to help the students learn English. The time commitment is usually slightly more than an hour per week through the academic year (except during exams). You may find yourself reading a book together in a small group helping pronunciation and grammar, working with students on basic language structure and vocabulary, or assisting with the teacher's goals for essays or book reports. All of it is rewarding and interesting. Here are the times and classes still in need of volunteer support.

JJ LEE-GILBERT ROOM F-13
 ESL 2: PERIOD 1 WEDNESDAYS 8:00 - 9:30 AM
 ESL 2: PERIOD 7 THURSDAYS 1:45 - 3:20 PM
 DIANA TORRES ROOM E-20
 SDAIE 1 THURSDAYS 12:05 - 1:40 PM
 SDAIE 3 THURSDAYS 1:45 - 3:20 PM

Please let us hear from you--an email to either of us with your availability is all we need. Contact either Marla Stark marlastark@mac.com or Linda Fornaciari at laderalinda@mac.com. We'll get you registered as an M-A volunteer (required by the district), introduce you to the teacher and get you started.

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M-A ADMINISTRATION

Attention Families with 8th Graders! Please join us for these upcoming events:

- 8th Grade Information Night: Monday, November 10th , 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Ayers Gym
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE This event is an opportunity for interested parents and students to meet members of the school community including students, parents, faculty, and administrators. Matthew Zito, Alice Kleeman, and several M-A students will speak about the diverse, supportive, and academically rigorous environment that can be found at M-A. Afterwards, families will be invited to rotate through various classrooms so they can learn more about the school's excellent academic programs.
- Campus Tours : Saturday, November 15th, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Meet outside the Library. These tours are informal outdoor walks led by M-A Leadership Students who will share their enthusiasm for the school and answer questions in small groups. Middle school students and their parents are invited. *Last tour will depart at 11:15 a.m..
- Student Shadowing. Please contact Kelly Todd at 322-5311, x5250 or ktodd@seq.org to schedule a date.

Senior Baby Pictures Needed. Attention SENIOR parents: Remember little Alex in his diapers? Who could forget Maddie's first steps? Or how about when Simon said "ma ma" for the first time? immortalize those precious memories by bringing in your student's baby picture for the yearbook. Pictures can be dropped off in the box in the main office by Friday, October 31 or emailed to us at ma_yearbook@yahoo.com. Also, yearbooks are still available for the early bird price of \$65 online at <http://shop.jostens.com>.

CSF Week is coming up! Applications will be taken every day during lunch for sophomores, juniors and seniors by the library. Please bring your M-A Spring 2008 report card or transcript. Fees are \$3 or \$4 if you need to request a transcript with a parent volunteer. Your English teachers will have forms available or you can download your forms [here](#).

Student Peer Tutors Needed. Does your student need community service hours? We have a very accessible and VERY necessary way to help M-A! If your sophomore, junior or senior student is strong academically, we need them once a week during 7th period to help students one-on-one with their homework in E-6 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday). We need students with knowledge of Freshman English, Algebra Readiness and World Studies. The advantage to tutoring is that it helps the tutor, as well, in reinforcing earlier knowledge learned and developing leadership and communication skills. Perfect for student athletes waiting for their practices to start or any student who can stay for 7th period. Students must commit to one day a week for the rest of the semester. Contact Audrey Stevenson at astevenson@seq.org for more information.

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FASHION SHOW NEWS

Bakers Needed for PTA Fashion Show Bake Sale!

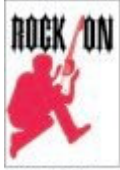
We need your best baked goods delivered to the New Gym on **FRIDAY**, October 24th, noon till 7:00 p.m. for the Fashion Show Bake Sale!

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



Menlo Atherton
PTA Fashion Show

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.



ENJOY LUNCH AT THE NOON SHOW. Join a few friends and sit together or come on your own and meet new friends. Gather your friends and reserve a table for 10. Freshman families have the option of sitting with other freshman families. 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.

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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ACTIVITIES AND CLUB NEWS

Robotics. Come out and cheer M-A's robotics team at the 2008 Northern California Robot Games ("Cal Games"). 30 large, 120 lb. robots will be competing this coming Saturday, October 25, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Archbishop Mitty High School, 5000 Mitty Way in San Jose. Admission is free; all are welcome. For more info, contact: info@marobotics.org.

Quiz Bowl. On Saturday, the M-A Quiz Bowl team competed in a tournament featuring 16 Bay Area teams, and came in second. Congratulations to Benjamin Nuyens, Dan Kozlowski, and Kurt Kessler. M-A students, if you like trivia, and would like to try Quiz Bowl, come to room B-10 at lunchtime on Wednesday or Thursday.

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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.

Kepler's Community Partner in Education Program - Mention M-A at the register when making a purchase at Kepler's and they donate 10% of the purchase to the M-A Library.

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ATHLETICS



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

SPORTS PHYSICALS. Who: Any and All Athletes, When: Thursday, October 30. 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Where: BAK Physical Therapy, 705 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Contact BAK at (650) 363-5674, Cost: \$20 (Cash, Check, or Credit Cards Accepted). NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED! First come, First served! This physical is valid for the entire 2008-2009 school year! All Fall, Winter & Spring Sports!

CROSS COUNTRY. The Bears Cross Country Team ran on Friday in the Monterey Bay Invitational in Salinas. The boys frosh-soph team won, placing 7 in the top 14 out of over 200 runners. Medalists are Michael Hester, Jack Beckwith, Casey Eason, Tucker Albright, Jordan Scandlyn, Brendy Hale and Spencer Berry. In the varsity boys race, Jarrod Nixon led the team again with a strong 22nd place.

FOOTBALL. The varsity football team won its first league game of the year against Terra Nova 41 - 39 in an offensive slugfest. Turner Baty connected with Russell Perkins and Vaughn Smith for two touchdowns and also ran one in himself. Will Preston rushed for two touchdowns and Vaughn Smith also ran one in. The team next faces Aragon this Friday at 3:15 at Aragon. Come out and support your Bears!

GIRLS WATERPOLO. This past week, the Bears deftly outmaneuvered two sets of feisty Gators. First, they beat Sacred Heart Prep 3-2 in an exciting overtime finish to capture the 3rd place trophy in the Western States Tournament. Then, they prevailed 6-5 over Castilleja in league play. Our athletes were also showcased on Cal-Hi Sports Bay Area in recognition of M-A's successful waterpolo program! Join the excitement at Aragon this Wednesday at 3 p.m. M-A U-Know!

GIRLS TENNIS. M-A GIRLS TENNIS TEAM CLINCHES PAL TITLE For the first time in 8 years, the M-A Girls Tennis Team captured the [Peninsula Athletic League](#) (PAL) BAY League Title earning an automatic a CCS bid! After upsetting the Panthers of Burlingame on Tuesday, the Lady Bears "sealed the deal" with Senior Julia Peck's win. Other winners included Super Star #1 Marietta Tuionetoa, Super Soph #2 Paige Keating, Super Senior, Anna Murveit, the Dynamic Duo of Jordyn Fantuzzi/Julia Sommer and the newest stars of the league, Taylor Wentz/Claire Uschersohn, 6-3, 6-4.

GIRLS GOLF. On Tuesday, October 14, at Poplar Creek Golf Course, the Menlo-Atherton Girls Golf team defeated San Mateo High School, 185 to 234. Mele Latu was medalist with a score of 41.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL. Come support the Varsity Bears as they take on San Mateo this Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the M-A gym!!
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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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