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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monday, November 24 - M-A Canned Food Drive** continues. Please donate at your local grocery stores. Volunteers needed December 4 - 6. (see [article](#)).
- Wednesday, November 26 - NO block day schedule**, all classes meet; 6th period dismissed at 2:25 p.m., 7th at 3:20 p.m.
- Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 -** Thanksgiving Holidays, NO SCHOOL
- Monday, December 1 -** Last day for Seniors to complete on-line Safety Education on-line courses.
- Tuesday, December 2 - M-A PTA General Meeting.** Ayers Gym Dance Studio, 8:30 a.m. (see [article](#)).
- Tuesday, December 2 - M-A Choir Performance.** 7 p.m., M-A library. (see [article](#))
- Wednesday, December 3 - Parent Education Series No. 3.** Dr. Peter Newsom on Driver's Ed for the Brain. 7 - 8:30 p.m., M-A Library.

PTA

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PTA General Meeting. On December 2, the General PTA meeting will be held in the **Ayers Gym Dance Studio at 8:30 a.m.** Steve Lippi will report on the current status of M-A's curriculum. In addition, Dr. Mark Rosekind will visit to report on current research regarding adolescent sleep needs and schedules. Please remember to download a parking permit for that day. **Please bring gift cards to support Student Outreach** for Walgreens, Target, and Safeway or put donations in the PTA Mail Box in the main office--\$10 is a suggested amount. The PTA will also accept checks made out to M-A PTA (with "Student Outreach" noted on the memo line) and mailed to M-A PTA, 555 Middlefield Rd., Atherton, CA 94027. Thanks!

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M-A ADMINISTRATION

Sign Up for SAT Prep Class. "M-A's Own SAT Prep" will be offering a course to prepare for the March SAT and a later one to prepare for the May or June tests. We meet for five weeks, on Mondays and Tuesdays after school, on campus; and we are in our 29th year of non-profit operation. Our fee ranges from a base of \$100 to a high of \$225, depending on the number of enrollments: \$225 represents a \$15 tutoring fee, so our costs are very low. Our students receive a high degree of individual attention. To ask questions or to enroll your student, call Jane King at 323-4066 or email jcking@juno.com.

M-A SENIORS JOSTEN'S GRADUATION ORDERING INFORMATION. Attention Menlo-Atherton Seniors and Senior Parents! Hard to believe, but it's now time to start preparing for Graduation. Menlo-Atherton High School has partnered with Jostens to provide all the things you need, including cap and gown, the official Menlo-Atherton High School announcements, and other items to help the Class of 2009 celebrate graduation. Your student received a graduation order packet on Tuesday, November 18, during government/economics class. Inside this packet you will find the cap and gown order form, catalog, and price sheet. Jostens will be on-campus collecting cap and gown orders on Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25 during lunch hour. You can also mail in your completed order form or place your order online at <http://www.sfgrad.com/>. The deadline to place your cap and gown and announcement orders is Friday, December 12! To qualify for one large group discount, all orders must be submitted together. To avoid incurring late charges, please place your order by Friday, December 12. For questions, contact [Kelly Todd](#).

M-A ZERO HOUR SAT CLASS SIGN-UPS. The zero period SAT class still has three openings if your son or daughter were unable to sign-up last Wednesday morning. If your child is still interested in enrolling have them see Mr. Whitnah in Room D20.

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M-A ACTIVITIES

M-A CHOIR PERFORMANCE. The M-A Choir will perform their Fall Concert on Tuesday, December 2nd in the M-A Library at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to hear this wonderful ensemble. Suggested donations are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

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THE HOLIDAY SEASON FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEER SECTION

This section is dedicated to the many worthwhile holiday giving opportunities that serve M-A families and the community at large.

M-A COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

M-A's Canned Food Drive. The Canned Food Drive is held in November and December, and organized by the Leadership Students. M-A students and staff collect money and non-perishable food in an effort to feed about 500 M-A families and others in the community. The Food Drive is currently underway, students are collecting food at local grocery stores. Please donate by purchasing extra food items when you visit your local store to help feed these families during our current economic crisis. In December, at the end of the drive, each family receives at least two weeks worth of canned food, fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, a large bag of rice and whole chickens.

Adult volunteers are needed December 4 - 6 to help the students sort and pack the food into family-sized boxes. Drivers are especially needed to help deliver the boxes to M-A families on Saturday, December 6. Individuals and their families are encouraged to work together as this is a unique community service experience, one that you are certain to be thankful for having participated in. Please see specific volunteer information on the [website](#). During these difficult economic times it is important to remember just how much we have to be grateful for and to support those who are less fortunate. Contact [Karen Armstrong](#) for information on how to volunteer today!

Outreach Club's Holiday Gift Project. Each year M-A's Outreach Club raises money during the holiday season to provide gifts to families in need within the M-A community. This year we hope to raise enough money to sponsor 50 families. But we need your support. You can help in one of two ways. You can choose to simply make a donation and the Outreach Club will do the shopping, wrapping and the delivery. Or if you prefer, you can choose to sponsor a family, select and wrap the gifts yourself, and then Outreach will make the deliveries. Any support that you can offer will be greatly appreciated. If you have any further questions, contact Ms. Breen (mbreen@seq.org) in G-4, or Rosie Altman-Merino, (kroseam@yahoo.com), or Sarah Carp, (sarahcarp16@yahoo.com). Checks can be made payable to MAHS-Outreach Club.

M-A'S AVID Program. Support AVID by shopping at the Sequoia Station Barnes & Noble from Thursday, December 4 to Sunday, December 7. At least 10% (more if you shop more!) of all purchases accompanied by a Book Fair flyer [on-line](#) or available at the register, will be donated to our program. AVID helps prepare individual students for college. Contact John Giambruno at jgiambru@seq.org for more information.

M-A's Leadership Program and Outreach Club. We are thrilled to announce a new fundraising collaboration between our Freshman Transition Program and M-A's Outreach Club. Both groups have signed on jointly with [Mother Earth Fundraising](#) and [Greenraising.com](#), separate eco-friendly web suppliers of 100% recycled gift wrap and cards, 'green' school supplies, reusable shopping bags, organic baking mixes and other gifts, soy candles, fair-trade items, and eco-friendly household, personal, and pet products. Please consider using Mother Earth Fundraising and/or Greenraising.com for your holiday needs, selecting Menlo-Atherton High School as your beneficiary at checkout. Each company will forward 25% (!) of all proceeds to be split between Freshman Transition and Outreach Club programs. Purchases will be shipped directly to you. Information on Freshman Transition can be found [here](#). Information on the Outreach Club will be posted to the school website Student Club page soon. Contact [Pam Stoner](#) for questions or comments.

PAINLESS DONATIONS

eScrip - Renew your commitment to the eScrip program with Safeway. Last year Safeway gave over \$23,000 dollars to Menlo-Atherton. Also, you can split your commitment between **up to three organizations** (for example, your high school, middle school and elementary school) or give all contributions Menlo-Atherton High School PTA. This can also be done on-line under "my eScrip". If you have any questions about any of this, or would like some help, please contact Emily Liggett at emliggett@pacbell.net or at 650-867-8662. Thank you for your financial support of the PTA!

Kepler's. Next time you shop at Kepler's, make sure to express your gratitude for their support of M-A! And if you say, "I'm from M-A, a Community Partner," Kepler's will donate 10% of your purchase to M-A!

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Hillview

Purchase high-quality gift wrap and support Hillview Middle School!

Need holiday wrapping supplies, chocolates or other small gifts? Shop online at www.sallyfoster.com, enter Hillview's group account number 357229 at checkout, and the Hillview PTO will earn 50% of your order! It's easy and convenient - products are shipped directly to your home. Purchase over \$70 worth of merchandise and the shipping is FREE.

Thanks for your support!

La Entrada

The La Entrada Gift Wrap Fundraiser is now underway!

Pay No Shipping on all orders over \$70 and the La Entrada PTA receives 50% of all proceeds. To get started, simply go to www.sallyfoster.com, click on the "give credit" link at the top and enter 863299 for the Group/Account.

La Entrada 8th Grade DC Trip Fundraiser

To help raise money to help any 8th grader attend the February DC trip, regardless of ability to pay, the La Entrada 8th Grade class is raising funds by selling Entertainment Books. The local book has 4 \$5-off Safeway coupons, and many other discounts on local restaurants, travel and entertainment (discounted AMC movie tickets). To order online, go to www.fundraising.entertainment.com/support and use this number: 936687. Additionally, the 8th graders are offering Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough. For more information on ordering cookie dough, please contact krisdelisle@aol.com.

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ATHLETICS



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

GIRLS LACROSSE. Girls Lacrosse Meeting: Interested in playing lacrosse this year? All new and returning lacrosse players should attend the informational lunch time meeting on Tuesday, November 25. Location: Room E-20 from 11:55-12:30 p.m. Meet the coach and hear from athletes about our lacrosse program.

FOOTBALL. The varsity football team ended up victorious in the first round of the CCS playoffs with a win over Monta Vista 36-20. M-A came out strong, scoring the first 30 points and then played tough defense at the end to seal the victory. Vaughn Smith scored two rushing touchdowns and Rod Nash and Will Preston each scored one. Eric Stanske booted in a field goal and had a beauty of a punt at the end of the game to pin Monta Vista deep in their own territory. Russell Perkins and Chris Gow both had key interceptions. M-A will face Woodside in the CCS semifinals either Friday or Saturday (game time and place to be determined - check the school calendar).

GIRLS VARSITY WATER POLO. The Bears took **second place** in the CCS championship game, ending a season for the record books. To our PAL championship team: Congratulations for your numerous victories this season; and for your unmatched spirit and integrity! To our coaches Rubin and Gill: Thank you, thank you, thank you! To our seniors Lauren, Hannah, Maddie and future Sun Devil Morgan: Go forth and polo! And last but not least... To all M-A fans: M-A U-KNOW!

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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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