

# MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL BEARNOTES

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## CALENDAR

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Wednesday, January 28** - Community College Night, 6 p.m., New Gym (See [article](#))
- **Thursday, January 29** - TriVocis mailing
- **Friday, January 30** - Winter Formal 8 p.m.-12 Midnight, Decathlon Club, Santa Clara - information on pg. 15 - [December Trivocis](#)
- **Monday, February 2 - Friday, February 6** - California Scholarship Federation Week
- **Tuesday, February 3** - PTA Meeting, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Ayers Dance Studio - speaker TBA next issue of BearNotes!
- **Wednesday, February 4** - Parent Education Special Event, Lloyd Thacker Presentation "Studenthood Counts: Making Education Matter" 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., New Gym

### SAVE THE DATE

- **Tuesday, February 10** - Thursday Block Schedule
- **Thursday, February 12** - Regular Schedule
- **Friday, February 13** - TriVocis submission deadline
- **Friday, February 13** - No school - Lincoln's Holiday
- **Monday, February 16** - No school - President's Holiday
- **Thursday, February 19** - Last Day to drop a class - see your Guidance Counselor
- **Tuesday, February 24** - Minimum Day - dismissal 6th period 11:25 a.m., 7th period 12:00
- **Thursday, February 26** - Trivocis mailed



### 2008-09 Menlo-Atherton Parent Education Series

**COMING SOON!** Lloyd Thacker, Author of [College Unranked: Ending the College Admissions Frenzy](#) presents "Studenthood Counts: Making Education Matter"

Wednesday, February 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Menlo-Atherton High School, New Gym.

The PTA Parent Education Series invites parents, students, and staff of M-A to a special presentation by Lloyd Thacker, nationally acclaimed lecturer and founder of The Education Conservancy. The college admission process presents a real opportunity for us to clarify our educational values and the importance of being a student in today's American culture. Lloyd Thacker will explore the concept of "studenthood" and the student's role in "making education matter." For more information, visit the Education Conservancy at [www.educationconservancy.org](http://www.educationconservancy.org).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### **ESL TUTOR PROGRAM**

**Is it your New Year's Resolution to make a difference? Become an ESL Tutor!** The frenzy of fall and the holidays are over - - do you have time once a week to brighten someone's life and make a difference at M-A? We need you! Additional ESL students and changes in our tutors' schedules mean that we are looking for tutors to help once a week in ESL classes. No foreign language or prior tutoring experience is required; the teachers will tell you all you need to know to tutor. Let us know when you are available during school hours and we'll find a spot for you. Here are times we need tutors:

Wednesdays, 7:50 - 9:25 a.m. Help ESL-2 students with reading and writing  
1:45 - 3:20 p.m. New student needs 1-on-1 practice with vocab. and speaking  
Thursdays, 9:40 - 11:20 a.m. Help several ESL-2 students with reading and writing  
10:00 - 11:20 a.m. Help three brand new ESL-1 students who speak no English  
12:05 - 1:40 p.m. Lead a book group with 3 students

Please contact Linda Fornaciari at [laderalinda@mac.com](mailto:laderalinda@mac.com) to volunteer.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Life-Changing Guatemala Trip 2009!**

**Global Visionaries**, <http://global-visionaries.org/>, founded by former M-A Teacher and varsity basketball coach Joe Fontana, is looking for participants for the next annual trip to Guatemala this summer!

#### **Students will have the opportunity to:**

- Participate in service projects such as construction, reforestation, or hospital volunteer work
- Greatly improve their Spanish with daily one-on-one lessons
- Truly experience the unique culture through living in homestays and taking field trips to remote villages and visiting the ancient Mayan city at Tikal

#### **Cost of trip:**

- **\$2450** (does not include airfare - approx. \$500)
- This amount does include all in-country travel, homestays, food, and Spanish classes

For more detailed information and details for the application process, please contact Social Studies teacher, Paul Snow at [psnow@seq.org](mailto:psnow@seq.org). Photographs of past trips can be viewed on [www.betsysergeant.com/guatemala](http://www.betsysergeant.com/guatemala)

### **California Scholarship Federation Week (CSF)**

**Students may sign up all week, Monday - Friday, February 2-6 at lunch**

Applications will be taken by the library (Rm. 117/118), please bring your Fall 2008 report card or transcript

Fees are \$3 or \$4 if you need to request a transcript with a parent volunteer.

Please do not go to the Guidance Office for your copy!

You can get your application from your English teacher, from a parent volunteer at the table the week of or on the website: <http://www.mabearspta.org/cshtml>

A copy of your Communicado report is not acceptable.

Question? Alice Hom [dnahom@aol.com](mailto:dnahom@aol.com).

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## **ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS**

**Valentines Day is coming! Order a rose/gram and surprise your student with a rose and personal note during class!**

Proceeds go to support the AVID Program and will help fund a college visit for students who would not otherwise have the opportunity. Orders received by Friday, January 30, are \$3 per rose, by February 6, \$4 per rose, and after that cost will be \$5 per rose. To order: email student's first and last name, grade, and 3rd period Teacher to [randres@seq.org](mailto:randres@seq.org). Payment can also be placed in Rachel Andres mailbox in front office, or mailed to Rachel Andres, 555 Middlefield Rd., Atherton, Ca. 94027 This is a great opportunity to connect with your student for Valentines Day and support the AVID Program students.

**The Winter Formal will be held on Friday, January 30, 8:00 p.m. - midnight at the Decathlon Club, 3250 Central Expressway, Santa Clara.**

TICKET PRICES and DATES:

- **No checks or guest passes will be accepted after Friday, January 23.**
- January 26-27 (M-T) Single: \$50 Couple: \$90 January 28 (W) \$55 for everyone Ticket sales will conclude promptly at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Tickets may sell out prior to this date. Absolutely no tickets will be sold at the door!

No refunds. \$10 fee assessed for ticket changes. For more information, please check out page 15 of the December issue of the TriVocis.

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## **COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER**

**PARENTS OF SENIORS (JUNIOR FAMILIES TOO, IF INTERESTED): Community College Night, Wednesday, January 28, 6:00 p.m.**, new gym. Seniors and their parents (as well as interested juniors and parents) will learn everything important about community college.

Representatives of local community colleges will be there to answer questions and a panel will

treat topics such as "Getting Started: What To Do Next," "Financial Aid and EOPS," "Transfer Programs," "Career Programs, Certificates, Two-Year Degrees," "Student Life." Free pizza! Students and parents are highly encouraged to attend. RSVP to Alice Kleeman at [aakleeman@aol.com](mailto:aakleeman@aol.com).

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## ATHLETICS



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

**Calling all sports enthusiasts!** Do you believe passionately in the value of athletics as part of a student's high school experience? Can you spare a few hours a week to support our M-A athletes? We are actively seeking people interested in getting involved in Athletic Boosters in the 2009-2010 school year. It's fun and it's rewarding and it makes a difference! Please contact the Athletic Boosters Co-Chairs to find out more:

Suzanne Amato                      650-365-4344      [amato\\_family@msn.com](mailto:amato_family@msn.com)

Laurie Knapp                        650-854-9332      [knappfamily4@yahoo.com](mailto:knappfamily4@yahoo.com)

**Boys Frosh/Soph basketball team** continues their winning season with solid wins over Half Moon Bay 56-15, Terra Nova 56-31 and Woodside 33-22. Wallbank Mahoni was the leading scorer.

**Boys Varsity Basketball** had it's ups and downs last week. On Monday, January 19th, the team lost to El Camino 71 to 57 despite 24 points from Peter DeFilipps and 15 from Sam Knapp. The Bears rebounded Wednesday January 21 to defeat Terra Nova 60 to 50. DeFilipps scored 14 and Knapp and Jeff Keller both added 12 points. MA lost to Woodside Friday January 23rd 54 to 64 despite DeFilipps scoring 24 points and Knapp grabbing 13 rebounds.

**The M-A wrestling team** took on El Camino in PAL action last Thursday, January 22. The Bears, hampered by forfeits in six weight classes, lost 57-17. Three Bears won matches: freshman Stephen Gregory won by pin, senior Matt Fitzgerald scored a technical fall, and junior Vincent Maier battled to a 7-6 decision.

**Interested in playing on the M-A Tennis Team?** For critical information, contact Coach Aguilar at [caguilar@cbtnorcal.com](mailto:caguilar@cbtnorcal.com). The first day of tennis practice is Monday, January 26, 2009.

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## BEARNOTES SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Email submissions to [your BearNotes Team](#) by Thursday midnight, 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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### **Go Bears. Grrrr!**

Your BearNotes Team,  
Julie Brody, Kris De Lisle and Pam Stoner  
M-A High School PTA BearNotes