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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, February 2 - Friday, February 6** - California Scholarship Federation Week (See [article](#))
- **Tuesday, February 3** - PTA Meeting, 8:30-10:30 a.m, Ayers Gym Dance Studio - speaker is Principal Matthew Zito for Q & A! (See [article](#))
- **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 (See [article](#))
- **Tuesday, February 10** - Thursday Block Schedule
- **Thursday, February 12** - Regular Schedule
- **Thursday, February 12** - AVID rose/gram deliveries to students (See [article](#))
- **Friday, February 13** - TriVocis submission deadline
- **Friday, February 13** - No school - Lincoln's Holiday

SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, February 16** - No school - President's Holiday
- **Thursday, February 19** - Last day to drop a class without penalty - see your Guidance Counselor
- **Tuesday, February 24** - Minimum Day - dismissal 6th period 11:25 a.m., 7th period 12:00 noon
- **Thursday, February 26** - Trivocis mailed
- **Thursday, February 26** - Freshman Parent Coffee, 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m., meet with Matthew Zito for informative session on your student's sophomore year (See [article](#))
- **Monday, March 2** - Junior Parent College Information Night, 7:30 p.m., Library, Parents only
- **Tuesday, March 3** - PTA General Meeting, Wrestling Room 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Thursday, March 5** - Winter Sports Award Night, 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m., Library

PTA



PTA General Meeting- Tuesday, February 2 - Principal Matthew Zito will be on hand for a general question and answer session. Please bring any questions or issues that you have to Mr. Zito! The second round of Mini-Grants will be up for vote, Nominating Committee will be presented for vote. Please join us in Ayers Dance Studio from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For the agenda, click [here](#).

Parent Education Night - Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Lloyd Thacker, Author of *College Unranked: Ending the College Admissions Frenzy* presents "Studenthood Counts: Making Education Matter." Parents and students of the Sequoia Union High School District are invited to a presentation by Lloyd Thacker, nationally acclaimed lecturer and founder of The Education Conservancy. 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.

Please RSVP to Charlene Margot, Chair of M-A Parent Education, call 650.868.0590 or e-mail parenteducation@mabearspta.org. All Parent Education Series offerings are FREE and open to the community, sponsored by the Menlo-Atherton PTA.

Lloyd Thacker Parent Ed Event: Book Sales - Can you help? The Parent Education Series is looking for several volunteers to help sell copies of Lloyd Thacker's book, *College Unranked: Ending the College Admissions Frenzy*, at the lecture. If you plan to attend the event and would be willing to help with book sales before and after the presentation, please contact Charlene Margot at parenteducation@mabearspta.org or call 650.868.0590. Thank you! Copies of the book will be available for \$20.00, check or cash only. Lloyd Thacker will be available to sign copies of his book upon request.

COMING SOON! Driver's Ed for the Brain: *Student Edition* - If your student is interested in the brain (how it works), learning tips about how to handle stress (mindfulness), and wants to "get in the driver's seat" (agency), this FREE after-school workshop is for her/him! Driver's Ed is open to all students from grades 9-12, and no previous experience-or a driver's license!-is necessary.
Chapter 1, February 11 and February 18, 1:45-2:45 p.m., Guidance Office Classroom
Chapter 2, March 11 and March 18, 1:45-2:45 p.m., Guidance Office Classroom
Driver's Ed for the Brain will be taught by M-A parent and Menlo Park neuropsychiatrist Dr Peter Newsom, and will feature information presented in previous Driver's Ed for the Brain: Parent Edition lectures. Brought to you by the PTA Parent Education Series.

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ADMINISTRATION

Freshman Parent Coffee "Looking Ahead to Your Student's Sophomore Year at M-A" - Thursday, February 26, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m., Library

Parents of 9th graders are invited to an informative session with Principal Matthew Zito,

Administrative Vice Principal Steve Lippi, and others. Learn about the 10th grade experience at M-A, including course offerings and the multiple pathways in the math and science curriculum. If you have questions about which path best suits your student's 10th grade journey, please join us for an enlightening hour! Sponsored by M-A's Foundation for the Future.

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:

- **\$2,450** (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. Photographs of past trips can be viewed on www.betsysergeant.com/guatemala

California Scholarship Federation Week is Happening Now! (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/csf.html>. A copy of your Communicado report is not acceptable.

Question? Alice Hom dnahom@aol.com.

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ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Valentine's 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 4th period teacher to 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 Valentine's Day and support the AVID Program students.

Jazz Band Takes 2nd at Folsom Jazz Festival!

M-A's Advanced Jazz Band took 2nd place in their AAA Division at last week's Folsom Jazz Band

Outstanding Musicianship awards were given to Bryce Aebi, Sashi Ayyangar, Charlie Fitz, and Gilbert Fix. **Jazz Combo** took fourth place in Combo A Division against very stiff competition, with guitarist Lucas del Calvo being honored as an Outstanding Soloist.

Celebrate these accomplishments at the BIG BAND DANCE! Friday, March 6, 8p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Ayers Gym.

Swing and sway to the music of Frank Moura's four outstanding M-A Bands! Gourmet desserts and coffee will be on sale at the Jazz Cafe. To order tickets, please mail a check payable to "M-A Band Boosters" and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Kristina Granlund-Moyer, 221 Dedalera Drive, Portola Valley, CA 94028. (Order form available in [February Trivocis](#), pg. 16). Put on your dancing shoes and come on out! For discounted swing dance lessons for M-A families, contact Margaret Winters sewphie1@sbcglobal.net.

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ATHLETICS



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

RECRUITED ATHLETE COMMITMENT CEREMONY

Very Special Event! The Athletic Boosters at Menlo-Atherton would like to invite everyone to attend Wednesday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m., in front of the school. We have four students who will be pursuing their athletic careers in college. Kelli Branning has been recruited to play volleyball at Pepperdine, Russell Perkins will be playing football at Yale, George Horowitz will be playing tennis at Davis and Sam Knapp will be a recruited walk-on for the Stanford football program.

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 or

at amato_family@msn.com or Laurie Knapp at 650... or at knappfamily4@yahoo.com.

Interested in playing lacrosse this season? Never played before? No problem No previous experience necessary. It's not too late to obtain and turn in a Spring Sports "Permit to Participate" packet (available on the M-A website, or in the AVP office) and come out and join us. **Girls:** contact Coach Sandford at bubbasandford@gmail.com **Boys:** contact Coach Harman at Steven_harman@hotmail.com or stop by the field after school this week.

Come out & cheer for your M-A Frosh-Soph Girls Basketball Team at our final 3 home games! The team currently has a record of 15-4 and is 3-1 in Pal League play!

Wednesday February 4 vs Sequoia at 3:15 p.m

Friday, February 6 vs. Carmont at 4:45 p.m.
Thursday, February 12 vs. Woodside at 4:45 p.m.

Boys Frosh/Soph Basketball Team continues their winning season with a 35-26 victory over Half Moon Bay. Wallbank Mahoni was the leading scorer. The team also beat Carmont on Tuesday 82-33 with McKinley Mathon scoring 24 points.

M-A Varsity and JV Wrestlers host Burlingame for the final dual meet of the season on Tuesday, February 3, 6:00 p.m. in the New Gym. Come watch the Bears finish strong and congratulate seniors Forrest Jensen, Roger Tonna, Matt Fitzgerald, and Sam Pierce.

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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