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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, March 22** - M-A on eBay begins! (see [article](#))
- **Thursday, March 26** - Look for your Trivocis issue!
- **Thursday, March 26 to Saturday, March 28** - M-A production of Macbeth, Room C-16 (see [article](#))
- **Sunday, March 29** - M-A on eBay ends
- **Monday, March 30** - Grad Night ticket sales, lunchtime, M-A Green (see [article](#))
- **Tuesday, March 31** - PTA General Meeting, 8:30 a.m to 10:30 a.m., Wrestling Room (parking pass is available [here](#))
- **Wednesday, April 1** - CHANGED from Block Schedule to Regular Schedule
- **Thursday, April 2** - Open House, 6:30 p.m., Principal Zito address to 7-9th grade families, Ayers Gym; 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., classroom tours for all
- **Thursday, April 2** - final M-A production of Macbeth, 4 p.m., Room C-16 (see [article](#))
- **Friday, April 3** - CHANGED - from Minimum Day to Wednesday Block Day
- **Friday, April 3** - Grad Night ticket sales, lunchtime, M-A Green (see [article](#))

SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, April 6 to Friday, April 10** - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
- **Friday, April 10** - Trivocis submission deadline
- **Monday, April 13 - Friday, May 1** - Star Testing (click [here](#) for full school schedule)
- **Friday, April 17** - Junior/Senior Prom, 8 p.m. - 12 Midnight, Gift Center Pavilion, 888 Brannan Street, San Francisco
- **Thursday, April 23** - Junior Parent Info Night, 7 to 8 p.m., Library (see [article](#))
- **Tuesday, April 28** - PTA General Meeting, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., Wrestling Room

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- **Sunday, May 3** - 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m., Big Bear Run, meet at T-Lot
- **Thursday, June 4** - M-A GRADUATION! - 4 p.m., Coach Parks Field

FOUNDATION NEWS



M-A ON eBAY, the Foundation for the Future's online auction FUN RAISER, is happening now! Don't miss your chance to win BIG. Remember, M-A on eBay puts the FUN in FUNDRAISING! Every dollar goes to support M-A. You win; our students win, too! Please bid OFTEN and bid HIGH. Items close throughout the week ending this Sunday March 29th. Don't miss the exciting close and be a part of the action at www.maauction.org.

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ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

SUPPORT THE ARTS: M-A THESPIANS PRESENT "MACBETH". Come one and come all to see the M-A thespians perform Shakespeare's tragedy, Macbeth, in a simple but most entertaining form. This play focuses on the greed and ambition among social clans that shapes many wars today. Please support theatre at M-A by attending one of the performances: March 26, 27 & 28 at 7 p.m., March 28 at 2 p.m., April 2 at 4 p.m., Room C-16. Tickets: Students \$5, Adults \$8, payable at the door. Questions? Please contact teacher Amanda Peoples at apeoples@seq.org.

Seniors: GRAD NIGHT 2009 is approaching fast. Be a part of this special all-night celebration. Register now! Forms were mailed home at the beginning of March, but additional forms can be obtained in the Administration Office. Full and partial scholarships are available (see forms for more details). Coming soon: on-campus Grad Night reservations -- on "the green" at lunch time. Bring your completed form with payment. First lunch time reservation dates: Monday, March 30 and Friday, April 3. Additional dates will be posted on flyers in Pride Hall and will be communicated towards the end of April. All forms and payment must be received no later than Tuesday, May 12. Join your friends and create everlasting memories. For information, contact Julie Gaston, Grad Night Ticket Sales, at (650) 324-2422.

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PTA



PTA JUNIOR PARENT INFO NIGHT. Mark your calendars now for PTA Junior Parent Information Night, Thursday, April 23, 2009, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in the M-A Library. Our program features an information-packed 60 minutes regarding your child's senior year at M-A and an overview of the year to come. Guidance counselor Silvia Torres-Garza will review school and district completion requirements, have Q and A, and provide informative handouts. Understanding and anticipating the calendar of events will ease the stress of senior year and help keep your senior student on track. (This is NOT a planning for college forum, as Alice Kleeman is the acknowledged expert in this complicated area.) This meeting also highlights PTA-sponsored events such as the Fashion Show and Grad Night celebration. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to Julie Kleck or Stacy Fredericksen at jrparentmeeting@mabearspta.org.

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CAREER AND GUIDANCE

A few notes from Alice Kleeman:

NAVIANCE. Parents of ALL students: I continue to update a list of summer programs on Naviance. Your students should already be registered on Naviance. If they are not yet registered, they need to request an access code either from their Guidance Counselor or from me. Please let them know they can check out summer programs by entering the Naviance site at www.connection.naviance.com/mahs, going to "About Colleges" and then "Enrichment Programs." Students/families are responsible for researching the summer programs; I simply list them. Many of the listings include web links; brochures are also available in the Career Center.

"VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR". Students who wish to explore this can check it out at www.collegeweeklive.com. The "event" will take place March 25-26.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING (WACAC) FAIR. This live fair will take place Thursday, April 30, at Mission College (next to Great America) from 9:30 a.m. to Noon and from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. It is a huge college fair - an excellent event. Sometime before the fair, students can come to the Career Center to request a list of "Questions to Ask College Representatives" and a template for student "business cards" to be handed to college reps at the fair.

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ATHLETICS



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

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE has been very busy of late. Two weeks ago they beat Leland 19 to 1 and Castilleja 17 to 1; scoring for the Bears in these two matches were Adrian Holland, Casey Burnett, Alex Fanelli, Kendall Eder, Chloe Peters, Monserrat Benavides and Allie Foraker. Raissa Masket and Rei Nakamura played great defense. This week the Bears prevailed over Santa Catalina 15 to 7, University High 11 to 4, and Gunn 9 to 7! Scoring for the amazing Bears in these matches were: Casey Burnett, Alex Fanelli, Chloe Peters, Kendall Eder, Adrian Holland, Eileen Johnson, Caroline Stroud and Marissa Zuk. Playing great defense were Raissa Masket, Rei Nakamura, Eileen Johnson and Anna Murveit. Their league record now stands at 3-0 and their overall record is 6-1.

BOYS GOLF. The M-A team ended Carlmont's undefeated winning streak by a score of 202 to 209 at Crystal Springs on Monday, March 16. Our Bears continued their winning streak at Sharon Heights on St. Patrick's Day against Sequoia, with an impressive win of 197 to 250. Low scorers in the matches were team captain Nick Sako, Brian Jordan, and the talented freshman trio - David McNamara, Travis Anderson and Max Culhane. The Bears are now 3-0 in the PAL and remain the only undefeated team. Next match is at Sharon Heights against Carlmont on Tuesday, March 24.

VARSITY BADMINTON players won their third pre-season match on Tuesday, March 17 with a 11 to 5 victory over Sequoia. All three of the boys singles, boys doubles, and girls doubles teams won their matches. Alex Amato nearly shut out his opponent in both matches (15-1, 15-0). First teams for girls doubles (Jennifer Chan/Serena Mak), boys doubles (Evan Amato/Nick Beltramo), and mixed doubles (D Choo/Nora Ng-Quinn) took a commanding win after two matches. Freshmen Gavin Rea/William Schultz provided excitement by battling back from near elimination to win their match. Come cheer the team for the first regular season match as we challenge Westmoor at M-A on Tuesday, March 24.

M-A TENNIS traveled to Woodside to take on the Wildcats. In a closer than expected battle, the Bears were victorious taking the match 5-2 to remain undefeated in league play and in 1st place in the PAL. M-A was led by junior Alec Haley and freshmen Christian & Jesse Perkins who won their matches without the loss of a set!

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE. The Sierra Padres were no match for our talented players. The Bears came on strong in the 1st half, leading 8-2, and finished off the Padres in the 2nd half with a final score of 14-5. David McLaughlin scored 4 goals, Zander Rohn scored 3 and Charlie Fitz scored 2. Our seniors Jack Brody and Reid Schultz (1st year lax players) scored their first goals. Jeff Sklarin, Robert Cooper and George Carruthers all found the back of the net as well! Goalies Kevin Sheridan and Sam Weber came through with 10 saves.....The Bears take on the Bellarmine Bells next Monday, March 23 at Bellarmine. Grrrr!

BOYS VARSITY SWIMMING continued their undefeated season, sweeping Westmoor in their fourth league meet of the season. Posting victories in each of their two individual events were Richard Hong, Scott Swartz, Eric Wright and Kei Masuda. Joining them on winning relays were Nick Henze and Jordan Bernstein. Next week the Bears travel to Carlmont. Go Bears!

GIRLS JV LACROSSE. On March 20, the Girls JV Lacrosse team, in only the second game of the season, trounced Gunn 12 to 3! The offense was screaming and the defense was incredible. They got off to an impressive start and never looked back. The athletes scoring goals were led by Ellora Israni - 6, Caroline Edwards - 3, Becca Higgitt - 2 and Sydney Novak-Federmeyer - 1. Go Bears!

M-A TRACK AND FIELD lost to Westmoor last Thursday, but there are still some great wins to report. First for Varsity, Senior Dominique Greene swept her races, the 100 and 220, then as anchor of the 440 relay she passed her opponent to win for her team. Jarrod Nixon had a strong victory in the 880. The Fresh/Soph had a strong day, too. Julia Vitale finished first in the mile. Our

girls Carpenter, Tinsley and Meyer swept the 100 and 220. Meyer also won in the long jump. Hester, Beckwith, Hale, Delcalvo, Schandlyn and Tully swept the mile, 2 mile, and 880, and won the mile relay. Please come to cheer on your Bears this Thursday at 3:00, as we host our first home meet.

BIG BEAR RUN T-SHIRTS - DEADLINE MARCH 31. Don't miss your chance to have your family name on the popular M-A Big Bear Run shirts! Families who sponsor the Big Bear Run at a level of \$250 or above, by March 31, will have their names printed on over 700 Big Bear Run shirts. The Big Bear Run is a 5K walk/race that is the only fundraiser for the M-A Athletic Boosters and provides funds to over 50 M-A sports teams. Help support M-A athletes, get a great t-shirt with your name on. Registration forms are available on the website, www.m-aboosters.org. For sponsorship information, please contact michculhane@pacbell.net.

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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](#).

Menlo-Atherton PTA does not endorse third-party events or submissions, nor take responsibility regarding the content of any third-party websites.

Go Bears. Grrrr!

Your BearNotes Team,
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M-A High School PTA BearNotes