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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday - Friday, May 4 - 8** - AP Exams, Staff Appreciation Week, Star Test Make-ups
- **Tuesday, May 5** - Minimum Day (Note Day Correction) Dismissal - 11:25 a.m.
- **Thursday, May 7** - M-A Choir Performs 7:30 p.m., M-A Library (see [article](#))
- **Friday, May 8** - Battle of the Bands, 5:30 p.m., on the Green (see [article](#))
- **Friday, May 8** - Grad Night Ticket Sales at lunch on the Green

SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday - Friday, May 11 - 15** - AP Exams
- **Monday, May 11** - Grad Night Ticket Sales at lunch on the Green
- **Tuesday, May 12** - SENIORS - Grad Night Reservations Due - Ticket Sales at lunch on the Green
- **Tuesday, May 12 - 13** CAHSEE - 10th grade (make-ups) 11th & 12th grades as needed
- **Friday, May 15** - Trivocis deadline
- **Sunday, May 17** - Jazz Band Fundraiser, 5 - 7 p.m., Stanford Golf Clubhouse (see [article](#))
- **Wednesday, May 20** - Staff Appreciation Luncheon, 2-3:30 p.m. - G Wing courtyard
- **Wednesday, June 3** - FREE Senior Breakfast! 8:30 a.m. in the New Gym
- **Thursday, June 4** - M-A GRADUATION! - 4 p.m., Coach Parks Field

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PLEASE HELP! Grad Night Volunteers needed - Junior, Sophomore and Freshman Parents:

Grad Night is an all-night party planned at a secret venue by senior parents to promote a safe and sober graduation night. Traditionally parents of younger students are asked to help staff Grad Night. Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:

8:30 -10:45 p.m. - Student Check-In - Help monitoring gates and doors into the New Gym, checking the seniors in for the event, and loading the buses.

9:30 p.m., June 4, to 5:15 a.m., June 5 - Chaperones needed! We need four additional parents to help supervise. You'll be transported to and from the venue by bus. We promise a memorable event at an exciting venue (with lots of coffee and tea)....and that it won't involve watching students play miniature golf!

Think of volunteering as your graduation gift to the senior parents! Contact Debbie Verity at gradnight2009@mabearspta.org or (650) 321-3069 if you can help.

Junior Parents: Did you miss Jr. Parent Information Night? Don't despair, the information packet that was distributed is available in its entirety at www.mabearspta.org/juniors.html. Find out everything you'll need to know for your student's upcoming Senior year!

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ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

CLASS OF 2011 - GIVE BACK NIGHT! Wednesday, May 6, 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., a special event at Chili's restaurant, 700 El Camino in Menlo Park. Let Chili's do the cooking and support Menlo-Atherton's Class of 2011! Chili's will kindly donate 10% of all sales accompanied by a Give Back the Night flyer. Students will be able to get flyers in their 4th period classes and in B-21.

The M-A Choir will have their Spring Concert on Thursday, May 7 in the M-A Library at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature both Concert Choir, Select Choir and various soloists. This is an evening a joyful vocalizing featuring many contemporary compositions. Suggested donations are a recession-busting \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. Please contact Patrick Maier at pmaier@seq.org for more information.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS - Friday, May 8, 5:30 p.m. This year leadership is dedicating the event to the brave and inspirational young men and women who are living with spinal cord injuries. There will be speakers and bands utilizing their skills and passion to raise awareness for this important cause. Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 at the door. Food and T-shirts for sale! Rock on!

AVID PROGRAM FUNDRAISER. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10. Pamper your mother (or yourself) with four spa visits at one of many participating salons for only \$65! \$15 of each package purchased goes directly to M-A's AVID program. Order online at www.spasforacause.com; choose Menlo-Atherton AVID from the drop down menu on the left. You can also get a form for mail-in orders from AVID teachers or students. AVID helps prepare middle-level and first generation college students to be successful at four-year colleges and

universities. Thank you for your support!

Senior Students: For CSF Awards at Awards Night - qualifying seniors will be given letters via their English teachers to meet final requirements for Life or 100% membership. Forms and dues by **MAY 13!** If you have questions, contact Alice Hom at dnahom@aol.com.

M-A BAND EVENT. Want to catch some of that aloha spirit? Come enjoy fine jazz music and cocktails at Stanford Golf Clubhouse on Sunday, May 17, from 5 - 7 p.m., or treat your favorite jazz-loving teacher or spouse. Limited tickets are still available at \$50 per person for our band auction fundraiser. Please contact Mary Hom at tream5@juno.com for more information.

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CAREER AND GUIDANCE

CAREER PROGRAM SHOWCASE NIGHT - hosted by Foothill College on Wednesday, May 20, from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Appreciation Hall, Room 1501. Details will be provided on more than 12 career programs, including the following:

Adaptive Fitness Technician
Sports Medicine
EMT/Paramedic
Dental Assisting
Information Communication Technology
Computer Science
Video Arts
Pharmacy Technician
Theatre Technology
Graphic/Interactive Design
Radio Broadcasting
Veterinary Technology

Students can attend the presentation of their choice, meet with counselors and ask questions. Contact Alice Kleeman at aakleeman@aol.com with any questions.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Hillview Middle School Principal Mike Moore Retires! Come join Menlo Park parents, teachers and students at a community-wide celebration picnic to honor Mr. Moore's 23 years of incredible leadership. Everyone in the community is invited and encouraged to attend. Come send him off in Aloha style! RSVP information is at http://cms.hillviewpto.org/webfm_send/187.

AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) REGISTRATION for FALL 2009 SEASON: learn skills, make friends, have fun! Walk-in registration will be at Hillview Middle School on Saturday, May 9 and May 16, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please go to www.mpsoccer.org for more information and for pre-registration which starts on May 1, 2009.

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All the Scores and More!
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SPORTS EVENTS

HONOR GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM SENIORS - Tuesday, May 5 at 3:15 p.m. on M-A's turf field. A brief ceremony honoring Monserrat Benavides, Casey Burnett, Kendall Eder, Alex Fanelli, Adrian Holland, Eileen Johnson, Rei Nakamura, Raissa Masket, Anna Murveit, Haley O'Neel and Marisa Zuk will be held before the last 2009 Varsity home game.

HONOR BOYS LACROSSE TEAM SENIORS - Monday, May 4, at 3:30 p.m. as the Bears take on the Los Gatos Wildcats at 4 p.m. Come out and cheer on your Senior Bears as they play their last home game.

ATTENTION M-A FOOTBALL FAMILIES! Plan on attending Football Arena Check-In on Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Library. This will include: Player Sign-ups, Summer Football Plans (including camps), Practice and Game Schedules and everything else you need to know about the upcoming M-A football season! Questions? Contact Susan Mohr at SMDMohr@aol.com. Don't Forget-Spring Practice begins May 11th. Questions? Contact Coach Tony Rosso at (720) 840-1918 or TonyRRosso@yahoo.com. **SAVE THE DATE:** Wednesday, May 20, 1st Annual Maroon and Gold Scrimmage and Football Family/Fan BBQ. More details to follow.

SPORTS RESULTS

GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE TEAM lost a close game to Menlo School, 12 - 11. Scoring for the Bears were Alex Fanelli - 5 goals and 3 assists, Casey Burnett 4 goals, Adrian Holland 1 goal, 1 assist, Kendall Eder 1 goal and 1 assist, and Chloe Peters had 2 assists. Raissa Masket made several amazing saves. Alex Fanelli played awesome offense, along with Casey Burnett. The team also lost to Gunn 7 - 6. Scoring for the Bears were Casey Burnett, 2 goals; Adrian Holland 1 goal, 1 assist; Christina Rodgers 1 goal, 1 assist; Alex Fanelli 1 goal; Kendall Eder 1 goal, 1 assist. In a valiant effort to save the game, Raissa Maskett made 10 saves.

GIRLS JV LACROSSE TEAM has been busy! Participating in the all-day Sling-It tournament at M-A, playing some very tough teams, they made it to the semi-finals. They ended the day with a 2-2 record. In league play, they beat Gunn 8-4. Scoring for M-A were: Therese Regonini - 3, Becca Higgett - 2 and Meredith Edwards, Sydney Novak-Federmeyer and Diane Masket scored 1 each. Libby Farel and Julia David who split the goalie duties were awesome.

Next, the team played Menlo (in the rain) and won with an impressive score of 12 - 8! Goals were scored by: Becca Higgett - 4, Brittany Razavi - 3, Therese Regonini - 3, Bridget Magana - 1, and Diane Masket - 1. The next and last game for the JV girls is Tuesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m. against Sacred Heart at M-A. Their overall season record stands at 7-3 and their league record is 5-2.

BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE TEAM. Despite freezing temperatures, the Bears easily took care of the Burlingame Panthers 17-3. Leading the Bears in scoring were Jeff Sklarin and David McLaughlin with 5 goals each. Charlie Fitz- 3 and Zander Rohn- 2. Jack Mulroe and Robert

Cooper each had a goal apiece. Next, the Bears lost to the Menlo Knights on Menlo's home turf, 19 - 9. Leading scorer for M-A was Charlie Fitz- 4 goals, David McLaughlin -2, and Zander Rohn, Jeff Sklarin, Jack Brody and Robert Cooper each had 1. Kevin Sheridan had 10 saves and Sam Weber had 3.

BOYS JV LACROSSE TEAM. The JV Boys topped Burlingame 3-0. Goals were scored by Tucker Albright, Trent Bastian and Tommy Cummings. Goalie James Buttram made numerous saves! The team soundly beat their cross-town rivals, Menlo School, 9-2. Scoring for the Bears were Tucker Albright, John Athens, Ben Burnett, Tommy Cummings, Jake Meyers and Adam Sklarin.

M-A GOLF TEAM had a record 8 players advance to the finals of the PAL Individual Golf Championships. Starting with 90 players in the PAL, the field was narrowed down to 24 players in a 18 hole match at Shoreline Golf Links, in which 8 Bears advanced. Congratulations to Ben Jackson (73), Nick Sako (75), Brian Jordan (79), Peyton Smith (80), Travis Anderson (82), Colton Toy (83), David McNamara (83), and Max Culhane (85). These 8 qualifying boys played in the final round of the PAL Individual golf tournament and brought home 4 medals!

Congratulations to 3 time PAL Golfer of the Year and this year's **PAL 1st place individual champion, Nick Sako**, posting 75-73 for 148, followed by a stellar performance by senior Ben Jackson with an impressive 4th place finish shooting 73-81 for 152. Freshman standout David McNamara tied for 8th with 83-81 (164) and senior Brian Jordan medaled in 10th place with 79-86 (165). Also playing were Max Culhane, Travis Anderson, Peyton Smith, and Colton Toy.

The Bears are PAL League Champions for the third straight year and will compete in the CCS Regional Tournament next week on Tuesday, May 5. The Bears travel to Carmel next week as their 6 member CCS team competes in the Regional Tournament.

BOYS VARSITY SWIM TEAM notched another victory against cross-town rivals Menlo School, 105-67. The boys won all three relays, beginning with the 200 medley relay (Scott Swartz, Richard Hong, Kei Masuda and Jordan Bernstein), followed by the 200 free relay (Eric Wright, Swartz, Graham McClelland and Nick Henze), and capping off the meet with the 400 free relay (Wright, Henze, Masuda and Hong). Individual victories were posted by Hong in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke, Henze in the 200 free, Bernstein in the 100 free, and Masuda in the 500 free. Bernstein and McClelland tied for first place finishes in the 50 free. PAL trials are on Wednesday and Thursday at Burlingame, PAL finals on Saturday. Come cheer for the Bears!

VARSITY BADMINTON TEAM The M-A Bears defeated El Camino with a final score of 10 to 5. The Bears swept all of the Doubles events highlighted with a win by Sabrina Keller and Alyssa Rubin, who played together for the first time in a varsity match. Our next challenge is against South San Francisco on Tuesday, May 5, at 3:15 p.m. in Ayers Gym. Come out and support the Bears!

M-A TRACK AND FIELD - VARSITY and F/S BOYS AND GIRLS had a strong day against Burlingame High. Michael Dickey and James Sebes threw the weights well with a 1st and 2nd in Discus, and 2nd and 3rd in Shot. Dickey's throw of 97'1" qualifies him for the PAL meet. James Sebes (discus) and Juan Rebollar (shot) also qualified for PAL. For Girls, Diana Lopez took 1st in Shot and 3rd in Discus.

Michael Hester had a personal best, dominating in the 800 meter (2:06.9). Chad Brock won the 65 meter hurdles (10.13), and placed in the 300 hurdles (46.77 PR). Our racers swept the 400 meter run with Zachary Cantu 1st (54.88), Nick Poole 2nd (56.8) and Isaiah Moody 3rd (59.06). The Moody brothers dominated the 100 with Cameron 1st (11.97), and Isaiah 2nd (12.16). Jack Beckwith won the 3200 (10:45). The 1600 brought another sweep with Jodan Schandlyn 1st (5:07) Brendy Hale 2nd (5:07) and Jake Lundquist 3rd (5:26). F/S had a win in the 4 x 400 relay

(Cantu, Hester, Poole, and C. Moody). For Varsity boys, Jarrod Nixon shaved time off his 1600, winning with a 4:38.6 (PR). Joseph Okon won the 3200 in 10:38. Abe Simon won the 400 (57.34) with Tom Folker second at 57.7.

For Varsity Girls, Dominic Greene won the 100 (12.44) with KC Tammey in 3rd (13.65). Our Varsity girls also swept the 300 hurdles: Tabitha Willems (51.08), Megan Walling (53.58), and Sophia Titterton (53.96). Our Frosh/Soph Girls were led by Catherine Carpenter. Good Luck to all of our runners, jumpers and throwers who qualified for the PAL meet, we are rooting for you.

VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM had a great week with three victories. Andy Brodbeck's RBI single and a booming two-run double by Sam Knapp keyed a three-run, sixth-inning rally as visiting Menlo-Atherton defeated Mountain View High School 8-7.

M-A scored 19 runs in the first two innings against Sequoia, winning the game by the final score of 21 - 9. Slugging was capped by Matt Hornberger's two HRs and Knapp's HR in the 1st. Tim Romley went 3 for 3 with three RBIs, Hornberger went 4 for 5 with 6 RBIs, Ryan Chilcoat went 3 for 4 and Cameron Winn went 3 for 5.

Next, M-A and Sequoia battled a tough 9 innings before a decision was made in a thrilling baseball game at M-A. Patrick Moriarty pitched 5 shut out innings. Nils Gilbertson, who got the win, delivered one hit relief to quiet Sequoia's hot bats. Abi Arias tied the game in the 7th with a single to score Matt Hornberger. Down by one run in the 8th, Gilbertson took a base on balls and Romley with two strikes smashed a double to the gap in right center to score Gilbertson and send the game to the 9th. Gilbertson shut down Sequoia in the top of the 9th. Knapp responded in the bottom of the 9th with a one out base hit up the middle. Again, with two outs, M-A's Chris Gow hit a hot ground ball fielded by the first baseman. The play at first was close and the sliding Gow was called safe. Knapp rounded third and didn't stop to observe the controversial play. The throw to the plate was not in time yielding M-A its fourth league win of the season.

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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,
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