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CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE

- **Late July** - forms to be completed for Arena Check-In mailed to families
- **Tuesday, August 11** - extra forms available in office
- **Wednesday, August 12** - Arena Check-In, Freshmen and Seniors, 1:00 - 5:30 p.m., New Gym
- **Wednesday, August 12** - Freshman Orientation, immediately after completing Check-In, Soccer Field
- **Thursday, August 13** - Arena Check-In, Sophomores and Juniors, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., New Gym
- **Wednesday, August 19** - First Day of Instruction. Class Schedule Distribution, 7:00 a.m., New Gym
- **Monday, September 7** - Labor Day Holiday, no school
- **Saturday, September 12** - M-A Boys Golf Classic Tournament fundraiser, 9:00 a.m. start

The 2009-2010 District Calendar is available [here](#).

BEARNOTES SUMMER HIATUS

This is our final edition of BearNotes for this school year. We will resume on August 3; submissions for that edition are due by Thursday, July 30.

We have thoroughly enjoyed bringing you our weekly school newsletter in this new format. Have a great summer and we'll see you next school year!

Your BearNotes Team,

Pam Stoner, Kris De Lisle and Julie Brody

GRAD NIGHT APPRECIATION

Thank you, M-A PTA, for a wonderful Grad Night Party aboard the Hornblower Yachts' [San Francisco Belle](#). It was truly *An Enchanted Evening*, and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves!

Sincerely,

Jessica Truax, Senior Class President, on behalf of the Class of 2009

ADMINISTRATION

2009 DESTINATIONS OF MENLO-ATHERTON GRADUATES. Where do our graduates go? Menlo-Atherton's graduates are committed to lifelong learning and achievement. Explore our Class of 2009's post-graduation statistics, recently posted on the [M-A website](#).

SUMMER HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS and SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS. Download summer assignments for **English classes** [here](#). Download summer homework assignments for **AP Biology, AP European History, AS Chemistry, AS Physics, and AP Physics** using the link on the right sidebar of both the [M-A website](#) and the [Library & Media Center home page](#). Please continue to check these sites for for the **AP U.S. History** summer assignment. Note: in order to complete the assignments for **AP U.S. History** and **AP European History**, students must pick up a full packet from the teacher **before** they leave for the summer.

Textbooks (checked out from the Library) are required to complete summer homework assignments for the following classes: **AP Biology, AP European History, AP U.S. History, and AS Chemistry**. The M-A Library summer hours will be Monday, June 8 through Tuesday, June 30, 8 a.m. - 12 noon, closed in July, reopening Monday, August 3 until the first day of school, 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Questions? The library summer phone number is (650) 322-5311, x5162.

CLASS OF 2009

CAPS AND GOWNS. What do you do with graduation caps and gowns? They are yours to keep or you may take them to the office at M-A and give them to Kelly Todd. M-A will use them for future grads who cannot afford them.

GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPHS. The professional photographer, GradTrack at [www.gradimage.com](#), will mail you a copy of the picture they took of you receiving your diploma to your home along with an order form. Enjoy your summer!

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SPECIAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

STUDENT COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

BearNotes takes pleasure in announcing the following special student achievements for this school year, submitted by proud parents and friends.

Claire Uschersohn (2010) has been awarded the Thomas W. Stack Performing Arts Scholarship by the [Pacifica Spindrift Players](#)

Principal Matthew Zito and The M-A PTA Executive Board presented the **2009 Menlo-Atherton High School Principal's Service Award** to five deserving students at the PTA General Meeting on May 26. These students, during the 2008-2009 academic year, demonstrated exceptional volunteer commitment and promoted the general welfare of our larger community. **Watch for news about the 2010 nomination and selection process next year in Trivocis and BearNotes.**



Pictured left to right with Principal Matthew Zito:

Shayda Abadi (2012) -- dedicated tutor for Project Read, a literacy program that helps people of all ages learn to read and write in English.

Jennifer Chan (2011) -- committed volunteer for Pick of the Litter, a second hand store established by the SPCA, where all profits go to the Peninsula Humane Society of San Mateo.

Jamey Blawie (2011) -- participant on the My New Red Shoes Teen Advocacy Council, and volunteer for their 2009 *Walk In Their Shoes* fundraiser for homeless youth, as well as participant on a February break mission trip to Los Angeles to give support to a homeless shelter and local children from needy families.

Chloe Peters (2010) -- active member of Outreach Club and a leader on several community projects throughout the year, including KIVA, Habitat for Humanity, and M-A Relay for Life Team.

Ani Loshkajian (2010) -- diligent leader and manager for the past two years of all the clubs at M-A, ensuring that our student body can join and participate in a thriving, organized school club scene.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

BREAKING THE STIGMA: Adolescent Depression. Join Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS) for a community forum to hear a panel of experts speak about depression in teens and

answer any related questions. All members of the community -- families, parents, teens, or those interested in the topic are invited to take part in an evening dedicated to discussing this very important issue. The forum will take place on Thursday, June 18, at the Menlo Park City Council Chambers, 701 Laurel Street. For questions or more information, please contact [Adolescent Counseling Services](#) at (650) 424-0852.

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BAND NEWS

LAST ADVANCED JAZZ BAND PERFORMANCE. Please enjoy one last swinging time with this year's Advanced Jazz Band as they perform at the Nativity Carnival Saturday, June 13, from 4 - 5:30 p.m.

NEW BAND CHAIR 2009-2010. Please welcome our new Band Booster Chair, Laura Hale at laurabethp@aol.com.

FALL BIG BAND DANCE and NEW BAND CALENDAR 2009-2010. The tentative new band calendar is already out. Please check our website www.mabandboosters.org/. Because of the spring date for PTA Fashion Show, M-A's Swing and Sway Big Band Dance band fund raiser will be held in the fall, **Friday, October 30**, from 8 - 11:30 p.m.

ADVANCED JAZZ BAND REHEARSALS will start Monday July 27, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Other summer rehearsal dates will be Monday, August 3 and Monday, August 17 (no rehearsal Monday, August 10); location TBD.

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ATHLETICS



NEW BOOSTERS' CO-CHAIRS. Athletic Boosters is pleased to announce that Di Gow and Beth Henninger have stepped up to co-chair our organization for the 2009-2010 school year. Thank you to these dedicated volunteers for taking on these roles that are so important to the ongoing viability of our athletic program. We are still in need of leaders for our favorite event...**The Big Bear Run**, slated for May 2, 2010. If you're interested in leading a fantastic community event, please contact Di Gow at dianegow@crimson-consulting.com. Thank you and Happy Summer to all!

DON'T MISS IT! The 5th Annual M-A Boys Golf Classic Tournament - Saturday, September 12! The M-A Boys Champion Golf Team invites you to join us in a great day of golf and our only fundraiser to support our team for the 2009-2010 season. 9 a.m. shotgun start golf tournament hosted at Coyote Creek Golf Club. BBQ, raffle, prizes and celebration to follow on the patio. Register and pay by Thursday, August 13 to take advantage of Early Bird pricing of \$170, \$195 after August 13. Price includes all fees, cart, water, prizes, range balls and BBQ. Contact

Jackie Anderson with any questions or to register at jackie_anderson99@yahoo.com or (650) 544-6510. This tournament is open to all level of players.

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