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June Newsletter

Come and Gone

Maybeck's Eighth Annual Film and Art Night was all we could ask for: great food, wonderful artwork from a large number of students, an elaborate fencing demonstration, beautiful music, dynamic rock bands and very inventive, well produced videos—all enjoyed by the largest audience in Maybeck's Film and Art Night history! Thanks to all student artists and performers, and to parents who contributed food and organizational energy.

Spring Slide Night, the first event at our new home, took the Maybeck community on quite an adventure. The program included bicycling in Japan, surfing in Hawaii, traveling through Copper Canyon, Mexico, exploring SF and NY, enjoying the snow in Tahoe, surveying European films, reflecting on meditative methods and retreats, investigating the cultural roots of Cinco de Mayo, grooving with Maybeck: The Band, and discovering mime and body movement techniques.

Prom: Many thanks to the Student Activities Committee for planning this event, and especially to coordinators Kat Post, Iris Haas-Biel, and Dominique Keith-Maher. Prom requires a great deal of planning and hard work, so kudos for pulling it off!

Still to Come

Auditions for the Maybeck Fall Musical will take place on Tuesday, June 2, from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the Fireside Room. Interested students should contact Eric at ericd@maybeckhs.org, as well as prepare a short song and a poem or passage that can be recited from memory. These early auditions will help Eric select an appropriate musical for next year.

Maybeck actors will perform a staged reading of the Moliere play, "George Dandin," on Thursday, June 4, at 4:15. The drama class will be performing in the chapel across the courtyard from Maybeck. All are welcome to attend.

The SATs will happen on Saturday, June 6.

Final Exams will take place during the week of June 8. There will be two sessions each day, one from 8:30 to 11:30 and one from 12:30 to 3:30. Please consult the final exam schedule for details. Look at the big picture and plan ahead to minimize stress during this critical period. If you foresee any conflicts, talk with the

teacher(s) involved and work out a solution as soon as possible. Eat well, rest well and get some exercise so that, after all your hard work, you can finish out your classes doing your best.

The last ACT outing for this school year is on Friday, June 12, the last day of finals and the same evening that the bikers leave for the retreat. Those who attend will enjoy a performance of Edward Albee's "At Home at the Zoo" (formerly titled "Peter and Jerry"). Students must sign up in the office no later than Friday, June 5. The cost for the ticket and public transportation is \$25 to \$35 and is billed through Maybeck.

The End-of-Year Retreat is upon us! Bikers will head out on the evening of Friday, June 12, after final exams, while everyone else will leave from the school at 8:30 AM on Monday, June 15. Those who are interested in biking should talk to Dave K., who urges you to try something new if you haven't tried a bike trip like this before. It's always a great adventure, lots of fun, with plenty of support and beautiful scenery. We will all return to school together by bus on Thursday, June 18, around 4 PM.

Congratulations, Class of 2009!!! On Saturday, June 20, from 1 to 5 PM, the whole community will gather to celebrate the achievements of a truly special group of students. This year's graduation will be the last at our current location, out in the courtyard under the giant oak. There is some shade, but also a lot of sunny spots, so it's worth bringing a hat and sunglasses. Juniors must help with set-up and clean-up in anticipation of their turn next year, and they need to connect with Trevor for assignments. The ceremony begins at 1:00 followed by refreshments in Stone Hall. Maybeck has full use of the parking lot adjacent to the building; passes will be sent to seniors' families, and others needing a place to park can request a pass from the office or, depending on the space available, obtain a pass on the day of graduation.

Building at St. John's is coming along nicely. All inspections were passed, internet, phone, and alarm wiring are complete, sound insulation and sheetrock are installed, and we are headed down the home stretch.

If anyone is still thinking about final grades after all of the outlined excitement, note that they will be mailed out by the end of June.

And don't forget about the summer reading...