



MAYBECK
HIGH SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



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September/October 2010

Thursday, September 30th, 7:00 PM

Fall Dessert Night Will Feature Slides and Movies from the Camping Retreat, Chance to Meet Staff and Fellow Parents

The annual Fall Dessert Night, a community potluck event, is a highlight of the Maybeck year. We spend the evening reviewing the Beginning-of-the-Year camping trip, meeting other families, and of course, enjoying delicious desserts. Students and staff took lots of pictures and movies at Feather River (some of which you can preview inside this newsletter), and we'll present these in a slideshow to let parents get a feel for the camping experience. We will also have plenty of time to talk and enjoy desserts, including some homemade pies from student chefs. All are welcome and encouraged to join us for this wonderful event, so bring your family and a dessert to share.

Maybeck Calendar Reminders

September

Tuesday 21st, 7:15 PM: First MPA meeting
Monday 28th, 7:30 PM: First of three parent counseling seminars with Deborah Raphael
Thursday 30th, 7:00 PM: Fall Dessert Night

October

Friday 1st, 6:40 PM: ACT outing - Scapin
Saturday 2nd - Sunday 3rd: Full Moon trip
Saturday 9th: SATs
Tuesday 12th, 7:00 PM: Curriculum Night
Saturday 16th: PSATs (all juniors)
Tuesday 19th, 7:15 PM: MPA meeting
Saturday 23rd: ACTs
Monday 25th - Friday 29th: Parent/Contact Teacher Meetings
Friday 29th: End of First Quarter

November

Monday 1st: Grade prep day - no school
Wednesday 3rd, 6:30 PM: Financial aid workshop
Sunday 7th: Daylight Savings Time ends



PLEASE NOTE:

Indigenous Peoples' Day (also known as Columbus Day) on Monday, October 11th is **NOT a school holiday**. Classes will proceed as usual.

Thursday, September 23 **Course Add/Drop Forms Due**

If you want to make a change to your schedule, you should pick up a form at the front desk and return it by the **end of the day on Thursday, September 23**. Please note that not all course change requests can be accommodated. Changes are subject to Peter's approval; no change is final without his written word.

Coming Up

Monday, September 28, 7:30 PM

Negotiating High School: First of Three Parent Seminars with Deborah Raphael

Helping your adolescent negotiate high school? Trying not to go crazy in the process? This group will focus on the struggles with independence and self-reliance your teenager faces. Deborah Raphael, LCSW, will lead three 1.5-hour group discussions, free to Maybeck parents, beginning September 28 at 7:30 PM on the Maybeck campus. These sessions are limited to twelve participants, so contact Deborah soon to reserve a spot. Email her at daraphael2@sbcglobal.net.

Friday, October 1, 6:40 PM

First A.C.T. Outing of the Year: Scapin

Each year, Maybeck organizes class trips to see plays at A.C.T. This season kicks off with Moliere's comedy *Scapin*, starring Tony Award winner Bill Irwin. Students who would like to attend should [sign up on the bulletin board outside the office by noon on Friday, September 24](#). Tickets and transportation cost about \$35 - \$40, which will be billed to students' Maybeck accounts. On the evening of the play, students and teachers will [meet at North Berkeley BART at 6:40 PM](#) to make their way into the city together. We hope you can come along for this great cultural opportunity.

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 PM

Curriculum Night: Meet the Teachers

Curriculum Night gives parents a chance to meet teachers and get a sense of goals and expectations for the year. After meeting in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM, parents will follow a condensed version of their child's schedule, spending about 10 minutes in each class. Snacks will be served in the hall during free periods, giving parents a chance to chat. These are group meetings; individual parent-teacher meetings should be scheduled for another time.

Tuesday, October 19, 7:15 PM

October Meeting: Maybeck Parents' Association

All parents are welcome to join us for the October meeting of the Maybeck Parents' Association. The meeting will be held at Maybeck at 7:15 PM.

Wednesday, November 3, 6:30 PM

College Financial Aid Workshop for Parents

On November 3, Maybeck will host a workshop led by members of Bay Area College Planners, who will focus on strategies for saving money and finding college funding - even for those who think they won't be eligible for aid. Parents and students from all grades are welcome to attend this evening workshop. Anyone who wants to attend should [RSVP to College Counselor, JT Thomas, at:](#)

jtt@maybeckhs.com

or call her at 510-841-8489 ext. 206.

Schedule of College Visits

Representatives from a wide variety of colleges and universities will be conducting informational meetings at Maybeck during the fall. These visits are a great opportunity to express your interest and learn more about schools that may be too far away to visit. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the college bulletin board in the hall. More visits may be added - keep an eye on this calendar and watch your email for updates from JT.

Tuesday, September 21:

12:15 PM: Savannah
College of Art and Design

Wednesday, September 22:

12:10 PM: Mills

Thursday, September 23:

11:40 AM: Reed

Monday, September 27:

11:40 AM: Bennington

Tuesday, September 28:

11:40 AM: Clark

12:25 PM: Eugene Lang

Thursday, September 30:

11:35 AM: Hampshire

Monday, October 4:

8:55 AM: Puget Sound

Tuesday, October 12:

11:40 AM: Evergreen

12:20 PM: Linfield

Thursday, October 14:

10:00 AM: Sarah
Lawrence

Tuesday, October 19:

12:00 PM: Oberlin

Wednesday, October 20:

8:00 AM: Swarthmore

Thursday, October 21:

11:35 AM: Bard

12:10 PM: Shimer

Monday, October 25:

11:40 AM: Cal Arts

Wednesday, October 27:

12:10 PM: Dominican

12:40 PM: Grinnell

Thursday, October 28:

11:35 AM: Marlboro

Thursday, November 11:

11:35 AM: Hendrix

Participating in the MPA Meetings

Many Maybeck Parents meet monthly at the high school to compare notes, support each other, get questions answered and advance the high school. These meetings of the **Maybeck Parents' Association (MPA)** include interested parents, Head Teacher, John Muster, and usually one other member of the staff. The next meetings are Tuesday, September 21st and Tuesday, October 19th at 7:15 PM.

Recently

Fall Camping, September 2010

Maybeck Staff and Students Played, Studied and Explored at Feather River

In the grand Maybeck tradition, this year kicked off with the annual Fall Retreat. The retreat welcomed new students to the Maybeck community and helped everyone get acquainted. Students and teachers travelled to the Feather River Camp near Quincy. We examined this year's theme, Rhythms, through such diverse prisms as poetry, music, river tubing, hula hooping, and a ropes course. We also discussed the summer reading, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.



Last June's Graduation of the Class of 2010

