



**MAYBECK**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# Community Newsletter



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## Parents, Students and Staff Paint and Prepare New Storage Area

Over the last few weeks, Maybeck has constructed a much-needed storage room in the underground parking area. The structure is now ready to be painted, organized, and filled with our camping equipment and other supplies from off-site storage facilities. Maybeck held a parent-student-staff work party on Tuesday, March 8th - thanks to all who helped. The next work party is scheduled for Thursday, March 10th, during G period (2:25-4:05) and after school. We need to finish priming the new walls inside and out, then paint the finish coat, walls and floor. If you are willing to help with this project, please email the office - and thanks in advance.



### Maybeck Calendar Reminders

#### March

- Friday 11th: End of Third Quarter
- Sunday 13th: Daylight Savings: Spring Forward
- Monday 14th: Grade Prep Day - no school
- Wednesday 16th, 7:15 PM: MPA meeting
- Thursday 17th: WASC Midterm Visit
- Tuesday 29th: Lit Paper due

#### April

- Friday 1st: Special Program Prep Day
- Monday 4th - Friday 15th: Special Programs
- Monday 18th - Friday 22nd: Spring Break
- Wednesday 27th: No block schedule
- Thursday 28th: All-school Berkeley Rep outing
- Friday 29th, 6:40 PM: ACT outing - No Exit

Speed  
up yer clocks!  
Daylight Savings Time  
starts on Sunday,  
March 13.



### Wednesdays in March

#### Lunchtime Yearbook Meetings

Yearbook meets every Wednesday in Room 203. The first half of lunch is a work party; the second half is a meeting. If seniors need help working on their pages, they should come to the work party during the first half of lunch on a Wednesday in March. Senior pages (2-page spread per senior) are due May 2, one week after we return from Spring Break. This is a strict deadline: if you don't meet it, you won't get pages in the yearbook. Mark your calendars emphatically!

#### Special Program Meetings: Getting Ready

Throughout March, Special Program groups are holding lunchtime meetings to prepare for April adventures. Special Program meetings will be announced during Wednesday All-School meetings and advertised in flyers around the school - keep an ear open and an eye out. These meetings are especially important for students in travel programs, who will be learning the skills they need in order to navigate a different culture. Students in local programs will pick up important background in their subjects. Students are expected to attend all of their group's meetings.

**Monday, March 14 is a grade prep day - no classes at Maybeck!**

## Introducing Two New Staff Members

**Shannon Majidy** joins the finance office as Accounting Manager. She has many years of experience in accounting and has worked for a wide range of institutions. The mother of two children, a physics major in college, Shannon has quickly mastered our complex finances and Maybeck life. Shannon shares an office with Jim in the admin wing.



**Charlie Casey** is Maybeck's new IT person, working half-time to make our computers, classroom equipment and IT budget accomplish as much as possible. Charlie was Director of Technology at Lick for many years, captains a sailboat, and is the father of two boys.



**The third quarter ends on March 11. Mid-semester reports will be mailed toward the end of March.**

**Wednesday March 16, 7:15 PM**

### March MPA Meeting

Please join us for the March meeting of the MPA. We'll convene at Maybeck at 7:15. The agenda includes preparation for the WASC visit, Spring Slide Night, Film and Art Night, and Graduation.

**Friday, April 1**

### Staff, Students Prep for Special Programs

There will be no class on Friday, April 1 so that some Special Program groups can have a final preparatory meeting. Not all groups will meet; your program leaders will let you know if you should show up.

### College Counseling Update: Visiting Colleges Over Spring Break

Junior families: if you don't have plans over spring break, it's a great time to visit college campuses and get a feel for what they're like with students around. You can plan a road trip or even stick around in the Bay Area and get a sense of what's on offer locally. Either way, visit college websites and schedule your campus tours early.

### Upcoming Standardized Test Dates

Saturday, March 12: SATs

Saturday, April 9: ACTs

Saturday, May 7: SATs

Saturday, June 4: SATs

**Deadline Tuesday, March 29**

### Lit Paper to be Developed in Stages

As Literature students are no doubt well aware, the annual Literature Paper is due on March 29. Weekly submission of Lit Paper drafts began on February 22, and will carry on until the final paper is due. The submission calendar is available on the Literature website (accessible from the 'Academics' section of the Maybeck site), but a brief reminder follows below:

*Tuesday, March 15:* Fourth submission - 3600+ words

*Tuesday, March 29:* Final draft due

Students might want to aim to be done on Sunday the 27th in order to have the chance to take a break and do a final proof with fresh eyes.

## Parent-Staff Potluck



## Persian Feast Pick-a-Party



# Harry Potter Transforms Maybeck into Hogwarts

