

Madera High *Class of 2012!*



SENIOR ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK

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Dear Class of 2012



As we approach the spring semester, plans are being finalized to honor the graduating seniors. The Madera High administration, staff, and ASB are working hard to make the rest of the year memorable for all seniors. There are a number of events that you will not want to miss. We encourage you to review this handbook and the specific information it contains. Many hours of planning go into making these events special. We encourage you to participate with us in making your last few months at Madera High School a time you will always treasure.



For up-to-date information throughout the semester, please go to www.madera.k12.ca.us/mhs for announcements and the master calendar. Senior information is located in the Activities section.



Sincerely,



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Madera High School

Spring 2012

January

9	First day of Spring Semester
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, No School
21	Winter Formal - JF Gymnasium 7:30-11:30pm
27	LAST DAY TO BUY A YEARBOOK
30	Financial Aid Night, 6:00-8:00pm*

February

1	Seniors: Scholarship Applications Due, 3:45 Career Center*
1-2	OELL Mock Interviews
2	Financial Aid Night, 6:00-8:00pm*
3	4 Week Progress Reports
10	Winter Sports Rally—Memorial Stadium
13 & 20	Presidents Day— No School
27	4.0 Academic Awards Night

March

2	FASFA Applications due (www.fafsa.ed.gov)*
9	9 Week Progress Reports
13-14	CAHSEE Testing, Grades 9-12
14	Community College Advising, Olive Gym (appointment needed)*
30	Spring Sports Rally

April

2-9	Spring Recess
13	13 Week Progress Reports
13-14, 18-21	Coyote Drama Presents: "Rumors" - Black Box Theater 7:30pm
14 & 21	Coyote Drama Presents: "Rumors" - Black Box Theater 2pm Matinee
20	Blood Drive, Olive Gym
23	CSF Life Member Night*
24 & 26	CST Test—English & Math/Senior Activities*
28	Junior/Senior Prom - The Grand 1401 7:30-11:30pm
30	Senior Scholarship Awards Night, Flores Gym*

May

1 & 3	CST Test—Social Science & Science
3	Community College Registration, Joe Flores Gym (appointment needed)*
2	Human Services/Business Awards Night
7-16	AP Testing
8-9	CAHSEE Test Grades 10 & 12
14	Athlete of the Year*
18	ET Extravaganza/ Mr. MHS
21	Yearbook Distribution/Health Sciences Awards Night
23	Humanities & Engineering Technology Awards Night
24	Grad Nite @ Magic Mountain*
25 & 28	Memorial Day Observed, No School
29	Senior Clearance*
31	GRADUATION 7:30pm Memorial Stadium* Sober Grad 10:30pm - 5am*

June

1	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - Grades 9-11
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** denotes Senior Activity*

Special Events

C&F LIFE MEMBER NIGHT – April 23

The awards presentation will be held in the cafeteria from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. C.S.F. Life Members who have been active members will receive a Life Membership certificate, pin, gold tassel and gold stole. The gold stole and tassel are worn during the graduation ceremony.

2012 JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM - April 28

The Junior class presents the 2012 Prom held at The Grand 1401 in Fresno. Prom is for Juniors, Seniors, and their dates (Freshmen and Sophomores may participate only if attending with a Junior or Senior). The Loss of Privilege (LOP) list for 4 or more full day or period absences and fines will be enforced for this event. Tickets go on sale April 16.

SENIOR GRADUATION SPEECH CONTEST - May

Any graduating senior who has attended MHS during his/her entire Junior & Senior year may try out to be a speaker for Graduation. Sign ups will be held in April and the contest will be after school the 2nd week of May. The senior class will choose the speech theme. Three speakers will be chosen.

SENIOR BACCALAUREATE

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational religious service connected with Graduation. This voluntary church service is organized by the students and community members. This is a great event for graduates and their families. The Baccalaureate service will be held at a local church on Sunday evening before graduation. More detailed information will be available in the spring.

2012 SOBER GRAD PARTY—May 31

The community of Madera, the California Highway Patrol and the Class of 2012 have planned a fun, safe, and **FREE** all night party! HUGE raffle prizes will be given away throughout the night. The party will be held at Madera High from 10:30pm to 5:00am. Graduates must have their ID for entrance. Guests may attend for \$20. This is your last chance to party at MHS!!!

Athletic Senior Nights

Senior athletes will be honored before the start of their last home game of the regular season. This is a great time to come out and support the hard work and dedication these student have given to MHS.

Winter Sports

Wrestling - Tuesday, Jan. 31 vs. Sunnyside	7:00pm
Girls Soccer - Wednesday, Feb. 8 vs. Sunnyside	5:00pm
Boys Soccer - Thursday, Feb. 9 vs. Bullard	5:00pm
Girls Basketball - Wednesday, Feb. 15 vs. Sunnyside	7:30pm
Boys Basketball - Thursday, Feb. 16 vs. Bullard	7:30pm

Spring Sports

Track - March 27 - League Dual	3:30pm
Boys Golf - Tuesday, April 10 vs. Sunnyside	1:00pm
Swimming - Thursday, April 26 vs. Sunnyside	3:30pm
Boys Tennis - Tuesday, May 1 vs. Bullard	3:00pm
Boys Volleyball - Thursday, May 3 vs. Bullard	7:00pm
Baseball - Tuesday, May 8 vs. Bullard	3:30pm
Softball - Friday, May 11 vs. Bullard	3:30pm

Important Academic Dates

SAT AND ACT TESTING

MHS will proctor the SAT and ACT tests on the following dates. To register for the SAT go to www.collegeboard.com. To register for the ACT, go to www.actstudent.org.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
Feb. 11 - ACT	January 13
March 10 - SAT (SAT only)	February 24
April 9 - ACT	March 9
May 5 - SAT (SAT and subject tests)	April 20
June 2 - SAT (SAT and subject tests)	May 22
June 9—ACT	May 4

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (CAHSEE) TEST DATES

The CAHSEE will be given March 13-14 and May 8-9 for those that need to take the test. For more information on the CAHSEE, please go to: www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/ or see your counselor.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

The College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Tests will be administered in all areas from May 7 through May 16, 2012. For more information regarding the tests, please contact the testing coordinator, Sylvia Prado (675-4444 ext. 1125).

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>
Mon. May 7 - Chemistry & Psychology	Mon. May 14 - Biology & Music Theory
Tues. May 8 - Spanish Lit.	Tues. May 15 - Gov. & Politics: US Govt.
Wed. May 9 - Calculus AB & BC	Wed. May 16- English Lang. & Statistics

Paying for College

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a large number of local scholarships available to MHS graduates. Each year, over \$200,000 is given to seniors planning to continue their education. Local scholarship packets are now available in the career center. All applications are due February 1 at 3:45 in the Career Center. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail on April 10. The Scholarship Awards night will be held on April 30 in the Flores Gym at 6:30pm.

The Career Center located in room 37 can assist with questions regarding the scholarship applications. For additional help, workshops will be held after school in the Career Center. Contact Joyce Tucker at 675-4473.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

MHS will host a "Cash for College" workshops on Tuesday, January 31 and Thursday, February 2 from 6:00 -8:00pm in the Cafeteria. Contact Joyce Tucker at 675-9473 for more information. From January 1 to March 2 the FAFSA application can be submitted online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID www.fafsa.ed.gov

Even if you believe you do not qualify, fill out the FAFSA form. It is a necessary requirement for many other scholarships, grants and loans. **Never pay to fill out a FAFSA online! Use only the above website!** **Cal Grant B 2.0+** **Cal Grant A 3.0+**

Steps to Graduation

CAPS/GOWNS & GRADUATION ITEMS

All seniors should have already ordered their cap & gowns. If you are borrowing a cap and gown, you still must order a tassel. Call Graduate Services at 431-2541 or go online www.gradservicesltd.com to order. Cap/gowns and all other graduation items will be distributed during the senior activities in April.

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

All fines must be paid before tickets to Prom, Grad Nite or Graduation will be issued. Students may pay financial obligations in the Business Office located in the front office anytime between 8:00am-4:30pm. If you are unsure if you have a fine, contact Mary Saldate (saldate_m@madera.k12.ca.us) in the business office.

MIGRANT EDUCATION SENIORS—ESTUDIANTES DEL PROGRAMA MIGRANTE

You may be eligible for a free physical, dental and vision exam before you graduate. Please contact the Migrant Education Office for more information, 675-4444 ext. 1155.

Tu podrías calificar para un examen físico, dental y de la vista gratis antes de graduarte. Para mas información llamen en la oficina de migrante, 675-4444 ext. 1155.

Senior Clearance Activity - May 29

All seniors must be cleared to graduate and participate in the graduation ceremony. All textbooks, library books and financial obligations must be taken care of. Senior clearance will take place on Tuesday, May 29. Cards will be distributed and must be signed by the business office and library. After this is completed, cards will be taken to the counselor for final verification.

Tuesday, May 29

A - H 9:00 - 10:00am

I - P 11:00-12:00pm

Q - Z 1:30-2:30pm

Graduation Ceremony - May 31 7:30pm

The Graduation ceremony has been designed by your classmates to be a dignified ceremony. Your dress and actions must be appropriate to the occasion. Anyone using poor judgment will be removed from the ceremony. More detailed information regarding the graduation ceremony will be mailed home in the spring.

TICKETS

Admission for Graduation is by ticket only. Each senior who will be marching will receive 10 tickets for Graduation. Children under 5 do not need a ticket for entry. Tickets will be distributed to the students at graduation practice on May 31.

PICTURES

The graduating class will be photographed as they receive their diplomas by Van's professional photographers. Copies will be available for purchase directly from the studio. Pictures will also be available at www.vansphotography.com. Parents and friends of the graduates may take pictures from the stands.

Grad Nite @ Magic Mountain!



WHERE: Magic Mountain, Valencia, California

WHEN: May 24-25

WHO: Seniors of Madera High School who are on track to graduate (200+ credits completed), have cleared all financial obligations, and are not on the Loss of Privilege list due to unexcused absences.

TIME: Meet at the Joe Flores gym for check in on May 24. Return between 11:00am and 1:00pm on May 25 (Memorial Day Observed, no school) at the Bus Loading Zone.

TRANSPORTATION: Charter Buses

TICKETS: The cost of the ticket is \$140, which includes: round trip bus fare, admission, dinner buffet, unlimited use of attractions, FREE Hurricane Harbor return ticket, Kodak souvenir photo, dancing, and entertainment.

Sales: March 12 - until sold out. Space is limited to amount of bus seats we are able to reserve. To buy a ticket, each senior must come in person and bring:

- (1) Emergency Procedure Card signed by parent/guardian
- (2) Magic Mountain Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement Form
- (3) Cash/Check/Money Order for \$145
- (4) MHS Senior ID card

BUS ASSIGNMENTS: Bus assignments are made at the time of ticket sale. If you want to be on the same bus with your friends, buy tickets at the same time. Bus seats are reserved on a first come first served basis.

MEDICATION: If a student needs to bring medication INTO THE PARK, inform MHS Activities Office, 675-4444, ext. 1196, NO LATER THAN MAY 11. Students are not allowed to carry medication while in the park.

DRESS: Anyone not dressed in accordance with Madera High dress code and Magic Mountain's guidelines will not be allowed to board the bus or enter Magic Mountain.

BEHAVIOR: Good manners and consideration for others are asked of the graduates to ensure everyone's fun. No alcoholic beverage/drugs/tobacco will be tolerated. All students will be checked when boarding buses and again at Magic Mountain. If anyone becomes a serious behavior problem, parents will be called and asked to pick-up the student. Magic Mountain sets all the rules of behavior, dress and transportation. No ice chests will be allowed on the bus.

REFUNDS: REFUNDS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE CONFLICTING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR MAY 24-25. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

Grad Nite Dress Code

ITEMS OK TO TAKE OR WEAR:

- Flip flops / Sandals
- Purses, bags, backpacks smaller than 8.5" X 11"
- Apparel with logos smaller than the size of your fist
- Shorts
- Chapstick and/or lip gloss (in non glass containers)
- Compacts with small mirrors
- Make-up in non-glass containers
- Asthma inhalers
- Cough drops
- Contact solution / eye drops smaller than 4 oz. (120mL)
- iPods
- Cell Phones
- Small Cameras

ITEMS TO BE LEFT AT HOME:

- Spike jewelry / belts
- Bags / Backpacks larger than 8.5" X 11" (*Ok on bus*)
- Apparel with logos larger than the size of your fist
- Any home made / custom T-shirts (i.e. Class of '10)
- Clothing affiliated with schools, sports teams, clubs
- Jerseys & Letterman Jackets
- Costumes
- Head wear (Hats (including Disney), sock hats, bandanas)
- All food (candy, gum, mints, chips, etc.) (*Ok on bus*)
- All fluids (water, drinks, perfume, lotion, etc.) (*Ok on bus if original seal is not broken*)
- Glass containers
- Alcohol any and all controlled substance
- Non-prescription medication (aspirin, vitamins, etc.)
- Contact solution / eye drops larger than 4 oz. (120mL)
- Tobacco products
- Tobacco related items (lighter, matches, etc.)
- Weapons
- Markers, Pens & Pencils
- Laser pointers
- Aerosol Cans



PLEASE NOTE

Please note that failure to follow the guidelines may result in delayed admission and/or denial of admission to your Grad Nite event. Also, Magic Mountain Security has the right to refuse admission to anyone they deem not appropriately dressed for the event.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

