

*Madera High
Class of 2013!*



SENIOR ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK

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Dear Class of 2013



As we enter 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 2013

January

14	First day of Spring Semester
21	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, No School
22-25	Breaking Down The Walls

February

1	LAST DAY TO BUY A YEARBOOK
2	Winter Formal—Flores Gymnasium, 7:00-11:00pm
5	Seniors: OEII Makeups*
11	Presidents Day, No School
15	Winter Rally—Memorial Stadium
18	Presidents Day, No School
21	Blood Drive / Financial Aid Workshops, Library 5:00/7:00pm/Sober Grad Meeting 6pm*
25	PTA 4.0 Academic Awards Night, 6:00pm
27	PLAN Testing

March

12-13	CAHSEE Testing
15	9 Week Progress Reports
18	CSF Life Member Night—Café 6:00pm*
22	Spring Rally —Memorial Stadium
25-April 1	Spring Recess

April

12	Seniors: Community College Advising/Registration, Flores Gym*
19	13 Week Progress Reports
23 & 25	STAR Testing Grades 9-11/ Senior Activities*
29	Scholarship Awards Night 6:30pm*
30 & May 2	STAR Testing Grades 9-11

May

3	Prom—Holland Park West 7:00pm-11:00pm
6-15	AP Testing
13	ET and Health Sciences Awards Nights, Café & Flores Gym 6pm
14-15	CAHSEE Testing
14	Humanities Awards Night, Cafe 6pm
15	Human Services Awards Night, Café 6pm
16	Grad Nite @ Magic Mountain*
20	Athlete of the Year, Café 6pm*
23	ET Extravaganza
24 & 27	Memorial Day Observed, No School
30-31	Senior Finals* - Block Schedule
31	Last Day for Seniors:

June

4-5	Senior Clearance*
6	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
	Graduation, Memorial Stadium 7:30pm*
	Sober Grad 10:30pm - 5am*

**Denotes Senior Activity*

Special Events

C&F LIFE MEMBER NIGHT – March 18

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.

2013 JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM - May 3

The Junior class presents the 2013 Prom held at Holland Park West 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 22.

SENIOR GRADUATION SPEECH CONTEST - April

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 open after spring recess and the contest will be after school the last week of April. 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.

2013 SOBER GRAD PARTY— June 6

The community of Madera, the California Highway Patrol and the Class of 2013 are planning 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!!! **PARENTS: WE NEED YOUR HELP! Contact Will Sally at 675-4444 to help out on this great event!!!!**

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 - Wednesday, Feb. 6 vs. MSHS	7:00pm
Boys Soccer - Wednesday, Feb. 6 vs. Bullard	5:00pm
Girls Soccer - Thursday, Feb. 7 vs. MSHS	5:00pm
Girls Basketball - Tuesday, Feb. 12 vs. Bullard	6:30pm
Boys Basketball - Friday, Feb. 15 vs. MSHS	6:30pm

Spring Sports

Boys Golf - Thursday, March 14 vs. Clovis	2:00pm
Track - Wed, April 17 - League Dual vs. MSHS	3:30pm
Boys Tennis - Thursday, April 25 vs. Bullard	3:00pm
Boys Volleyball - Tuesday, April 30 vs. Bullard	6:00pm
Swimming - Thursday, May 2 vs. MSHS	3:30pm
Softball - Tuesday, May 7 vs. Bullard	3:30pm
Baseball - Friday, May 10 vs. MSHS	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. 9 - ACT	January 11
March 9 - SAT (SAT only)	February 9
April 13 - ACT	March 8
May 4 - SAT (SAT and subject tests)	April 5
June 1 - SAT (SAT and subject tests)	May 2
June 8 - ACT	May 3

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM (CAHSEE) TEST DATES

The CAHSEE will be given March 12-13 and May 14-15 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 6 through May 15, 2013. For more information regarding the tests, please contact the testing coordinator, Sylvia Prado (675-4444 ext. 1125).

Week 1

Mon. May 6 - Chemistry & Psychology
Tues. May 7 - Spanish Lit.
Wed. May 8- Calculus AB & BC
Thurs. May 9 - English Lit.
Fri. May 10 - English Lang. & Statistics

Week 2

Mon. May 13 - Physics
Wed. May 16- US History & Euro History

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. The Local scholarship deadline was January 22. Scholarship recipients will be notified by mail on April 10. The Scholarship Awards night will be held on April 29 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 "Cash for College" workshops on Thursday, February 21 in the Library. There will be two sessions; 5:00pm & 7:00pm.. 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 (marysaldate@maderausd.org) 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 - June 4 & 5

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, June 4 & 5. 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, June 4

A - H 1:30 - 2:30pm
I - P 2:30 - 3:30pm

Wednesday, June 5

Q - Z 8:30 - 9:30am

Graduation Ceremony - June 6 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 the morning of June 6.

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 16-17



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 16 at 3:00. Return between 10:00am and 12:00pm on May 17 at the Bus Loading Zone.

TRANSPORTATION: Charter Buses

**Secured overnight parking will be available for students that will need to leave their cars at MHS*

TICKETS: The cost of the ticket is \$150, 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 4 - 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 \$150
- (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 10. 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 16-17 REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

Grad Nite Dress Code

DRESS TO IMPRESS!



Acceptable for Everyone:

- Jeans
- Khakis or dress pants
- Jackets / Sweatshirts / Sweaters (gentlemen must wear a collared shirt underneath)
- Any apparel/clothing purchased at Six Flags Grad Nite
- Comfortable walking shoes are recommended

Gentlemen must wear a collared shirt. Polo or Button Down collared style shirts are acceptable.

Acceptable for the ladies:

- Purses (no larger than 8.5" x 11")
- Dresses or Skirts (no more than 3" above the knee)
- Capri's
- Blouses

Please note these important requirements; NOT PERMITTED:

- No T-Shirts
- No Shorts
- No Backpacks or any large duffle bags
- No clothing affiliated with a school, sports team, group, club, etc. (i.e. letterman jackets, clothing with school logos, etc., including groups with matching shirts, pants, etc.)
- No clothing in poor condition (torn jeans and shirts, etc..)
- No extremely revealing clothing (i.e. bathing suit tops or bottoms, tops showing midriff, see-through clothing, etc.)
- No briefcases, hip packs (fanny packs), camera bags, tote bags, or oversized purses are allowed.
- No headwear of any kind (Hats, Bandana's or Beanies)
- No clothing or belts with spikes, sharp studs, chains- (no wallet chains)



***Congratulations to the
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