

September 2008

Senior Beat!

MTA Class of 2009



Welcome Back Seniors

Congratulations seniors! You have made it to your final year of high school. This is a crazy but exciting year for all of you. The year ahead will be filled with so many different experiences. Pay attention and hold on to every memory making moment.

This is a big year for all of you. You an incredible group of students! Being a senior means you are the leaders and the role models. Use this opportunity to set a peaceful tone here at MTA. Think about when you were freshmen, and how you were treated. I challenge you all to set a new precedent and become the nicest, most connected group of seniors this school has seen.

In order to keep you and your parents up to date and informed about senior happenings, we have created Senior Beat! As the year moves forward, we will rely on this as our primary source of communication. Senior Beat! will be posted on the MTA website.

If you have any announcements or questions, please send them to Stacey Vannah at vannah@link75.org.

Senior Symposium

Every year, in October, MTA holds a senior day called Senior Symposium. During this day, students take care of graduation "business" (caps/gowns, diploma names, etc). This is also a day for Project Graduation to present. In addition, there are typically afternoon activities. This year we are working with five Maine Credit Unions to hold a "Financial Fitness Fair". The seniors will take part in a mock life situation where they will learn how to budget their future salary. This is first time MTA is doing this... and the hope is to make it a Sr. Symposium tradition. It is going to be very exciting!

In order to make this event successful, **we need the help of 20 adult volunteers.** Senior Symposium is on Wednesday, October 15. Your help would be needed from 11-2pm. Lunch will be provided. Your role would be to assist the Credit Union employees at the different stations. They will instruct you on the specifics. Overall, you will basically be sharing handouts and information with the students. We need about four people to man each booth. Two credit union employees and two community members. This is a great way for a workplace to do community service.

Please contact Stacey Vannah at vannahs@link75.org if you are interested.

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“Be the change you want to see in the world.”
-Ghandi





Senior Yearbook Photos

YEARBOOKS! YEARBOOKS! YEARBOOKS! YEARBOOKS! YEARBOOKS!

September is in full swing. That means the 2009 yearbook wheels are turning. As the new yearbook advisor I would like to say that I am looking forward to aiding the yearbook staff in creating a superb volume of the Aerie.

My first task is to bug you about getting senior portraits done. If you haven't done so already, it is important to have your **photo ready to submit by October**. All seniors will be receiving an envelope with a blank CD inside which they will need to put their photo on unless they are submitting a hard copy of the photo.

Some things to keep in mind about the senior portrait:

The senior must be the focus of the portrait.

Pets are allowed but must appear secondary to the senior themselves.

Full body shots from the beauty pageant are not allowed!

The focus of the photo should be the face, shoulders, and torso.

YOU GET THE IDEA

That being said, have fun with this process. If it is becoming stressful or un-fun, send me an e-mail! I can help with any questions you may have. Really.

Our goal is to have zero "MTA" logos where senior photos should be.

Cheers,

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Project Graduation



In August, four student members of the Project Graduation 2009 Committee visited the Cranmore Family Fitness Center, where the class voted to hold this year's Project Graduation. They were all very excited about the possibilities for a fabulous evening. The students heard about ways in which other schools have used the facilities, including bringing in inflatable games like human foosball, boxing, and sumo wrestling. A tentative list of events includes a buffet dinner, entertainment from a world class hypnotist, dancing, swimming, rock wall climbing, volleyball, midnight ice cream sundae party, the Two AM Twister Tournament, and much more. The class will leave at about 5:00 pm after graduation and party all night, getting back to town for a final class breakfast the next morning. There will also be tons and tons of terrific prizes, which will be handed out throughout the evening.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please feel free to contact either of the Project Graduation 2009 co-chairs:

Allen Graffam: graffama@link75.org OR Ellen Messier: messiere@link75.org

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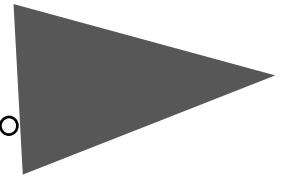
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Project Grad on
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“The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails.”

- John Maxwell



Fundraising.

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Goodsearch.com is our online fundraiser. We started off strong in January and February. As the months have moved forward, our fundraising efforts have declined. For those of you who need a quick reminder, goodsearch.com is the Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

We have been registered as a fundraising site since January. There are only four months left for us to profit from our fundraising efforts. Once December 2008 is over the junior class will benefit from any goodsearch.com use. So set goodsearch.com as your homepage and use it any time you need to search the internet.

Please go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Mt. Ararat High School (Topsham, ME) as the charity you want to support (there is an area specifically for this). There is a simple process to set goodsearch.com as your homepage when you turn on your computer. Be sure to spread the word to family, friends and neighbors!

The Class of 2009 has begun this journey that we would like to keep as a fundraising tradition for all junior classes to follow, so spread the goodsearch word to everyone you know, it can make a big difference!

Any questions, please contact Staceyannah at vannahs@link75.org.

Homecoming 2008

Homecoming week at Mt. Ararat is an exciting time. It's an opportunity to really show your school spirit and pride while having a ton of fun.

Here are a few dates that you should be aware of:

September 22-26 is Spirit Week

Friday, September 26: Spaghetti Supper, Football game & post game Bon Fire.

Saturday, September 27, from 8-11pm is the Homecoming Dance (\$10 at door)

If you are interested in helping out with the homecoming dance set up, please see Staceyannah in the health education room.

Parents: we are in need of chaperones. If you are interested in being a chaperone for this event, please contact Staceyannah at vannahs@link75.org or call 729-2951 ex. 230.

LOOKING FOR STUDY PARTICIPANTS...

Staceyannah is currently looking for MTA students and families to participate in an informational evening about Alternative Treatment Options for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). If you are willing to participate, please contact her at vannahs@link75.org or at 729-2951 ex 230.

