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Drake's Daraja Club has raised nearly \$3,000 for Daraja Academy, a school for girls in Kenya. The funds will allow them to sponsor a student for the entire year! The Daraja Academy provides “a quality secondary education to exceptional Kenyan girls because we believe that educated girls can transcend poverty and change the world.” The Drake club's co-presidents, Maddie Barto and Mackenzie Mock, supported by the club's 20 members hosted the club's latest fundraiser at George's in San Rafael. The musical acts, coordinated by Melanie Voorsanger, consisting of Daraja Club kids from our local high schools performed to a full house! Way to go!!



Congratulations to Seniors Eli Grinberg and Willa Murphy who are both being honored by the Marin Conservation League with presentations of the annual Awards for Environmental Achievement: Youth Award for Environmental Achievement. Eli is being honored for his leadership in starting the Ocean Crusaders Club, organizing monthly beach cleanups, and working to restore Sausalito's Willow Creek. Willa is being honored for her initiative and leadership as a site representative for Teens Turning Green at Drake and for her successful efforts to transform the school cafeteria to a healthier model.



Kudos to Seniors Sarah Melbostad & Anna Knowles for being the Grand Prize Winners at the Marin County Secondary Science Fair! They are currently enrolled in Michael Wing's Independent Projects in Science Research class and submitted their research on Bristlecone Pines. Sarah and Anna also gave a presentation at the District Board Meeting. And congratulations to Juniors Miles Lim and Tavish Traut who placed second in Life Sciences for their elephant seal project!



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Important Upcoming Dates

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| 3/26/12 | Parent Awareness Presentation #2 - Signs of Suicide - Student Center 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| 3/28/12 | Pathways Program Presentation- College and Career Center - 10:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. |
| 3/29/12 | Battle of the Bands/Talent Battle - Student Center - 6:00 p.m. - 10 p.m. |
| 3/29/12 | Teen Career Night - Jewish Family & Children Services in San Rafael - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. |
| 3/30/12 | Spring Rally - Drake Gym - 11:25 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. |
| 3/30/12 | End of Grading Period 5 |
| 3/31/12 | Senior Photos Due for The Senior Slide Show - mailto:drakeleadership@yahoo.com |
| 3/31/12 | Drake Music Department Playathon Fundraiser - San Geronimo Golf Club - 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |
| 4/4/12 | No Cars on Campus Day & Drake Earth Day activities |
| 4/6/12 | Pennies for Patients Assembly |
| 4/9-13/12 | Spring Recess – no school for staff or students |
| 4/16-20/12 | STAR testing |
| 4/18/12 | DLC meeting - Room 106 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Click here for agenda. |

Hot Off the Presses – Be The First to Order Drake’s New Spirit Package



Do you want more bang for your buck? Does your Junior want to get a jump on their Senior year? Does your Freshman or Sophomore want to be the first out of the gate for the new school year? Then check out the NEW Pirate Spirit Package! There is a \$50 savings on the Spirit Pack if you order by June 15 **and** we will have your items ready for your student to pick up on Picture Day at the beginning of the school year. There are also amazing new items that you can order to show your Pirate Pride. Please click [here](#) for the order form!

Brain Cancer Walk-A-Thon, Saturday, April 21, 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.



Drake High's student run club, [Fighting for the Cure](#), is putting on a walk-a-thon on April 21st from 1-5 p.m. on the Drake football field and track. We encourage all students and parents in the community to form teams and help raise money in support of brain cancer. The top individual fundraiser wins an iPad3 and the team that raises the most money will win Giants tickets. There are lots of other great prizes for those who walk the most laps!

Bring your family and come walk us; get some good exercise, enjoy great entertainment, eat yummy food and spend time with your friends all while raising money for a cause that needs your help. Let's find the cure!! To participate, sign up at: <http://www.brainumorcommunity.org/fftc> If you are unable to attend but want to support the cause you can also donate at the website listed above.

AP Testing Proctors Needed

We are looking for a few good people who would like to volunteer a couple of hours to proctor an AP exam during the weeks of May 7 and May 14. The only caveat is that you cannot proctor a subject that your student will be testing in. Please click [here](#) for the testing schedule. If you are able to help, please email Tanya Jaspering at tjaspering@tamdistrict.org. Thank you in advance for your time and energy.

Graduation Reception – Junior Class Bakers and Helpers Needed



Junior Parents...It is a Drake tradition that the Junior class parents host the Graduation Reception in the Student Center that immediately follows the graduation ceremony (Friday, June 8). This enables the Senior parents to fully enjoy graduation day from start to finish. If you would be willing to donate food or volunteer to set up, serve or clean up, please email dhsgradreception@gmail.com. This is a chance to pay it forward for **your** Seniors next year. **Without your participation, this event will not happen.** Thanks in advance for your help!

Grad Nite 2012 – Get on Board



Your senior's last 3 months of high school will be a whirlwind which will culminate in Drake's annual tradition: **Safe and Sober Grad Nite** at the Osher Marin JCC the night of graduation (Friday, June 8, 2012, 9:00 p.m. to 3:30 a.m.). The grads are bused from Drake's parking lot to the JCC where professionals (dj, magician, tattoo artists, hair stylists, hypnotist and more...) provide entertainment in addition to swimming, food & socializing with peers. Over 97% of prior grads chose to celebrate together – the hope is ALL 2012 graduates will participate in this safe and sober environment! A signed [contract](#) is required by [all participants](#) by **Friday, May 4, 2012**. Please be sure to check the [Senior Information page](#) on the Drake website for current updates to this and many other Senior events.

Please print, fill out, add your check made out to “**Drake Grad Nite**” and return to Tanya Jaspering in the AP office by **Friday, May 4th at 4:00 p.m.** We want **every** graduating Senior to be able to attend this once in a lifetime event, so if finances are a concern at all, please indicate that at the bottom of the contract or email us at dhsgradnite@gmail.com

Drake Leadership Council Meeting – Community Input Session

Please join us for the Drake Leadership Council Meeting – Wednesday, March 21st, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Student Center. Input from the Drake community will be gathered regarding the characteristics of the future Drake principal. Information will be used to create a leadership profile that will be used in the selection process.

Parent Awareness Presentations: Signs of Suicide – March 26

The Parent Awareness presentation is **Monday, March 26, 2012, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** and will be on the topic of **Signs of Suicide with Marin Teen Mental Health Board with John Brooks.** The Marin Teen Mental Health Board is a community service group dedicated to de-stigmatizing mental health issues that increasingly affect our teens by promoting awareness of warning signs and where to get help. Our student representatives bring a peer-to-peer approach to an open discussion of topics that are missed or ignored:

- Risk factors and causes of depression
- Signs and symptoms
- Commonly held myths versus the facts
- Factors that may lead to suicidal tendencies

John Brooks shares his personal narrative in this presentation. In January 2008, his 17 year old daughter and only child, Casey, leapt from the Golden Gate Bridge and vanished. John has written about his search for answers to Casey’s suicide, while he and his wife Erika have become vocal advocates for a suicide barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge. If you have any questions please contact Thia Haselton, MFT at Drake: 458-3443 or thaselton@tamdistrict.org

Senior Build Day - Come Build with Us!



Did you know that on April 18, 19, 20 Drake Seniors along with parents, teachers and staff, will be participating in a huge build with Habitat for Humanity? On each of those three days, Drake will be sending 50 people each day to a Habitat build site in Daly City.

Seniors have been signing up for this event for the last two months but there is still space available. We also need 10 adults each day to accompany the group. No previous construction experience is

needed; Habitat will train you at the site. If all goes as planned, Drake will contribute over 1000 build hours to Habitat for Humanity!

Please consider joining the Class of 2012 in this wonderful event. To sign up, please email us at habitatclubdrake@gmail.com.

Jazzing Up the Spring with Drake's Bands



We hope that you can join us on Saturday, March 31st, from 4:00 - 9:00 at the San Geronimo Golf Club for Drake Music Department's fourth annual Play-a-thon. This event has become a major highlight of our musical year and serves as our biggest fundraiser. During those five hours, we enjoy the club's hospitality, some great food, wonderful company, and a lot of fantastic music. All of our ensembles will perform during the five hour event, filling your ears with the fruits of their hard work. It's a fun day, guaranteed to be a good time. Adult tickets are \$35 and student tickets are \$20; they can be bought online through this link: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/225477> We'd love to see you on the 31st and we welcome your support of all the great things happening in Drake Music!

Drake's Annual Battle of the Bands/Talent Show Sign Ups Are Now Open



Drake's Annual Battle of the Bands/Talent Show is March 29 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. in Drake's Student Center. The winners of this epic battle will perform at the Spring Rally. Auditions will be held on March 21. Students can sign up in the AP office or the D-SHAC. Rock on!!

Doing Something Different For Senior Year

Is your student interested in spending their Senior year doing something different? Would they like to focus your education on what interests them, take college classes and learn through hands-on experiences? Then you should check out the Tam District's Pathways program, an alternative, individualized, educational program open to all seniors. A representative will be here to give a presentation in the College and Career Center during tutorial on Wednesday, March 28th. Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

Teen Career Night for All Teens



All Marin County teens are invited to Teen Career Night at the Jewish Family & Children's Services office (600 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael). This free event will take place on Thursday, March 29th from 6-8 pm and will include a panel of talented and passionate professionals in law, journalism, the arts, social media, medicine, green business, and architecture. The panel will present on their academic and career paths in this exciting, career exploration program.

Seating is limited, so students should RSVP ASAP to Kylie Gordon at 415-419-4641 or kylieg@jfcs.org

Scholarships Available for Drake Seniors



The Ted Mitchell Memorial Scholarship will be giving two \$1,500 scholarships to graduating senior student-athletes from Marin County High Schools (one male and one female). Information about the scholarship and the application requirements are on-line at www.tedmittellscholarship.org and applications can be submitted either via email (as a pdf if possible) or by mail - whichever is easier for the student. There are also copies of the application in the College and Career Center. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2012.

Summer Internships - Closer Than You Think!



The Marin County Summer Internship Applications are now available. Note the Summer Internship **REQUIRES** students to attend a once a week Career Management Class for 2.5 hours at the Marin County Office of Education site in Terra Linda in addition to the actual Internship. The dates will be June 18th through July 27th. Students will work ~9~ hours per week for 6 weeks, plus the classroom time. Internship opportunities include Healthcare, Audio/Video Production, Law, and Childcare among others. See Greg Davison, your School to Career Liaison in the College and Career Center for details. gdavison@tamdistrict.org or (415) 458-3484

Drake Drama Presents The Servant of Two Masters



The Servant of Two Masters, a crazy combination of vaudeville, slapstick and ridiculousness will be our next stage foray! It will be crazy and wild, and is an exploration of the form Commedia Del Arte. Considered one of theatres oldest forms, Commedia deals with Stock Characters that have managed to survive through thousands of years of theatre. In Carlo Goldoni's play, The Servant of Two Masters, we see wily servants, braggart soldiers, miserly old men, frisky maids and windbag doctors. Add to that a play within a play element which includes behind the scenes, and commercials, Servant of Two Masters rocks. Servant runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. The charge at the door is \$5 for students and \$7 for adults.

Can You See Beyond Differences?



Beyond Differences, is an amazing local nonprofit dedicated to helping kids overcome social isolation in our schools (<http://beyonddifferences.org>). Beyond Differences was formed by family and friends to honor the memory of Lili Smith who died in 2009 at age 15. (See http://www.marinij.com/marinnews/ci_13660003). We invite you to participate in our Family Walk/Barbecue on Saturday, April 21.

We are committed to training a new generation of compassionate middle and high school students who, by opening themselves to personal transformation, will help create a culture shift in our schools from exclusion to inclusion. We also offer an educational curriculum tool kit of resources for administrators, faculty and parents in our community to help everyone end social isolation and also sponsor leadership development programs as well as leadership training and guidance for school based activities.

Our Family Walk/Barbecue on Saturday, April 21 at the Mill Valley Recreation Center. The optional walk will be at 10:30 a.m. and lunch and a program will begin at approximately 12:00 p.m. At the event, we will share information about our efforts to create an environment where all children will feel respected and included. We are asking for a donation of \$25 per person for the event. We hope that you can join us!

Check Out the Must Be 14 Book Club



Join the [Book Passage](#) on April 24 at 7:00 p.m. as they welcome three phenomenal young authors; Daniel Handler, Maggie Stiefvater and John Corey. This event will feature a reading with a signing to follow.

Writing for a Teen Magazine



A Workshop for High School Students with Tes Howell, features and copy editor of *Glitter Magazine*. In this free workshop for students in grades 9-12 we will address: style and tone, importance of editing, and professionalism, both online and in print. We will practice creating good interview questions and craft responses to a teen-related question that will become a feature in the next issue of *Glitter*. This event will be held on Saturday, March 31, 3-5 p.m. at the Fairfax Library, 2097 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, visit or call the reference desk at 457-5629 or email Shereen Ash: sash@marincounty.org