

# **Welcome to the Convention, the 8th Annual Bearcat Benefit, 2012: Vote for Bearcats!**

Thank you for your support of the San Mateo High School Foundation's wonderful fundraising event, the Bearcat Benefit. The success of this now-established tradition is a testimony to the commitment of our community to keep excellence in academics and programs a priority at San Mateo High School. The theme of our Benefit this year honors this priority as well as the national election next month. We have many choices in our country, but we have to be proactive in putting our students first. Everyone here tonight has voted to do just that.

We would like to sincerely thank all the people who are involved with the Benefit effort: tireless committee members, supportive parents, dedicated school staff, inspiring teachers, enthusiastic Foundation members, generous alumni and friends, and of course, the amazing Yvonne Shiu.

Sponsorship this year set new records; the generosity of the Valedictorian, High Honors, Dean's List, and Bearcat Supporter donors is phenomenal. So many wholeheartedly showed their endorsement of San Mateo High's students. This includes people and businesses who donated auction items and Benefit supplies. Please patronize and thank our vendors and retailers when you visit them. They willingly give even though they often donate to many groups and institutions. We also would like to thank Irma Page and the South San Francisco Conference Center. They are an absolute pleasure to work with and provide us with a beautiful venue.

Proceeds from the 8th Annual Bearcat Benefit, including those from Auctions and Fund-a-Need, will allow the Foundation of San Mateo High School to continue providing students with the best possible educational opportunities and enhanced academic initiatives. You make this happen with your attendance tonight! Please bid on Silent and Live Auction items and participate in Fund-a-Need. We hope you enjoy the menu, music, student performances, and socializing with your fellow SMHS supporters.

Warmly,

**Laurie Daniels & Momoe Sasaki**

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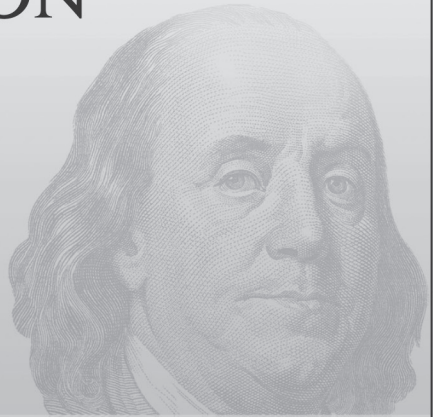
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*The San Mateo High School Foundation raises funds to support San Mateo High School academics and programs that help prepare students for the success they deserve through building relationships and creating awareness.*

The Foundation was established in 2003 to support the athletic programs at SMHS, including the building of a new athletic field. The Maryanne Johnson Memorial Field was finished in 2004 and the emphasis of the Foundation changed from athletics to academics. Over the past ten years the Foundation has raised over \$2.5 million and supported the Merv Griffin Quad—the heart and soul of the SMHS campus, the Barbara Snider College Pathways Program, the Renaissance/Leadership program, AP classes, school supplies for every classroom, Diamond Grants to promote teacher innovation, a Climate and Equity Fund to promote and recognize positive student performance and behavior, fitness and aquatics facilities improvements, Music Program Equipment and new Vocal Program, new technology in the form of Smart Boards and Document Cameras, and a new State-of-the-Art Media Lab.

Our fundraising goal for this year is \$200,000. Each year the Foundation asks parents to support the academics at SMHS through a Fair Share donation of \$400 per family or an amount you are comfortable with. There's still plenty of time to donate this year, and don't be surprised if you hear from one of our board members listed below.

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# 2012: Vote for Bearcats! Benefit Schedule

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

## **Bearcat Bravo Caucus Reception**

Music by The Bella Sinfonia String Quartet

Directed by Atillio Tribuzi

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

## **Polling Place Silent Auction**

7:45 p.m.

## **Welcome Message Platform**

Laurie Daniels & Momoe Sasaki—Benefit Co-Chairs  
Jeff Cantor & Dan Torbati—Foundation Co-Presidents

8:00 p.m.

## **Delegation Dinner Served**

9:00 p.m.

## **SMHS Foundation Fundraising Campaign Debate**

Jeff Cantor & Harini Krishnan

## **A Show of Hands Live Auction**

SMHS Parent, Gary Gerber, Auctioneer

## **Fund-a-Need**

9:45 p.m.

## **Future Leaders Performances**

SMHS Drama Department

Directed by Brad Friedman

SMHS Advanced Dance

Directed by Robyn Tribuzi

10:00 p.m.

## **Rock out and Dance to Classic American Tunes**

10:30 p.m.

## **No-Hanging-Chads Auction Checkout**

# Thank you Bearcat Bravo Supporters

Rahul & Sue Kapoor, Blake & Cathy Krikorian, Russell & Carolyn Leonard, Lisa & Andy Lunday, Charles & Kim Middlekauff, Candace & Bob Savoie, Yvonne Shiu, and Gilbert Wai. Sincere thanks also to Bearcat Benefit supporters Rogelio Lagapa, Karen & Larry Li, Michael & Ann Mahoney, and Helen Murphy.

Thank you to our auctioneer, Gary Gerber. Gary has been our enthusiastic auctioneer since the very first Bearcat Benefit. His tireless ability to raise funds for the SMHS Foundation and our students is a priceless asset to the success of the Benefit and to the Foundation team. Gary's continued commitment is a ringing endorsement of the significance and benefit of loyal volunteers.

Pierro Margallo is the talent behind the beautiful and inspired artwork for the Bearcat Benefit invitations and program book. The entire SMHS community is deeply grateful to have such a valuable volunteer providing a service that is truly extraordinary. Pierro not only generously donates his time in creating our look, but he gives of himself personally as an artist. The Benefit co-chairs cannot begin to thank Pierro enough for his unselfish contributions and for his gracious support of this event.

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# **The Bearcat Benefit 2012 Auction Rules & Regulations**

## **HOW TO BE AN AUCTION WINNER**

1. Plan ahead! Read the program book carefully before the auction. Decide what you want to bid on in advance.
2. Invite a group of friends to join you in buying a party or vacation home together. Forming these consortia gives you greater buying power and makes the auction more fun!

## **AUCTION ITEMS**

1. All live and silent auction items have been donated by generous sponsors, donors, parents and community members. Proceeds directly benefit San Mateo High School via the San Mateo High School Foundation (SMHSF).

## **LIVE AUCTION**

1. Minimum Bids will be announced prior to the start for each auction item.
2. To enter a bid, raise your bid number card towards the auctioneer. Volunteer spotters will assist the auctioneer in recognizing bidders throughout the room, but bids are not official until acknowledged by the auctioneer. The highest bid recognized by the auctioneer will win the item and the auctioneer will confirm bid amount and bidder number at the conclusion of each item. In the event of a dispute, the auctioneer will determine the winning bidder.

## **SILENT AUCTION**

1. Each item in the silent auction has a separate bid sheet.
2. To bid on an item, LEGIBLY write your name and table number, the bid number and amount of your bid on the next available line on the bid sheet.
3. To be valid, each new bid must equal or exceed the minimum increment stated on the item's bid sheet.
4. The silent auction will close promptly at 7:30pm. Bid sheets will be removed immediately. No bids will be accepted after closing. The highest valid bid at closing constitutes the winning bid.

5. By 9:00pm, the winning bidders will be notified and a purchase summary will be delivered to each winning bidder at their table.

6. Pay-to-Play items are open to the maximum number of participants indicated. Anyone can participate in Pa-to-Play by purchasing one or more slots and recording their name and bid number on the bid sheet.

### **PAYMENT AND RECEIPT**

1. All auction items must be paid in full by cash, check, MasterCard or Visa. We cannot accept American Express. Please pay your auction bill by going to the auction treasury, located in the entrance foyer. The auction treasury will be open at 10:30.

2. All sales are final: no exchanges or refunds are possible.

### **ITEM(S) PICK-UP**

1. Retrieve your winning items at the auction pick-up, adjacent to the treasury.

2. All items must be claimed and removed from the auction site.

### **ITEM VALUE**

1. Every attempt has been made to catalog and describe all items correctly, with information provided by the donors. All items are sold "as is". The respective donors have furnished all statements of value appearing in this program and bid sheets. Values assigned to some items are estimates only, and are not warranted for tax purposes or general value. SMHSF does not appraise or estimate the fair market value (FMV) of auction items. SMHSF has made a good-faith effort to furnish accurate and sufficient information on the Internal Revenue Service's Guidelines in establishing FMV of goods and services.

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1. All dates for services or events must be mutually agreed upon by both parties, in advance, unless otherwise noted. Some items are only valid for a specific date or time period. Please make reservations for specific items or events as soon as possible to avoid potential disappointment.
2. Most items expire by October 6th, 2013 unless otherwise stated.
3. Taxes and gratuities are excluded and dinners do not include wine or alcoholic beverages, unless specifically stated. Please leave a tip for restaurant servers when you use the gift certificates. Ground transportation is not included unless otherwise noted.
4. The item or items you purchase by being successful bidder are not warranted and/or guaranteed by San Mateo High School or SMHS Foundation. Please note: San Mateo High School and SMHS Foundation recommend that you verify the use, restriction, and expiration directly with the donor as soon as possible. Any dispute or claim arising from the purchase is between the donor and the successful bidder.
5. Please note that this auction program book contains items, donors, sponsors and volunteers known to the Benefit Committee as of September 15, 2012.
6. Gift certificates and gift cards are non-transferrable and not redeemable for cash. These may not be sold on the internet or through any online auction, marketplace or trading platform.
7. The Benefit Committee apologizes for any omissions or typographical mistakes contained in this program. We greatly value the support and generosity of our volunteers and donors and regret any errors.

# Fund-A-Need



Fund-A-Need is an exciting part of the Live Auction. It is your opportunity to contribute toward a specific need identified by San Mateo High School. Bids to fund this item or items will be offered in increments of \$50, \$100, \$250, \$250, \$500, \$1000, and \$2500, and anything in between is welcome from everyone wishing to participate, irrespective of the amount of the donation.

Past Fund-A-Need program donations include document cameras for every classroom (2010), sixteen Smart Boards (2009), establishment of the Renaissance Leadership program (2008), a Language Arts Lab, and various additional academic programs (2007).

Fund-A-Need has historically made a large impact at San Mateo High School. Last year, Fund-A-Need raised approximately \$40,000 to purchase thirty-five new, state-of-the-art iMac computers for the Media Lab.

**Thank you to all the generous parents who made the  
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# Live Auction Items

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## **SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT ELECTION NIGHT RETURNS PARTY**

After voting for Bearcats, watch the election night returns with SMHS Government teachers and get the inside scoop! The Social Science Department will provide a finger-lickin' good fried chicken dinner featuring assorted recipes from our First Lady and lots of tasty beverages. The venue is Mr. Reoutt's home, and his neighbor and former gubernatorial candidate, Meg Whitman, has been invited. Ten lucky people can have the once-in-a-lifetime election night experience on November 6th!

**Donor: SMHS Social Science Department**

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**Donor: Sam's Chowder House, Beach House Hotel**

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**Donor: Harini Krishnan & Vikas Jha**

**Donor Value: \$3,000.00**

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**SURF AND TURF BBQ DINNER FOR 20**

Let members of the nationally recognized SMHS Science Department throw the shrimp on the barbie as they slice, dice, and chop their way to a fabulous surf and turf BBQ dinner served to you and your guests. The Science Department will come to your home and prepare a delicious meal including an assortment of appetizers, a beautifully garnished salad, premier seafood and agrarian main entrees, and decadent desserts. In addition to all the cooking, your chefs decorate, entertain, and even wash the dishes! This fourth annual dinner is the best of eating out at home and is a not-to-be-missed event!

**Donor: SMHS Science Department**

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**2012: VOTE FOR BEARCATS! DEDICATED U.S. FLAG**

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**Donor: U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier's Office**

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**SMHS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SUSTAINABLE DINNER FOR 14**

Do you think sustainable food is nothing more than rice and beans? Think teenagers can't cook and won't do dishes? Prepare to be enlightened! Join SMHS AP Environmental Science students, coached by science teacher Miguel Appleman, for an elegant, bountiful meal, highlighting California's fresh, organic and seasonal ingredients. The budding environmentalists prepare and serve this flavorful feast at your home, then clean up after themselves when they're done. You eat the luxurious meal, they minimize the carbon footprint; it's gourmet, guilt-free dining! Please schedule before May 26, 2013.

**Donor: SMHS AP Environmental Science students and Mr. Miguel Appleman**

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## **A GRAND GRADUATION**

It's only October, but the culmination of four years at SMHS will be here before we know it! Beam with pride as your family and friends watch your student graduate with the Bearcat Class of 2013. What better way to enjoy this memorable ceremony than with six reserved seats, front and center, in the football stadium. Included in this package are two reserved parking spots. Avoid the lines, the rush, and the hassle with this exclusive SMHS offer. Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 30, 2013. These six tickets are in place of the standard four tickets provided to each student.

**Donor: San Mateo High School**

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**MATH DEPARTMENT BRUNCH MIXER FOR 20**

Get to know your school's Math teachers while dining on a fabulous array of foods they create for the occasion. Don't even ask if math teachers can cook; they can handle the fractions in recipes like nobody else! Here's an opportunity to go behind the numbers, to become better acquainted with this interesting group of individuals, and to discover how intimately they are involved in all aspects of the school, as well as the diversity of their interests when they are off-campus. The Math Department will bring their delicious recipes to the host's home and join guests (20) for brunch and stimulating conversation.

Schedule for a mutually agreeable date to be determined.

**Donor: SMHS Math Department**

**Donor Value: Priceless!**

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**NINERS TAILGATE PARTY FOR 20**

Go Niners! In an election year, what could be more All-American and patriotic than a good, old-fashioned Niners tailgate party? Only one issue: skip the parking lot and bring the party to your couches instead! That's just what the SMHS PTO Board will do. The PTO Board will provide a Virtual Tailgate Party in your home for up to 20 people. You'll score awesome hors d'oeuvres, chips and dip, pretzels, hot dogs, soda, and a dessert bar, all washed down by a "what's-a-tailgate-party-without-one" pony keg. All tailgate vittles served while you and your friends enjoy the big game in the comfort of your own home. You can choose one of the following games: Nov. 11 vs. Rams; Dec. 2 vs. Rams; Dec. 9 vs. Dolphins, or Dec. 16 vs. Patriots. Note that this auction item also includes setup before and cleanup after, except for food that was deliberately thrown in the air after an exciting touchdown.

**Donor: SMHS PTO Board**

**Donor Value: Priceless!**

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**LAKE TAHOE GETAWAY AT THE FABULOUS  
NORTHSTAR CLUB**

Luxurious and spacious accommodations just from steps from the gondola and famous Northstar Village can be yours the week of March 29th-April 4th (Friday to Friday of SPRING BREAK WEEK!). The Northstar Club is full-service with a personal touch: concierge, garage parking, ski lockers, daily breakfast, Club-sponsored happy hours, and access to the Northstar Recreation Center (nominal charge for non-owners). The very large (approx. 2,000 sq. ft.), three-bedroom, three-bath unit sleeps six to eight people and boasts a full gourmet kitchen, Jacuzzi in the master bath, in-unit laundry facilities, gas fireplace, and daily maid service. Included in this package is a gift card to Moody's Bistro (\$200) in downtown Truckee. This vacation opportunity is perfect for families, couples, or a girls' or guys' getaway. Enjoy spring skiing at its best with the ultimate in convenience and upscale comfort at the Northstar Club.

**Donor: Laurie Daniels & Bill Daniels**

**Donor Value: \$4,200.00**

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**FUND-A-NEED**

Here is the final chance to participate and make tonight a record-breaking evening for San Mateo High School. Any contribution is appreciated. All donations to 2012 Fund-a-Need will support the purchase of 6 new Smartboards for classrooms and for graphic calculators in Math classes.

LET'S GIVE OUR BEARCATS THE TOOLS THEY NEED FOR  
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND SUCCESS!

**Donor Value: Priceless**

# 2013 MEMORIAL DAY Hillsborough



The 4th Annual  
**Hillsborough Memorial Day Parade**  
is on Monday, May 27, 2013.

Join in the celebration with a parade  
of community groups, food,  
entertainment & carnival  
as **we honor the Armed Services.**

The **SMHS Marching Band** has proudly  
participated for the past three years.



[www.hillsboroughparade.com](http://www.hillsboroughparade.com)