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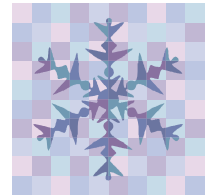
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## Upcoming Events

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11/23	High School Leadership Training (San Rafael)	6:45 am-2:45 pm
11/23-27	Thanksgiving Holiday Break	
11/30	ELAC Meeting	6:30 pm
12/1	Open House New Parents/Students	9:30-11:00 am
12/1	Michigan Dept. of Ed. Middle School Visit	1:00-3:00 pm
12/2	MIT's Christmas Food Festival (Posadas)	5:30-8:00 pm
12/4	Parent Breakfast Chat with the Directors	7:30-8:30 am
12/4	Fire Drill	
12/8	Board Meeting	6:30 pm
12/9	Senior Parent Night (tentative)	6:00 pm
12/10	Solano County Reads (Middle School students)	8:30-11:00 am
12/10	Open House New Parents/Students	9:30-11:00 am
12/10	PTN Meeting	6:30 pm
12/14	Open House New Parents/Students	9:30-11:00 am
12/15	Middle School Invention Convention	Daytime event
12/16	All staff holiday party	1:45-3:45 pm
12/15-17	Final Exams	
12/18	Staff Development Day (no students)	
12/21-1/2	Winter Holidays	
1/4	Staff Development Day (no students)	
1/5	First Day Second Semester	



*With the holidays fast approaching we wish you and your family all the best for a season filled with good health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.*

At this time of year, we are especially grateful for the opportunity to be working at Mare Island Technology Academy. We have a wonderful school, a supportive community and outstanding students. Again, on behalf of the staff at MIT, I wish you and your family happy holidays.

We have much to look forward to in 2010. Our school is undergoing many positive changes designed to achieve our goals of providing students with a 21<sup>st</sup> century education and a positive, college-going environment that will equip them with the knowledge and skills needed when they graduate from high school.

## Looking Ahead at Upcoming Calendar Events

For planning purposes, we have included important dates as far ahead as possible for your information. In this newsletter you will find scheduled dates for minimum days, PTN and ELAC meetings, Breakfast Chats, Parent Universities and other important events. Please check our Public Calendar at <http://www.mitacademy.org/calendar> for the latest information as events are subject to change.

**MIT Academy Website**  
[www.mitacademy.org](http://www.mitacademy.org)

**PowerSchool**  
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## Future Parent Events and Meetings

**PTN meetings:** January 7, March 4

**ELAC meetings:** January 25, February 22, March 22

**Breakfast Chats with the Directors:** January 8, February 5, March 5

**Parent University:** January 28, March 11, May 20



## Attendance and School Success

Research demonstrates that student academic success is directly related to good attendance and active participation in classroom activities. We cannot overemphasize the importance of parents and staff members working together to reinforce the message that students must attend school daily and be on time to all classes.

The other benefit of good attendance is increased revenue for MIT. School funding is based on positive student attendance. When a student is absent we do not receive revenue limit funding from the State. Our goal is to improve our attendance each semester so that we can provide students with the best possible instructional program. Our daily revenue limit per student is approximately: 6<sup>th</sup> grade, \$30.00; 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades, \$31.00; and 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades, \$36.00.

In terms of lost revenue to date, we are averaging a loss of about \$400.00 per day. By the end of the semester we will have been in session for 80 days which means that we will have lost approximately \$32,000.00 in potential revenue this year (80 days x \$400.00 = \$32,000.00). This translates to a potential loss of revenue of roughly \$71,200.00 by the end of the school year. To put this amount of money in perspective, we could replace and license more than 80 aging computers with this amount of money.

Please help us make attendance a high priority and ensure that your student gets to school every day, on time unless s/he is ill. If your child must miss a day, please remember to send a note to Debra Fliemann. In addition, please schedule medical appointments after school hours or during vacation periods.

## Open House Visitations for Prospective Parents and Students

MIT has a limited number of openings in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 for enrollment of students in the second semester that begins on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. If you know parents who may wish to enroll their children at MIT in January, please let them know that limited space is available, and that Open House Visitations are scheduled for Tuesday, December 1 and Thursday, December 10 and Monday, December 14. All visitations begin at 9:30 am in Room Z.

These open house visitations are by appointment only and will be limited to the first 10 parents who call. The schedule will include a brief general presentation, classroom visitations and a question and answer session to conclude the morning's activities.



## POSADAS

ELAC (English Learners Advisory Council) is sponsoring "POSADAS," Wednesday, December 2, 5:30-8:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The committee is looking for families to donate a traditional Hispanic dish to the Holiday Food Festival. Items needed are: Pozole(Rojo/Verde), Tamales, Enchiladas, Papiotas, Frijoles, Arroz, Nachos, Sodas, Horchata, Water, Pan Dulce, Pasteles, and Cookies. Please call Rosa Pineda in the office at (707) 552-6482, ext. 122 if you would like to donate food items.

Please come and join the fun and a taste of Hispanic culture. Plates of food will cost \$1.00 to \$3.00.



## End of the Semester

The last day of attendance in the first semester **for students** is Thursday, December 17. Friday, December 18 is a professional development day for teachers and staff.

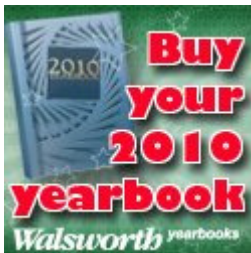
## Final Exam Schedule December 15-17

Tentatively, high school and middle school dismissal times during final exams will be as follows. We will confirm this information on the website and via One Call Now reminders closer to the exams.

Tuesday, December 15 1:20 pm  
Wednesday, December 16 11:30 am  
Thursday, December 17 11:30 am

## Next Minimum Day Friday, February 19

Friday, February 19 is a minimum day for students and is also the final day of progress reporting period 4. Student dismissal is 1:35 pm. The afternoon will be scheduled for teacher collaboration and planning. For your planning purposes, April 23 is the final minimum day of the year and is posted on our master public calendar.



## Yearbooks

It is time for Yearbooks! This year to save money MIT is only taking Pre-Orders and the ordering dead line is Dec. 15. Order Online! Our new yearbook company allows parents to order online and students can customize their yearbooks ahead of time. Just look for the yearbook banner on the main page @ [www.mitacademy.org](http://www.mitacademy.org).

## Volunteer Hours

Thank you for your support and the dedication you give to MIT staff and students. We are providing more opportunities for families to meet their commitment for volunteer hours. We have listed below a few ongoing opportunities; please do not wait to be called.

- ✦ Lunch Supervision (11:10 am -12:30 pm)
- ✦ Yard Supervision (7:45-8:10 am and 3:30-3:45 pm)
- ✦ Saturday Work Party (8:00 am -1:00 pm)
- ✦ Teacher assistant in the classroom
- ✦ Office assistant (copying, collating, weekly and monthly mailings, deliveries)
- ✦ PTN and ELAC meetings
- ✦ Parent University
- ✦ Donations for senior store such as cases of water, ink pens, pencils, spiral notebooks, notebook paper, etc.



Thank you parent volunteers for all you do, this represents wonderful support for our school.