



Mather Alumni News

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Mather Alumni Happenings



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Let's Party!!!

HEY MATHER RANGER FANS
Let's do it again, one more time!

Saturday October 23, 2010
5:30 pm - 10:30 pm
Mather High School

\$5.00 per person (paid in advance)
\$10.00 per person (paid at the door)



Food for sale, served by Mather alumnus Drew Olbur and Weiner Take All.
A percentage of all food sales will returned to support the students at Mather.

All alumni are invited. Come join the party in Mather's new library.

Help us get an accurate count for the food and beverage sales and register now and pay your \$5 up-front! Afraid of long lines if you pre-register? We are keeping it simple so all will move through quickly.

Don't miss out ...

[REGISTER TODAY AND SAVE \\$5!](#)

Any questions?

E-mail alumni@matheralumni.org Or
call (773) 342-2749

...See you October 23, 2010...

Don't be fooled by a 2nd Mather Alumni Site and Newsletter!

Recently alumni from many Chicago high schools, including Mather, received a notice stating "On January 1st, 2011 our Mather Alumni Site will be changing to an annual membership fee..." This notice came from a for-profit corporation, called Alumni Class, which creates school websites and sells merchandise. It is not associated with Mather High School or our alumni association. **We do not have a membership fee! Any money you pay to them will not support Mather High School or our alumni association, directly or indirectly.**

Volunteer Today!

The halls of Mather are buzzing and the 2010/11 school year is off to a great start! Sign up for the Sandi Port Errant Alumni Volunteer Program!



This is your opportunity to work directly with Mather students from freshman to seniors as they prepare for graduation and the world beyond. As a volunteer, you can participate as Career, History, or Science Fair Judges, speakers in classrooms, mentors, field trip chaperones, Scholarship Evaluation Committee members, college application coaches and more.

[Learn more](#) about the volunteer program and opportunities to get involved. Sign up by completing the Volunteer Form. E-mail [Denise Kase-Nabat](mailto:Denise.Kase-Nabat) with any questions.

The Alumni Speaker's Bureau needs YOU!

School has just begun and we already have two requests for classroom speakers:

Calling all professional photographers, photo journalists, or anyone that works in journalism! The Mather Journalism/Yearbook advisor has requested someone in a related field come and speak to her students.

Do you speak Spanish and use the Spanish language in your everyday job? A Mather Spanish teacher is looking for an alumnus to come and speak to her class. It could be anyone across the bilingual board, in any kind of field!

Teachers are always looking for individuals who can come to their classrooms and share their expertise, ideas and professions with the students. We are always seeking alumni who would like to be included in our Speaker's Directory. It is a lot of fun and generally will only take an hour or two of your time during the week.

Interested alumni are asked to complete a registration form. Please [click here](#) to download the form, fill it out and either fax it to (773) 253-5359 or [email](#) it to us.

Get Ready For This Year's Career and College Fair

**Wednesday,
November 3, 2010
6:00 pm - 8:30 p.m.**



Sharing your career stories and expertise with Mather students will spark an interest in their future. Many students have not been exposed to the vast number of careers available to them. Just think of the world of possibilities you will open for them.

As a Career Fair volunteer you will have informal discussions with students, share how you chose your career and watch their eyes open up wide. Here are just a few of the professions we are looking for:

Hospitality
Engineers
Health Care Professionals
Auto Mechanics
Artists
Journalists

Firefighters/Paramedics
Physicians/Dentists
Personal Trainers
Cosmetologists/Hair Dressers

This year alumni are also invited to attend the Fair and represent their alma mater and introduce Mather students to new colleges and universities. You can contact your alma mater and request materials that can be handed out to the students.

If you are interested in volunteering for this fantastic event contact [Denise Kase-Nabat](#) for more information.

School News

Renovation Update!

What do you get when you have a 30 million dollar renovation and a 12,000 square foot new addition at Mather High School? A lot of happy students and a proud community! The renovation is almost finished and the teachers and support staff are unpacking and settling in.



The students almost didn't recognize their favorite school when they returned just a few short weeks ago. The students and teachers alike are showing a lot of Mather Pride! A Mather senior said "My school and the building look so cool, and we are all going to work hard and take care of it".

Along with the new Library, Mather welcomes its new Greenhouse! Connected to the science rooms, the Greenhouse can help teach basic horticultural concepts such as germination and plant growth concepts, as well as the science of solar power and heat. This addition can also be a good starting point to teach both about environmental stewardship and concepts related to global warming.

Mather Principal, Mr. Chris Jones, is very excited about how the school is taking shape and said, "Students and teachers will benefit from all of these positive changes within the school, providing a better environment for teaching and learning".

Alumni Connection

An offer to Mather alumni from our community Walgreens.

Flu season is fast approaching and it's time to think about getting flu shots. You can take time out of your work day to run out, stop on your way home from work or take valuable weekend time. The Walgreens store at Peterson and Lincoln, right around the corner from Mather High School, has an easy way for you to get that all important flu shot. The pharmacists will go directly to your workplace! Any business with a minimum of 20 employees, located within about 20 miles from the store, can take advantage of this offer. To learn more call Jerry Wasik, Chief Pharmacist, at (773) 728-6254 or e-mail him at gjwasik@gmail.com.



Connect with fellow alumni!

Join the discussion at the Alumni Connection. 2,339 alumni have already registered. The current message boards include:

- General Announcements
- Alumni Classes Chat
- Alumni Employment Exchange
- Reunions - Post Current Reunion Plans
- Reunion Spotlight
- Looking for Fellow Alumni

[Join the discussion!](#)

Planning a reunion? Here's how we can help.

1) **Alumni Connection** - The alumni website offers one easily accessed location which all your classmates can return to, to find the latest news, and stay in touch with one another. Take advantage of the forums in the Alumni Connection to spread the news.

2) **Mass e-mailing** - This is the ultimate way to update everyone on what's happening. Within a few clicks we can help you broadcast the news to all the classmates. Take advantage of our bi-monthly e-newsletter and post your reunion information. Or, if you need to contact classmates between newsletter dates we can send an email only to alumni from your class year.

3) **Custom surveys** - Create a reunion survey with multiple questions and find out more about what your classmates would prefer for their reunion. Classmates can download your survey using one of the mass e-mail methods described above. Survey responses can go directly to the reunion committee or us

by return email.

4) **RSVPs** - When planning a reunion, you need to know exactly who will be attending. Don't want to fill your mailbox with emails? Use ours. Classmates can communicate directly with us and we will provide reunion committees with a list of classmates indicating whether or not they are attending.

5) **Reunion Webpage** - We can create a web page for your reunion that is easily accessed from our website. Due to the time involved, a small fee will be charged for this service. Contact us for more details.

After the reunion relive the memories in two ways

1) **Photo Album** - send us pictures from your reunion and we will create a photo album for viewing on the website.

2) **Connect with fellow reunion attendees** - We have created a forum in the Alumni Connection to help keep the memories of your reunions alive. You will be able to post your thoughts and experiences and continue the fun.

[Contact us](#) today to learn more!

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