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## LINK CREW, SUPPORTING FRESHMEN SINCE 1996

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It's the first day of school. Your heart is pounding in your chest. Will I find all of my classes? Will I make new friends? Will I fit in? Hold on. Take a deep breath, there is nothing to worry about. It's normal to feel uncomfortable in a new surrounding. However, there is an organization on the Monache High School Campus that aims to make the transition from Junior High to High School a whole lot easier.

This organization is "Link Crew." Link Crew is a leadership program that is offered in numerous high schools across the United States. As a leadership program, not only does it increase freshmen success in

High School, it also hopes to make a lasting impression on the freshmen so that they can be successful throughout their lives. Monache's Link Crew is made up of two advisors, fifteen Commissioners, and over one-



hundred and thirty Link Crew Leaders, making this one of the biggest clubs on campus. The Link Leaders are encouraged to connect with the freshmen throughout the year in order to help

them navigate through any problems they may encounter.

Link Crew Advisor, Mrs. Aguilar, hopes to take things a bit further this year, stating, "I would like to have our Link Leaders check on the Freshmen a lot more than they did last year to make sure they are doing well in their classes, and to also possibly get some link alerts out to teachers." Link alerts are forms where the teachers would let Link Crew Advisors, Mrs. Aguilar and Mrs. Baxter, know if certain freshmen are having difficulties in their classes. Link Leaders would then go out and tutor them or help them in any way possible Link (see LINK page 2)

## JAYWALKING IS PROBLEM FOR MANY

BY EFREN RUIZ

Following the rules while in school is very important. Following the rules while outside of school is just as important. During the first week of school many incoming freshmen received tickets for jaywalking.

Jaywalking is an informal

term used to describe reckless pedestrians crossing the street. New or incoming students may not know that if caught jaywalking, (not using crosswalk) students may, and probably will, receive a ticket for up to three hundred dollars.

Jaywalking poses a dan-

ger for not just the student, but also the driver. Drivers might not see students crossing until the last minute and be forced to yield which could lead to an accident. Drivers should only have to stop when they reach a crosswalk, and (see JAYWALKING page 3)

*THIS WEEK'S  
ISSUE  
INCLUDES:*

- *Monache welcomes new teacher to MHS staff*
- *Band starts off a new year with determination*
- *Will your clothes cause a commotion?*
- *Find out about some of Monache's current clubs*

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**BAND STARTS OFF NEW YEAR** BY VANESSA RAFANAN, AARON SILVER

Monache has many things to be proud of—it's renowned marching band being one of those very things. The Marauder Band has performed worldwide, traveling from Hollywood, California to Atlanta, Georgia—where they took home the Grand Sweepstakes in 2006. This year will be no exception to that long-time tradition of greatness. Members of the band took time out of their summer to dedicate a week to attending Band

Camp as a means to prepare for the busy marching season ahead. There, they practiced music for this year's field show and ran numerous marching drills. Even now, the band rehearses Tuesday and Thursday nights, working to achieve military precision. During these two hours, the band keeps in mind the words of the experienced Mr. Adams as he emphasizes "discipline" is "the initiative to do it right the first time." Along with learning this

year's field show music entitled, "In The Shadow of the Dragons," band members, percussion, and auxiliary members work equally hard to learn the tricky field show movement to accompany the exhilarating three-part piece of music. The band especially hopes to continue their winning streak at Selma this year, making it their 25<sup>th</sup> victory at Selma overall and 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory. The band will make their first public appearance this season at the first



varsity home football game on September 18<sup>th</sup>. To all you Marauders, to all other high schools, and to all who may come across this team of determined Marauders: brace yourselves, because the band is back, and they're ready to take on anything.

**LINK DAY**

Crew, obviously, plays an important role in the lives of our freshmen. That being said, all members of Link Crew are required to undergo so many hours of prior training in order to prepare for the big day, A.K.A. Freshmen Orientation.

Link Crew Leaders and Commissioners alike get to know one another and become familiar with the process that help freshmen take that next shaky, big step in their lives. It is during train-

ing sessions where Link Leaders establish and more clearly define their goals as Link Leaders.

After hours of training, Link Crew was finally ready to tackle the big day. On Monday, August 13th, Mrs. Aguilar and Mrs. Baxter pumped up the Link Leaders an hour before the big event. By



8:00a.m., the freshmen started to pour in and filling up the gymnasium. They were soon doing various activities such as giving each other backrubs, singing parts of "Old McDonald," and dancing the "waddely-achee."

Mrs. Aguilar briefly gives her thoughts on the day, "Link Crew was a success.

We had over 400 Freshmen show up this year. Last year, we only had about half." While Link Leader, Marissa Alvarado says, "They were pretty good. I mean, they were freshmen—they didn't know what to expect."

Whether you take Freshmen Orientation to be a success or not is entirely up to you. But nonetheless, one fact stands true, the Class of 2013 is surely a class to remember.

"I WANT MORE SOPHOMORES TO PASS THE CAHSEE AND AP CALCULUS STUDENTS TO PASS THE AP TEST"

**MONACHE WELCOMES NEW MATH TEACHER** BY SHAKTI LATHA



Monache High School is pleased to welcome Mrs. Freed to our campus and our family. Mrs. Freed teaches Algebra I and AP Calculus in Room G8. Last Tuesday, I had the opportunity to sit down with her for a quick interview. When asked what she thought of Monache, she answered

that the staff was really nice and helpful and the students were good. Although it was only her second week, she said the faculty was very welcoming and helped make the transition from cross-town Porterville High to Monache High rather easy. When asked how her classes and students were, she replied with a quick smile, "great so far." Closing

with a discussion regarding her goals for the year, she stated that she wanted more Algebra students to pass the class as well as more sophomores to pass the CAHSEE. After a slight pause, she further stated that she wanted her AP Calculus students to pass the AP test.



**DRESS CODE ISSUES ENFORCED** BY CHANDRA JONES

So most of us would probably say OUR opinion and the opinion of the OFFICE would be two entirely different things. Dress code would cause a major disagreement. The one inch rule strap is easily followed; however, the shorts rule, not as easy. Lucky for the boys, they don't have nearly as many problems as the girls. Finger tip length or mid-thigh length just doesn't flow through the student body as well as it should. Girls, I know that you had no other shorts to wear, or maybe you just have long arms, but we HAVE to adjust. Wear basketball shorts or maybe you would rather sport Bermuda shorts. No matter your preference, the dress code regulations need to



be followed. The District isn't going to adjust their rules to make YOU happy.

Some students may be familiar with a text message that was spread around throughout the school last year. The aim of this message being to begin a protest against the dress code. Girls, thinking MHS Staff wouldn't possibly be able to enforce the rule if the majority of them wore too short shorts, came to school in, well, too short shorts. To their surprise all caught (which was quite a few) were escorted to the motivation room for the entire day.

In order to avoid situations such as those that occurred last year, I would like to help the student body stay in tuned to the latest fashion, yet, FOLLOW the dress code. Some think it is impossible to do, but it is actually easy! Yes, you can spend the rest of your high school years running from the dress code en-

forcers, Luanne and Lisa, hiding in the Blue Lagoon, or perhaps never leaving a classroom, but that's not as fun as actually following the dress code and being able to spend time with your friends...and that doesn't mean hiding behind them.

Summer is almost over! Sad, yes, but it will help most qualms regarding dress code settle down. In the meantime, for those of you girls who intend to live out every last second of the heat, skirts are very fashionable, yet modest. I'm not talking about the short, ripped, hiked up jean skirts either, so don't twist my words. Try a loose, flowing, colorful mid-thigh length skirt. With the amount of colors in the skirt, you'll be able to pull off a one color t-shirt or tank top. Or have your skirt be a solid color and your shirt a colorful, brightening aspect to your outfit. Lastly, shoes. Please ladies, be practical. A way too high



heel does not make you the coolest girl on campus; it makes you the one with the shortest looking skirt and the one most likely to fall. Plus, if you're going for sweet, dressy, and innocent, heels are not the answer. Now, I never said no heel at all. A small heel would do just fine, just make sure you're able to be seen as casual and practical for a school environment. After all, you are here to learn, not model.

**JAYWALKING** (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

students should only be able to cross the street at crosswalks. If a driver hits a student jaywalking; the driver will not be at fault, the student or pedestrian that was jaywalking will.

If a policeman sees a pedestrian jaywalking, don't think he will let it slide; he will not hesitate to write them a ticket. The person who received the



ticket will have thirty days to present themselves to the court. This person must then go to Visalia City Hall to pay for the ticket. If pedestrians refuse to pay for the ticket, they will be given three hundred hours of community service for breaking the law. Remember, paying the ticket is optional, but if the ticket is not paid, then three hundred hours of community service is assigned.

It is important to follow rules, regulations, and laws, not only as a courtesy to others, but for the safety of yourself. No matter where you are, there are always rules and regulations that must be followed. When laws or rules are broken there is always a penalty. New students, and older ones alike, should remember to follow rules in and out of school to avoid running into trouble.

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# Club News

## NEWSPAPER STAFF

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Questions? Comments? Would you like to have your own articles in the Tribal Tribune? Contact advisor Mr. Grande in room B6

### **WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

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Name: **Academic Decathlon**

Meeting Days: Everyday  
 Meeting Time: Zero Period  
 Meeting Place: Aux-4  
 Advisor: Mr. Alexander/  
 Mr. Dupree

Name: **Chess Club**

Meeting Days: Everyday  
 Meeting Time: Lunch  
 Meeting Place: Aux-4  
 Advisor: Mr. Alexander

Name: **Science Club**

Meeting Days: Mondays  
 Meeting Time: Lunch  
 Meeting Place: F-5  
 Advisor: Mr. Southwick

Name: **SkillsUSA**

Meeting Days: Wednesdays  
 Meeting Time: Lunch  
 Meeting Place: L-2  
 Advisor: Mr. Machado

Name: **California Scholarship Federation (CSF)**

Meeting Days: Tuesdays  
 Meeting Time: Lunch  
 Meeting Place: F-6  
 Advisor: Mr. Wagner

Name: **Interact Club**

Meeting Days: Mondays  
 Meeting Time: Lunch  
 Meeting Place: U-3  
 Advisor: Mr. Sundre

# SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Girls Golf	2 Girls Tennis	3 Football Girls Golf X Country	4 Girls Water Polo Girls Tennis Football	5 Girls Water Polo Girls Tennis
6	7	8 Girls Golf Volleyball Girls Tennis	9 Girls Tennis	10 Football X Country Girls Golf	11 Girls Tennis Football	12 Girls Tennis
13	14 Girls Tennis	15 Girls Golf Boys Water Polo Girls Water Polo	16 Girls Tennis X Country	17 Girls Golf Football Volleyball	18 Boys Water Polo Football	19 Boys Water Polo Girls Golf
20	21 Volleyball Girls Water Polo Boys Water Polo	22 Girls Golf	23 Girls Tennis Volleyball Girls Water Polo Boys Water Polo	24 Girls Golf Football	25 X Country Boys Water Polo Volleyball Football	26 Boys Water Polo Volleyball
27	28 Volleyball Tennis Girls Water Polo Boys Water Polo	29 Girls Golf	30 G & B Water Polo Volleyball X Country Girls Tennis			