

# Together We Can

The M-A Canned Food Drive

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The Menlo-Atherton Canned Food Drive focuses on giving to families both at our school and in the local community. A tradition since 1999 when Coach Parks began the first food drive, collecting 5,000 cans, the M-A food drive has grown every year since.





Hundreds of students rally together to meet the high goal of 100,000 cans and \$10,000 in monetary donations this year. Our school has one of the largest canned food drives in the nation.







Canning is encouraged and pursued among students of all ages



Students stand outside local grocery stores and ask shoppers to donate cans and money to the food drive, sometimes collecting over 300 cans in an hour.



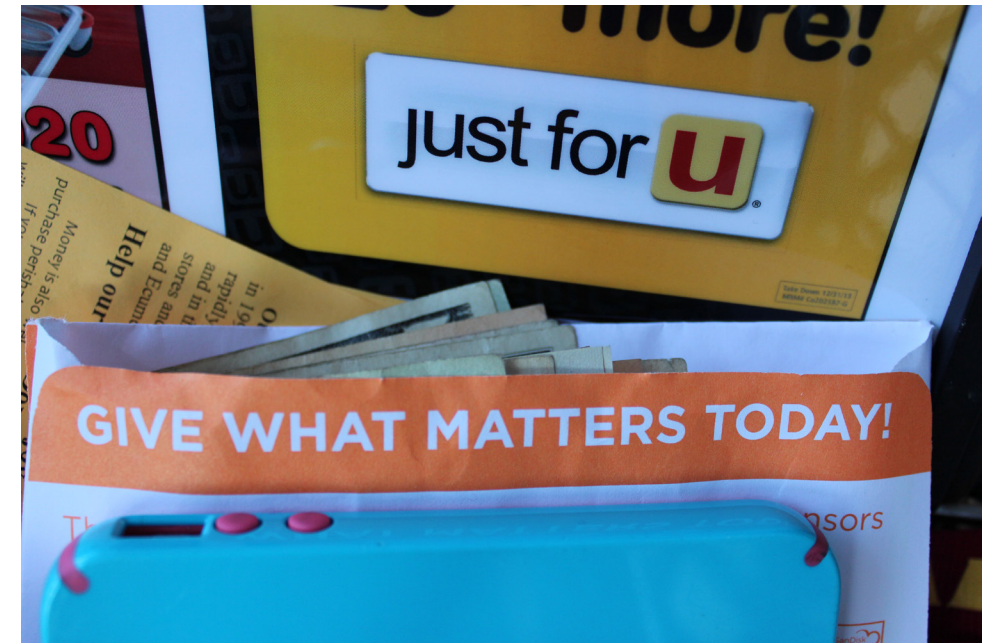




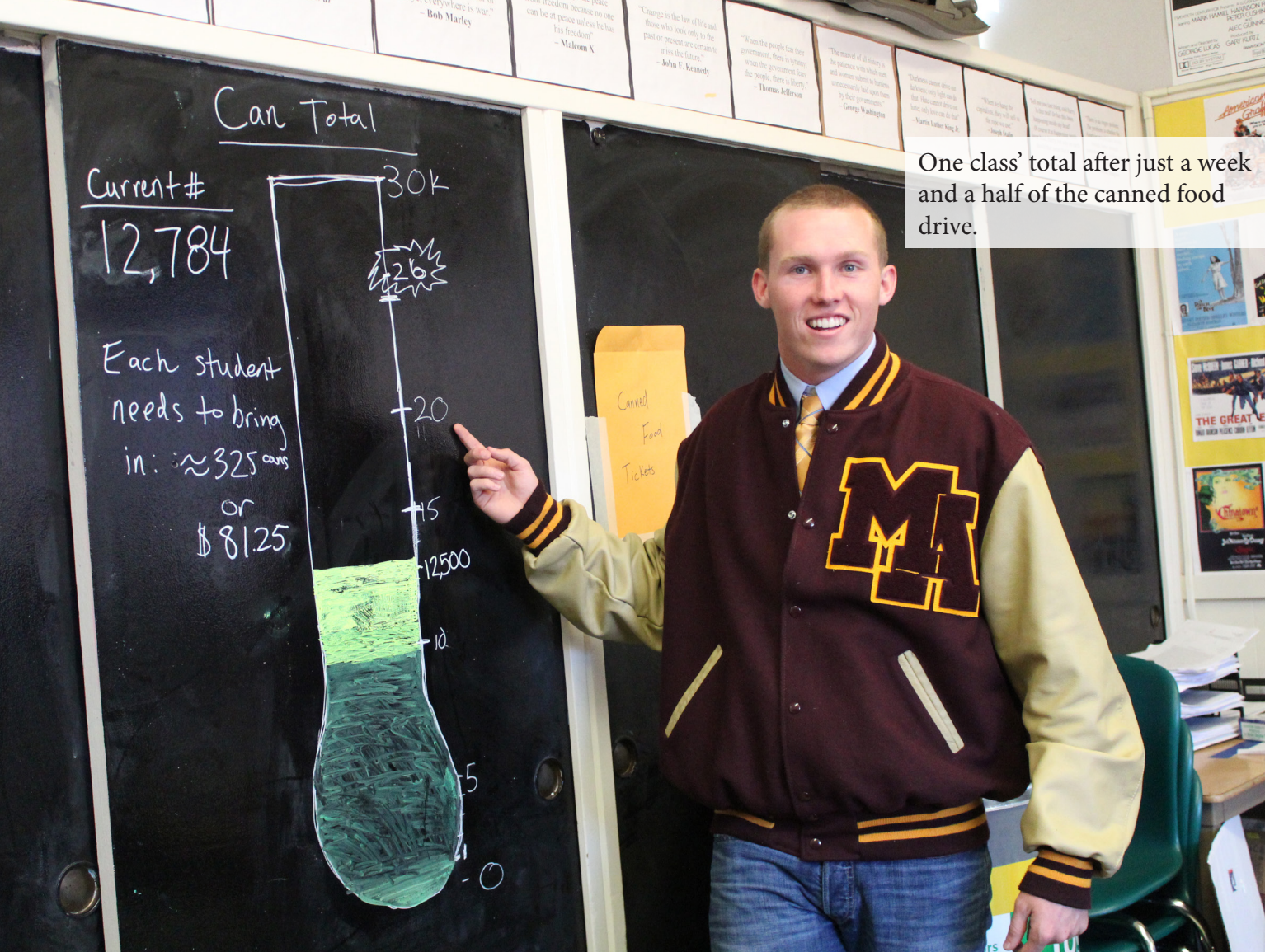




The storage units collect tens of thousands of cans after each week-end of canning.







One class' total after just a week and a half of the canned food drive.







The storage units in the back of the student parking lot collect cans and monetary donations each morning before school.









After five weeks of strenuous work and effort, the Menlo-Atherton Canned Food Drive raised more than 160,000 cans and \$22,000 and held its Distribution Day at Ecumenical Hunger in East Palo Alto feeding more than 273 individual families.





