

# DECEMBER 2010 NOTABLES



CONGRATS TO THE  
ANACAPA ISLANDERS!

Congratulations to the Anacapa Islanders soccer team for their 4-3 win against Midland School on November 18! After the spirited game, the teams and their student fans enjoyed dinner at Midland. We look forward to returning the favor by hosting Midland later this year.

DECEMBER 1 & 2  
P.M. CONFERENCES  
ARE FOR PARENTS  
AND STUDENTS

Please note that there will be **no afternoon classes** on the days of Wednesday and Thursday, December 1 and 2 so that parents AND students can meet with academic advisors. On those two days, students will be dismissed at 12:25, Work-Study will take place from 12:30 to 1, and individual twenty-minute conferences will take place by appointment that afternoon. Thanks for making time in your busy day for this important "team" meeting.

COLLECTIONS FOR  
GRADE-LEVEL  
AUCTION BASKETS  
BEGIN DECEMBER 1

While you're makin' a list and checkin' it twice this month, keep an eye out for something to add to your student's grade-level Auction basket. Parents Julia Alcerro and Lisa Pedersen Johnston are sending out letters to parents about these theme baskets, and they will have collection boxes on campus, beginning December 1. If you're one who likes to cross things off your list quickly, bring along your basket donation to your Parent/Student/Advisor Conference and drop it into your grade's box. Please be sure to include a note with your student's name, so Julia and Lisa can cross something off THEIR list. Thanks to everyone for your support of this popular auction offering!

**FIRST THURSDAY**  
DECEMBER'S OPEN  
BREAKFAST CLUB  
WITH ATTORNEY  
SAM EATON:  
"THE UNTOLD STORY  
OF THE JESUSITA FIRE"

Last month's inaugural First Thursday Open Breakfast Club with nature photographer Stuart Wilson brought some Anacapa parents to campus to experience one of the unique ways we build critical thinking skills in our students. Thanks to those of you who joined us that morning!

This month, parents (and their guests) are invited to learn about the untold story of the Jesusita Fire from legendary Santa Barbara defense attorney Sam Eaton, who is the attorney for one of the people suspected of starting the fire. This will be a prime-time Anacapa event—one we hope some of you will be able to attend. Feel free to bring along a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or a prospective Anacapa parent. A brief, informal coffee with the headmaster and the speaker will take place immediately following the presentation.

**CHECK IT OUT!**  
STUDENT ART  
ON DISPLAY AT CIAO!

Suzie Sichi's art students are exhibiting some of their work at Ciao Salon during the month of December. Located at 3011 De La Vina (just down the street from Trader Joe), Ciao is open Wednesdays through Saturdays. Stop in and see for yourself what talented artists we have!

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## SO, JUST WHAT IS SECRET SANTA AND WHAT DO WE DO AFTER WE'VE DRAWN A NAME?



This non-denominational Anacapa tradition goes back a long way and was originally the product for a Synthesis Unit on communication. Students of all faiths participate in this activity, which seeks to celebrate the uniqueness of each member of the school community. On Friday, December 3, each student and staff member (the "Secret Santa") will draw the name of another student or staff member (their "Secret Santee").

Then, the Secret Santa will find out about the Secret Santee's interests, accomplishments, hobbies, successes—the qualities that make that person unique! Secret Santas may do their sleuthing by observing their Secret Santee, talking to friends and teachers, or calling parents, siblings, or spouse. During this time, they also send secret notes and treats to their Secret Santee without revealing their identity.

On Monday, December 13, everyone will give Hugo Macario or Megan Nesland a neatly written or typed paragraph with information and anecdotes about their Secret Santee. This paragraph (called a *Gift of Appreciation*) will be included in the 2010 Secret Santa booklet.

Finally, on Friday afternoon, December 17, we'll have our annual Secret Santa celebration. That's when we each read our *Gift of Appreciation* and present a small gift to our Secret Santee.

## AN EVENING AT THE JERSEY SHORE:



DECEMBER DANCE  
8-11 PM, DECEMBER 4

Cool decorations, refreshments, and lots of music and dancing – we'll have it all at the December dance, *An Evening at the Jersey Shore*! The dance will be held on campus from 8 until 11 on Saturday evening, December 4. To add to the fun, the Dance Committee encourages everyone to "Get Crazy" and dress for the Jersey Shore—that's after GTL (Gym, Tanning, and Laundry), of course!

Tickets for the dance will cost \$7 both in advance and at the door. Anacapa students are asked to let the office know the names of any guests they plan to bring.

Students and their guests are expected to stay on campus during the dance, which means no leaving the dance and coming back onto campus. Students who leave the dance may not be allowed to return. Students and their guests are expected to follow all school rules as stated in *The Anacapa School Handbook*. We are looking forward to another safe and "clean" Anacapa party!

## PARENTS WANTED— AND GREATLY APPRECIATED! CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for some parent volunteers who can swoop in at the end of the evening to assist the student dance committee with clean-up after the dance on December 4. Last year's clean-up crew finished about midnight (and even had fun!) soooooo if you're a night owl (or if you just want to help), give the school office a call and let us know we can expect you when the dance ends at 11 pm. Thanks a million!

## ERB TESTING WILL TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER

Grades 7-11 will take the ERB (Educational Records Bureau) test on campus December 6-9. Rather than scheduling one or two long testing periods, we are slightly modifying our morning schedule of classes each of these days and administering the test in smaller segments. To minimize the need to schedule make-ups, parents are asked not to make appointments, etc. for students during the testing period. Thanks.

## WANTED: ANACAPA HOST FAMILIES FOR FALL 2011

We are looking for potential host-families for Anacapa international students who may enroll in Fall 2011. Stipend included. If you are interested or would like more information about this opportunity for your family, please contact Eric Kirsch, International Student Advisor, at 692-8430 or [internationalanacapa@gmail.com](mailto:internationalanacapa@gmail.com).

## AN INTERESTING VOLUNTEER POSITION IS AVAILABLE FOR THE RIGHT INDIVIDUAL

Anacapa's International Student Committee is looking for an adult volunteer or scholarship parent to assist with the International Student Program. The assistance of a marketing-oriented individual is needed to assemble a list of domestic and overseas contacts and to develop an approach for distributing necessary marketing materials. The person will be working with International Student Advisor Eric Kirsch as well as independently on campus or at home, approximately 3-5 hours a week for 8-10 weeks. Qualifications: Motivated, self-starter with an interest in marketing and education. Computer basics necessary. Foreign language(s) helpful. For more information, please contact Eric Kirsch at 692-8430 or at [internationalanacapa@gmail.com](mailto:internationalanacapa@gmail.com).

## IMPORTANT NOTE: A SLIGHTLY LATER START TO THE DAY ON DECEMBER 9

Because the faculty will have an early-morning meeting on Thursday, December 9 to work on WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation, we will have a **DELAYED** start to the students' school day. **There will be no Breakfast Club, and classes will begin at 9:00 on Thursday morning, December 9.** Staff will be on campus earlier if students need to arrive at their usual time.

## JUNIOR LUNCH MEETING WITH COLLEGE COUNSELOR

The Class of 2012 will have a brown bag lunch meeting on campus with college counselor Lynn Hamilton on Thursday, December 9. Students are asked to bring a lunch and their questions as we begin discussions about post-secondary school plans!

## IN THIS SEASON OF GIVING, YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE...

We'll be collecting canned foods the week of December 10-16 before our break in support of The Unity Shoppe's community outreach. Once again, the Senate is setting up a competition between the grades, and we are hoping that EVERY student will participate! Please bring your cans (no glass or cardboard, please) and put them in your grade's box. The last day of our canned food drive will be Thursday, December 16. Thanks for your generous support!

## COME TOGETHER, A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES...

Join us for a live musical voyage through the 1960s, presented against a video backdrop showing the exciting and turbulent times that were so well represented in the music of The Beatles. This multimedia celebration of the Fab Four—a collaborative effort of Anacapa's Performing Arts, Ensemble Music, and Digital Voyage classes—will be presented at Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo at 7:30pm on Friday and Saturday, January 7 and 8. Tickets will be available at Center Stage Theater box office (963-0408) or The Anacapa School office (965-0228). General admission: \$15. Anacapa students: Free. Other students: \$5.

## WINTER BREAK IS DEC. 18 – JAN. 2

Winter Break begins on Saturday, December 18. We'll have our traditional Secret Santa celebration from 1:10 to 3 pm on Friday, December 17, and then we'll close for some R & R and family time. School will re-open on Monday, January 3. ENJOY! (over please)

**ANNUAL GIVING:**  
**WE NEED EVERYONE  
TO HELP KEEP  
THE MOMENTUM  
GOING.....**

As you know, The Anacapa School makes an appeal each year for cash donations from parents, grandparents, alumni, parents of alumni, faculty, staff, board members, and other friends of the school. We hope you've had a chance to read Gordon's recent letter in which he gave a frank summary of the challenges Anacapa has faced in the current economic climate. Thanks to hard work, determination, and the extraordinary generosity of our supporters, Anacapa is turning the corner. Your contribution to this year's annual giving campaign will help keep the momentum going. Please be as generous as you can!

Tax-deductible donations may be made by regular mail or via our school Web site ([www.anacapaschool.org](http://www.anacapaschool.org)). Thank you for your support!

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 13  
IS THE ANNUAL  
ANACAPA AUCTION!**

Let the Anacapa Auction be one of the first entries in your 2011 calendar! We're expecting ALL Anacapa families to join us on campus on Sunday afternoon, March 13 for this fun-filled, community-building event that plays a vital in helping us make budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

**AUCTION PACKETS  
COMING IN JANUARY**

Anacapa's Parent Leadership Team (PLT) has been busy this fall—working on preliminary plans for our upcoming annual Auction. As we enter the new year, we'll be asking everyone to gear up for this all-important fundraiser. Watch your mailbox for the auction packet being mailed to all parents in January.

**WE NEED A TOASTER  
FOR THE KITCHEN!**

Our toaster went kaput just before Thanksgiving. If anyone is interested in donating a toaster, please call Elizabeth in the school office (965-0228). We would be most grateful! Thank you!

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

Some dates for your calendar – more details next month:

- Fri.-Sat., Jan. 7-8 Grassroots Theater at Center Stage Theater, Paseo Nuevo: A Tribute to The Beatles (7:30pm)
- Thurs., Jan. 13 Open House (5-7pm)
- Tues.-Thurs., Jan. 18-20 Final Exams
- Mon.-Wed., Jan. 24-26 Synthesis Unit

**Wishing You And Your Family  
The Happiest of Holidays!**

