



THE FACULTY CORNER

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE ANACAPA SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT. . .

Throughout the year, Anacapa students have many opportunities to show off their talents, whether it is singing, dancing, playing an instrument, making a film, or acting. This semester, for the very first time, the Digital Voyage Media Studio, Ensemble Music, and Performing Arts classes have joined forces to create an ambitious multi-media project—a journey through the history and music of the Beatles. Our small school environment facilitates a true ensemble, where every student has a chance to perform and provide input on the direction of the show, and all of them are investing talent, time, and energy to ensure the success of the outcome. Students will also be able to share in the other phases of the presentation including set design and technical and lighting direction. This production, which promises to be very entertaining, will be performed at a professional theatre to enhance the overall experience for the students and the audience.

We hope you'll join us at Center Stage Theater at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday, January 7 and 8 for *Come Together: A Tribute to the Beatles*. Tickets are available online at centerstagetheatre.org or at the theater in Paseo Nuevo; in addition, a limited number of tickets are available at school until January 5.

PERFORMING ARTS BY SALLI EVE

The Performing Arts class is a unique experience at The Anacapa School. Everyone has the opportunity to perform, and students can decide how involved they choose to be. Some students love being on stage all the time, and others want to start slowly and are not comfortable with solo performances. They all have input on the direction of our performances and when we are ready to perform, our students know this was truly a “student-run” production. Students tend to return year after year, giving the teacher the opportunity to watch and guide their progress and to nurture their passion for the performing arts. For spring semester, Performing Arts and Ensemble Music will be scheduled on different days, so students can be involved in both classes if they so choose.

The spring semester Performing Arts class will present a full-length comedy, *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. In addition to learning their lines and the entertaining songs from this play, students will learn how to score a script, develop their character, and design the set and costumes. Performances of *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* will take place on Friday and Saturday, May 13 and 14. Mark your calendars because you won't want to miss this wonderful production!

ENSEMBLE MUSIC BY HUGO MACARIO

The Ensemble Music class is designed for any student who is interested in playing musical instruments. Whatever the instrument of choice, there is a place to make music in our band. In preparation for the upcoming Beatles project, our musicians have developed their own versions of these well-known songs, including salsa, rock, and acoustic interpretations; you will certainly be impressed with the creative adaptations of our talented students. The spring semester class will be preparing material for the Spring Student Art Show and Concert, taking place on campus on Monday, May 23. Save the date!

DIGITAL VOYAGE MEDIA STUDIO BY LEVI MAAIA

The students in the Digital Voyage Media Studio class gain experiences in video production not often found at the high school level. Students in this elective class learn to use tools to create in all forms of digital media: video, sound, and text. We're excited to announce that Anacapa sophomore Patrick Alcerro is a finalist in the Santa Barbara International Film Festival's 10-10-10 student competition!

This year, the studio class consists of both video production veterans and newcomers who, together, are producing a multimedia “experience” for Anacapa's upcoming Beatles production. With the help of the huge video backdrop at Center Stage Theater, they will trace the course of events in American history from the so-called “British Invasion” to the breakup of the Fab Four. Once the “Come Together” video is in the can, the spring semester students will begin producing 30-second commercials in which the students will sell a groundbreaking, game-changing product or service. They will also work on longer format pieces as they focus on student film festivals and new media online journalism.