

OCTOBER 2011 NOTABLES



HELP US CELEBRATE



ELINGS PARK
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 1

We hope to see all of our families at the Anacapa School 30-Year Celebration at Elings Park (Cappello Area) this Saturday, October 1! Please be our guest and help us celebrate 30 years of building the brightest minds! Here's what's planned:



12:00 Meet and Greet



12:30 Presentations Followed by Complimentary Hot Dog Lunch



2:00 Anacapa-style Softball Game



3:00 Cake!

An RSVP is not required but would be helpful for planning purposes. We look forward to seeing you!

P.S. We could use some extra softball gloves. Please bring any you might have. Thanks!

HEADS UP ON AN EARLY DISMISSAL

As the faculty continues its work for our re-accreditation this year, we have scheduled an afternoon faculty WASC meeting this month. **Grades 7-11 will be dismissed at 12:25 on Friday, October 14—with Work/Study taking place from 12:30 to 1pm.**

And what about 12th graders? **Seniors' early dismissal will be on the preceding Friday (October 7) because they will have a college application workshop with Lynn Hamilton, on Friday, October 14.**

COME ONE, COME ALL!
FIRST THURSDAY'S
ANACAPA FAIR WILL
BE A FUN AND
INFORMATIVE
EVENING ON
CAMPUS —
FEATURING
ANACAPA ART,
MUSIC, AND A
BALLOON LAUNCH
MISSION REPORT!

Anacapa will participate in Santa Barbara Downtown Organization's "First Thursday" on October 6. We are looking forward to hosting an "Anacapa Fair" with a trio of events on campus from 5 to 8 o'clock that evening, including:

- Live performances by the Anacapa band, *The Adobes*
- A demonstration and "mission report" from Anacapa's successful near-space balloon launch
- An exhibition and sale of fine art from the Anacapa community of student and adult artists

We hope you'll plan to join us—and bring lots of guests! This will be a wonderful opportunity to introduce someone to our gem of a school! Grandparents, friends, family, prospective Anacapans are all welcome.

Also, if you would like to participate in the art show, there's still time, but please let us know right away. 50% of the proceeds from art sales will go to the artist and 50% to our art department.

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INTRODUCTIONS AND WARM ANACAPA WELCOMES!

A warm welcome to Joanne and Jake Cryan, who will be joining the Anacapa staff this month! In their shared part-time position, Joanne and Jake will be working on admissions outreach and development projects. We are delighted to have them and look forward to working with these two energetic and enthusiastic people!

On another note, teacher Levi Maaia will play an expanded role this semester as he works on publicity and marketing for Anacapa (in addition to teaching Digital Voyage). Levi oversaw the exciting re-design of our school Web site last year, and he has been instrumental in ushering Anacapa into the world of social media. It's fun to have him on campus more hours a week as he assumes this expanded part-time position.

MORE 7TH AND 8TH GRADE BONDING AT THE LOWER SCHOOL SOCIAL

The Lower School (grades 7 and 8) will have lunch and an afternoon of fun at Golf 'n' Stuff in Ventura on Friday, October 7. Anacapa teachers will provide transportation and supervision. The group plans to return to campus for a regular 3pm dismissal. An information flyer with details is enclosed for Lower School families. **Please note that payment is due by Wednesday, October 5.**

SUZIE'S BEAUTIFUL WATERCOLORS ARE ON DISPLAY AT CIAO! THROUGH NOVEMBER 12

Anacapa's very own Suzie Sichi is a woman of many talents. In addition to being an inspiring art teacher, she is a gifted artist in her own right, and this fall you'll have a chance to enjoy her work in a one-artist show and sale of 26 of her watercolor paintings. *Inspirations and Explorations* is on display from September 21 through November 12 at Ciao! A Fine Salon, located at 3011 De La Vina Street. Suzie's work includes plein air landscapes of Santa Barbara, Italy, the Sierras, and other California locations. There will be an artist's reception at Ciao! from 2 to 5pm on Sunday, November 6, and you are all invited!

(Editor's Note: If you think you might be interested in purchasing one of Suzie's paintings, you might want to stop by Ciao! before the reception. If past experience is any indication, many paintings will have been sold by November!)

SENIOR DINNER: IT'S A TRADITION!

The Senior Dinner at Gordon and Suzie's home is scheduled for 4:30pm on Monday, October 10. Teachers will drive seniors to the event at 4pm and back to campus at its conclusion.

WE NEED MORE GREAT STUDENT AMBASSADORS!

Gordon always says, "Good kids bring good kids!" And we have plenty of GOOD KIDS at Anacapa! Every year, our Anacapa student ambassadors play a key role in our recruitment of new students by serving as campus tour guides at open houses and hosting prospective students who visit.

Training for returning student ambassadors will take place on Tuesday, October 11. We're also signing up new Anacapa student ambassadors for the 2011-2012 school year. They will have a training session on Thursday, October 27. If you think this volunteer activity is something your student would enjoy, please encourage him or her to sign up.

GRADES 10 & 11 TO TAKE PSAT OCTOBER 12

The PSAT will be administered on campus to sophomores and juniors on Wednesday afternoon, October 12. The school has taken care of registrations. Sophomores and juniors will have a PSAT preparation session on campus on Friday, October 7.

EASY E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR TEACHERS / STAFF

Anacapa teachers and staff are all now using their easy-to-remember school e-mail addresses. Just type in the teacher or staff member's first name followed by @anacapaschool.org.

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Peggy Lauer	peggy@anacapaschool.org
Levi Maaia	levi@anacapaschool.org
Hugo Macario	hugo@anacapaschool.org
Megan Nesland	megan@anacapaschool.org
Sheryn Sears	sheryn@anacapaschool.org
Gordon Sichi	gordon@anacapaschool.org
Suzie Sichi	suzie@anacapaschool.org

In addition to these individual e-mail accounts, the school also maintains a central office e-mail, which continues to be: anacapa@anacapaschool.org. You're always welcome to use that account, and the office will be happy to forward your e-mail to a teacher, if necessary.

MID-QUARTER NOTICES: KEEPING PARENTS IN THE LOOP

Mid-quarter notices will be mailed to parents around the middle of the month. Please note that not all students receive these notices. Teachers send them if a student is having a problem in a class. They may also send a notice to commend exceptional performance, effort, and improvement. Teachers and academic advisors are available to discuss students' progress. You may leave a message for a teacher or an advisor by calling the school office, or you may e-mail a teacher directly (refer to the list of teachers' e-mail addresses above).

A MEETING FOR SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS

College counselor Lynn Hamilton has been meeting with seniors this fall. Now Lynn is planning to meet on campus with seniors AND their parents at 5:30pm, Monday, October 17. Please bring your calendars and your questions about defining post-secondary school plans, the college application process, timelines, financial aid, etc.

PARENT ACADEMIC MORNING—IT'S JUST FOR PARENTS!

Parent Academic Morning gives parents an opportunity to follow an abbreviated form of their student's schedule of classes. You'll meet your student's teachers, find out about expectations, and learn what each class is planning for your student. Please join us for Parent Academic Morning from 9am to 12noon, on Saturday, October 22. We'll have refreshments and schedule distribution starting at 8:45, and then we'll start PROMPTLY in Elliott Hall at 9am. Please note that Parent Academic Morning is for **parents only**! In fairness to all, parents are asked to refrain from engaging teachers in discussions about a particular student at this time. Teachers are happy to talk with you individually about your student by phone or personal appointment at another time. Call the school office to leave a message!

PARKING: We have made arrangements with our neighbor, Sonos, to use some of their parking spaces on Parent Academic Morning. **For this special event only**, parking is available in the parking lots behind and adjacent to the school, but please do not take any of the "VIP parking" spots in front of the fountain in the Sonos courtyard. Parking lot entry is from De La Guerra Street.

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COLLEGE REPS. ON CAMPUS THIS FALL

Fall is the time of year when colleges reach out to schools across the country to introduce themselves to high school students. In September, we had visits from representatives from Cal Lutheran and American University. This month, New York University (NYU) will visit at 12:30pm on Thursday, October 13 followed by the University of Chicago at Breakfast Club on Monday, October 17.

CLASS FUN COMING UP!

The October 26 Wednesday "Club" period will be the first of a series of "Class Fun Activities" held throughout the year. Each grade level and the teacher "sponsor" for that grade will do something together during that time to get to know each other better and to promote class bonding.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH

The 2011-2012 school directory will be ready this month! Both students and parents will receive a personal copy—you don't have to share! **Please inform the school office right away if you have any changes in your directory information during the school year.**

REMINDER TO PARENTS: WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS

In today's technology-saturated world, the competition for students' attention and focus is intense and the potential for distractions is ever-present. To give our students the opportunity to take full advantage of the Anacapa experience—in both the academic and social realms—we limit cell phone usage (including text messaging) to designated areas on campus during non-class time. As stated on page 22 of the school handbook, "***In support of the school's cell phone policy, parents are asked to call the school office to leave a message for a student rather than calling or texting the student's cell phone during school hours.***" We appreciate your support in this important area!

HEADS-UP TO THE SENIOR CLASS

Seniors, please note the following important dates this month:

- The registration deadline for the November SAT is October 7.
- Seniors will have an early dismissal (12:25) and early Work/Study session (12:30-1pm) on Friday, October 7.
- The Senior Dinner at Gordon and Suzie's home is scheduled for 4:30pm on Monday, October 10. Teachers will drive students to and from the event, so seniors should be on campus and ready to go at 4pm that afternoon.
- Seniors will have a college application workshop with college counselor Lynn Hamilton on Friday afternoon, October 14.
- Lynn is scheduled to meet with seniors AND THEIR PARENTS at 5:30pm, Monday, October 17 in Elliott Hall. See details elsewhere in this issue of *Notables*.

HALLOWEEN FUN ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31!



Students who would like to wear a costume to school on Halloween (Monday, October 31) may do so. We'll enjoy our traditional Halloween festivities including pumpkin carving, refreshments, and other holiday fun during the afternoon that day! **Lower Schoolers are asked to bring a pumpkin to carve.** Please note that Monday afternoon classes will be made up on Friday afternoon, October 28.



FACULTY CORNER HIGHLIGHTS ENGLISH

Last month, our “Faculty Corner” piece focused on the role school trips play in our program. In this month’s “Faculty Corner,” you can learn more about Anacapa’s English program from literature teacher Peggy Lauer. Check it out!

LET US KNOW IF YOU’D LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS MONTHLY MAILING BY E-MAIL

Once again, we are offering families the opportunity to receive Anacapa’s monthly *Notables* and calendar via e-mail. If you received this month’s issue by regular mail but you’d like to start receiving this newsletter electronically, please let us know. The best way to “sign up” for the electronic version is to e-mail the school and ask us to add your name to the families who prefer e-mail for this monthly mailing. You can send your request to anacapa@anacapaschool.org. **If e-mail just isn’t your thing (or if you don’t check your e-mail often enough to ensure a timely delivery of this in-house newsletter), we are very happy to continue sending it to you through the regular mail. It’s YOUR call!**

OPTIONAL EXTRA CREDIT FOR BRITISH LITERATURE *THE COMEDY OF ERRORS* AT UCSB

Direct from the heart of London, Shakespeare’s Globe Theater will present a fast-paced, energetic, and engaging performance of *The Comedy of Errors* as part of the UCSB Arts & Lectures series. Reduced-price tickets (\$18) for the 8pm performance on Tuesday, November 8 are available through British Lit. teacher Peggy Lauer. This extra-credit activity for Upper School British Lit. students is optional.

HELP US SET THE MENU FOR THE 2011-2012 BREAKFAST CLUB!

Breakfast Club, our daily all-school meeting, brings a vast array of interesting speakers to campus. Whether our speakers tell us about their job, a trip, an outside interest, or some other passion in their life, it’s always a real learning experience for us!

Parents, you’re one of our best sources for finding good speakers! If you—or someone you know—would like to make a brief presentation (about 10-15 minutes) to our students, please call Elizabeth in the school office and ask her to leave a message for Gordon. Occasionally, we can schedule an extended Breakfast Club, so if you need more time to cover your topic, let us know and we’ll consider that. Thanks for helping us with this important aspect of the experiential side of an Anacapa education!

DATES TO HOLD

Please save the dates and mark your calendars now for the following:

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| • Sat.-Sun., Nov. 12-13 | JSA Fall State in L.A. |
| • 5:00pm, Tues., Nov. 15 | Open House for Prospective Students and Their Families |
| • 10am-2pm, Sat., Nov. 19 | Performing Arts Department Book Sale (<i>flyer enclosed</i>) |
| • 7:30-9pm, Mon., Nov. 21 | Family Math Fair |
| • Afternoon, Wed., Nov. 30 /Thurs., Dec. 1 | Parent /Student /Advisor Conferences |
| • Afternoon, Sun., March 11 | Anacapa School AUCTION |

ANACAPA’S GREAT TEACHERS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS!

A HUGE advantage of Anacapa’s small size is the fact that our teachers are so readily available to meet with and help students. If you drop by campus at break, during lunch, or after school, chances are you’ll see some good examples of the positive interaction between Anacapa students and their teachers. In addition to being available (and approachable!) for quick consultations throughout the day, our faculty have set aside time for “office hours” as noted on the opposite side of this page.
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Anacapa Academic Faculty Office Hours 2011-2012

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Bryan</u>		Before Faculty Meeting	3 - 4 p.m.	Lunch and By Appointment	
<u>Rachid</u>	7:30 a.m.		7:30 a.m.		7:30 a.m.
<u>Peggy</u>	3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	Lunch	Lunch and 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.		Lunch and By Appointment
<u>Hugo</u>	3 - 3:30 p.m.			3 - 3:45 p.m.	
<u>Megan</u>	By Appointment	Lunch and By Appointment	3:30 - 5 p.m. and By Appointment	By Appointment	By Appointment
<u>Suzie</u>	3 - 4 p.m.			3 - 4 p.m.	By Appointment at Lunch
<u>Douglas Throop</u> for Gordon's Upper School History			3:30 p.m.		