### NOVEMBER 2011 NOTABLES











SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:15 ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – THAT'S A TREAT, NOT A TRICK! The faculty has approved a request from the Student Senate for a LATE START on Tuesday, November 1, due to Halloween the night before. Students may arrive at 8:15am on Tuesday. There will be no Breakfast Club and classes will start promptly at 8:15, with any student who is not in class on time receiving a tardy. As usual, the office will be open by 7:15 so if your student needs to be dropped off earlier than 8:15, that will be fine. We hope you all have a happy and *safe* Halloween!

COLLEGE FAIR AT EARL WARREN SHOWGROUNDS: CHECK IT OUT! Sponsored by Santa Barbara City College, the college fair at Earl Warren Showgrounds from 6 to 8pm on Wednesday, November 2 provides a great introduction to the information-gathering phase of choosing a college. **(This is a good family activity for younger students, too.)** Over 80 colleges and universities from near and far will set up booths to meet prospective students and their families. You can ask questions, pick up literature, and get a "feel" for the wide array of choices out there. Financial aid workshops will be conducted at 6:15 and 7:15 that evening.

Admission and parking are free. For more information, check out: http://www.sbcc.edu/outreach/collegefair/index.php.

CALLING ALL TURKEYS!

We still need ONE MORE roasted turkey for our traditional on-campus Thanksgiving feast on Friday, November 18. Thanks to the Johnson and Johnston families for volunteering to provide turkeys that day. We would be ever so THANKFUL to have one more. If you'd like to help with this, please e-mail Bryan Anderson (bryan@anacapaschool.org). Thanks!

WE ALSO NEED TURKEY CARVERS!

We need a parent or two to come to school to carve the turkeys late in the morning on the day of our Thanksgiving feast—Friday, November 18. Please call the school office at 965-0228 if you can help with that!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME TO END It's that time of the year. Be sure to turn your clocks back an hour when you go to bed on Saturday, November 5 because daylight saving time ends that Sunday! Enjoy your extra hour of sleep!

You'RE INVITED!
SUZIE SICHI'S
ARTIST'S RECEPTION

Inspirations and Explorations, Suzie Sichi's exhibition of 26 watercolor paintings, continues at Ciao! (3011 De La Vina) through November 12. Featured in the exhibition and sale are plein air landscapes of Santa Barbara, Italy, the Sierras, and other California locations. Suzie invites you to an artist's reception at Ciao! from 2 to 5pm on Sunday, November 6!

PLEASE CALL SOON TO SCHEDULE YOUR CONFERENCE! Parent/Student/Advisor Conferences will be held on the afternoons of Wednesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 1. That means we're on a "fast track" to schedule every family for this important meeting.

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE YOUR CONFERENCE. **Don't forget:** students come, too!

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### GOING OUT OF TOWN? BE SURE TO LET US KNOW!

It is very important that the school know when parents are out of town. If you will be away, please remember to call or e-mail the office to let us know dates, contact information, and the "game plan" for your student during your absence (*i.e.*, where your student is staying and with whom). Thanks!

# FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS

The first quarter will end Friday, November 4. Parents can expect to receive their student's first quarter report card in the mail by the end of the following week.

### OUR FIRST 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CAMP OF THE YEAR!

Congratulations to the following Upper School students chosen by the faculty to serve as Cabin Leaders for Peabody Charter School's sixth grade camp November 7-10: Julio Bernal, Alex Carlson, Hannah Erickson, Brenda Gutierrez, Genn Hatfield, Esai Macario, Isaac Macario, Heather McCue, Douglas Throop, and Haley Yuhasz. We look forward to hearing about their experiences at the Cabin Leader Welcome Back on Friday, November 11. Cabin Leaders rock!

#### LA BOHEME DRESS REHEARSAL

Some of our students have jumped at the opportunity to attend the final dress rehearsal of the opera *La Boheme* at The Granada at 7pm on Wednesday, November 9. Students who have already reserved tickets should meet at the theater door by 6:45pm that evening. Parents of students who are attending the dress rehearsal are asked to pick them up at the end of the evening. Contact Suzie Sichi if you cannot arrange a pick-up for your student, and we will try to arrange transportation home.

# THURSDAY, NOV. 10 LATE START FOR STUDENTS

Classes will begin at 9am on Thursday, November 10 so that teachers can continue work on our WASC re-accreditation. To accommodate families' schedules, students who need to be dropped off at school at the regular time are welcome to come earlier.

### YES, WE <u>DO</u> HAVE SCHOOL ON VETERANS DAY!

Veterans Day (Friday, November 11) is a school day for us. Anacapa has a long tradition of honoring veterans at school on this important day. In addition to having regular classes, we make time to honor our country's veterans in a meaningful way. This year, we have been invited to attend the Veterans Day ceremony at the Courthouse Sunken Gardens and to help pass out American flags at the event. Please note that we MAY have a special schedule with a LATER dismissal time. If so, we will notify parents and students as soon as we know the details of our service project at the Courthouse.

### JSA WILL ATTEND FALL STATE CONFERENCE

Upper School students from Anacapa's JSA (Junior State of America) chapter, headmaster Gordon Sichi, and Digital Voyage teacher Levi Maaia will be heading to Los Angeles Saturday-Sunday, November 12-13. Fall State is a time to debate current issues and learn more about American society and world affairs. We will depart from campus at 7am on Saturday, November 12 and return at 5:30pm on Sunday, November 13.

## FACULTY CORNER FOCUSES ON MATH

In November, the month of the annual Family Math Fair, it's only fitting that our *Faculty Corner* is devoted to the subject of math. Check out what our math teachers, Bryan Anderson and Rachid Labgaa, have to say!

BRING A GUEST TO OUR NOVEMBER 15 OPEN HOUSE, AND HELP US GROW OUR ENROLLMENT FOR 2012-2013 We'd love to have you help us find more great kids like <u>your</u> great kids for the 2012-2013 school year—or you may know someone who might be interested in a mid-year admission for this year! As we move into the "admission season," we need everyone's focus on growing our enrollment! We are especially interested in students who want to look at our Upper School program <u>and</u> sixth grade families looking for the right school for seventh grade next year.

We'll be hosting an open house for prospective students and their families on Tuesday evening, November 15. The event begins with student-led campus tours from 5:00 to 5:30 followed by a program in Elliott Hall from 5:30 to 6:30. If you know students who might be a good match for Anacapa, please invite them to the Open House. Better yet, BRING them WITH YOU. We'll be happy to see you. Thanks!

### STUDENTS/ADVISORS REVIEW 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER

Students will meet with their advisors on Wednesday, November 16 to review their first quarter grades as well as their progress toward meeting the personal goals they set at the beginning of the year.

### HERE'S WHAT TO BRING TO OUR THANKSGIVING POTLUCK FEAST ON NOVEMBER 18!

The Anacapa student Senate is planning the eleventh annual on-campus Thanksgiving feast for students and teachers on Friday afternoon, November 18. We still need one more roasted turkey, so if this is something you can do, please let Bryan Anderson know right away. We'd like to ask everyone else to add to the festivities by providing a dish to share as follows:

#### **Student** last name beginning with:

Alc - Bra please bring A GREEN VEGGIE SIDE DISH (not a salad)
Car - Eck please bring A FINGER-FOOD APPETIZER
Eri - Gon (Odalys) please bring STUFFING
Gon (Zinnia) - Hom please bring A PIE
Kno - Lan please bring 2 LOAVES OF FRENCH BREAD OR 12 ROLLS
Loz - Nun please bring A POTATO DISH
O'D - Thr please bring A 12-PACK OF BEVERAGES (individual serving size)
Tru - Yuh please bring A GREEN SALAD

A Special Note to Families Who Have More Than One Child at Anacapa and Who Are Not Making a Turkey:
(Alcerro, Eckert, Hatfield, Macario):

Please send in a <u>double portion</u> of your assigned food. Thanks!

### BOOK SALE TO BENEFIT ANACAPA PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts teacher Salli Eve is planning an on-campus Book Sale from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, November 19 to raise funds for the Performing Arts Department – including rental fees for Center Stage Theater. How can you help? Donate your used—but not abused—books to the sale AND come do some shopping at the sale!

### JOIN US FOR THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY MATH FAIR!

Families are invited to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Math Fair from 7:30 to 9 pm on Monday, November 21. Bring the whole family to enjoy the magic, mystery, and imagination involved in the world of math. We'll have lots of interesting activities (in a non-threatening environment!), prizes, surprise guests, and fun for all ages. See you there!

P.S. We need a few parent volunteers to stay after the Math Fair to help clean up. Please call the school office if you can lend a hand!

A FULL SCHEDULE OF MORNING CLASSES BEFORE AN EARLY DISMISSAL THE DAY BEFORE T'GIVING Although we will have an early dismissal at 12:25 on the day before Thanksgiving—Wednesday, November 23—we WILL have a full schedule of academic classes first, and students are expected to meet due dates and to complete their other academic responsibilities. Classes will end at 12:25 with Work/Study students completing their chores from 12:30 to 1pm that day. Our best wishes to everyone for a very happy holiday weekend full of joyful thanksgiving!

PARENTS, HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR YOUR AUCTION COMMITTEE YET? Thanks to all of you who signed up for auction committees at Parent Academic Morning in October! Sign-ups will also be available at this month's Family Math Fair, so please take a few minutes to look over the openings to identify the area where you'd like to work. Remember, all parents are asked to serve on at least one auction committee. It's a fun way to meet other parents as we all support this important fund-raising endeavor to benefit our great Anacapa students! We have "experienced" committee chairs – now we need the "worker bees."

#### Speaking of committee chairs...

We are delighted to report that almost all committee chairs have been filled. In fact, we only need two more—someone to chair the Set-Up Committee and someone to chair the Clean-Up Committee, both of which already have quite a few committee members signed up. Here's what's involved:

- CHAIR FOR SET-UP COMMITTEE: This committee works alongside the Decorations Committee on the SATURDAY before the Sunday auction to implement the floor plan and layout for all the auction areas. It's fun – and we even supply goodies and treats. Just be sure you can work that Saturday.
- CHAIR FOR CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE: This committee works immediately after the auction on Sunday to take down decorations and tables, empty trash, restore classrooms. Lots of people pitch in, including some Anacapa teachers and staff who know where everything goes – so it's a committee that just needs to supply the energy and muscle to get the job done.

Each of these chairs can be a great job for one person—or fun to share with a spouse or friend! Call Elizabeth in the school office if one of these is something YOU would like to do.

LOOKING AHEAD

Here are some important dates for your family calendar:

• Fri., Dec. 2

Secret Santa Drawing

• Sat., Dec. 3

December Dance on Campus

• Sun., March 11

**Annual AUCTION** 







**Happy Thanksgiving!** 

We are thankful for our WONDERFUL STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES!