

DECEMBER 2011 NOTABLES



WELCOME TO OUR
NEW 7TH GRADER
AND TO OUR NEW
BASKETBALL COACH!

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our new seventh grader, Ethan Steiner, and his family, as well as our new basketball coach, Eson Gates! The Steiners moved to Santa Barbara from Ann Arbor, Michigan, this past summer, and we are delighted to have them at Anacapa. We are equally excited to have Eson coaching our hoopsters. They're working hard and moving their feet! You'll find contact information for the Steiners and Eson in the enclosed school directory update, which you can staple into your directories at home.

NOVEMBER 30
& DECEMBER 1
P.M. CONFERENCES
ARE FOR PARENTS
AND STUDENTS

Please note that there will be **no afternoon classes** on the days of Wednesday and Thursday, November 30 and December 1 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.

FIRST THURSDAY
DECEMBER'S OPEN
BREAKFAST CLUB
WITH TOM SICHİ:
"MY RECENT CLINICAL
WORK IN ECUADOR:
ECHOES OF MOLOKAI
AND THE LUZ DE
ESPERANZA"

This school year's inaugural First Thursday Open Breakfast Club will bring Dr. Tom Sichi (Anacapa Class of 1992 and former Anacapa science teacher) back to campus. Parents (and their guests) are invited to come to this Open Breakfast Club beginning at 7:50am on Thursday, December 1. No RSVP needed – just join us!

In 2011, poverty, stigma, and infectious disease are still intimately intertwined in the developing world. Tom will talk about and share photos from his recent clinical work in Ecuador, treating various infectious diseases, including Hansen's Disease (leprosy).

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 Tom will take place in the Rochin Adobe next door to the main campus immediately following the presentation.

ANNUAL GIVING:
ANACAPA NEEDS
EVERYONE'S
HELP TO KEEP THE
MOMENTUM GOING...

As you know, 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 count on this annual support to make budget every year. Thanks to hard work, determination, and the extraordinary generosity of our supporters, Anacapa is weathering the challenging economic times we live in. Your contribution to this year's annual giving campaign will help keep the momentum going. **Please be as generous as you can when our cool card hits your mailbox in the very near future!** Tax-deductible donations may be made by regular mail or via our school Web site (www.anacapaschool.org). Thank you for your support!

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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 2, 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 12, 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 2011 Secret Santa booklet.

Finally, on Thursday afternoon, December 15, 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.

“TEENAGE DREAM”



DECEMBER DANCE
8-11 PM, DECEMBER 3

Cool decorations, refreshments, and lots of music and dancing – we’ll have it all at the December dance, *Teenage Dream*! The dance will be held on campus from 8 until 11 on Saturday evening, December 3. Tickets for the dance will cost \$7 in advance and \$9 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*.

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 3. 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 11pm. Thanks a million!

PEABODY TO SHOW APPRECIATION FOR THEIR ANACAPA CABIN LEADERS

Anacapa Upper School students who served as Cabin Leaders for Peabody Charter School’s sixth grade camp last month will be honored by Peabody’s sixth grade families this month! At 7pm on Monday, December 5, Peabody will bring dessert to share with the Cabin Leaders here on the Anacapa campus. Also featured will be a cool slideshow created by Anacapa’s Jake Cryan, featuring photos from camp. Peabody Cabin Leaders are asked to be on campus by 6:45 so they can greet their sixth graders! Our thanks to Anacapa parent (and Peabody teacher) Juli Erickson for organizing this cool event!

IMPORTANT NOTE:
EARLY DISMISSAL
ON DECEMBER 7

Because the faculty will have an afternoon meeting on Wednesday, December 7 to continue their work on our WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) re-accreditation, we will have an early dismissal that day. Students will be dismissed at 12:25, and Work/Study will take place from 12:30 to 1pm.

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

We'll be collecting canned foods for a week this month, beginning Wednesday, December 7, 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 Wednesday, December 14. Thanks for your generous support!

**COLLEGE MEETING
FOR JUNIOR CLASS**

The Class of 2013 will meet with college counselor Lynn Hamilton during lunch on Thursday, December 8. Students are asked to bring their questions as we begin discussions about post-secondary school plans!

**BE SURE TO CATCH
THE TOTALLY AWESOME
80's PROM**

We're eagerly anticipating this year's Grassroots Theater performance—***The Totally Awesome 80's Prom***—soon after we return from Winter Break! Make plans NOW to join us for an entertaining evening at Center Stage Theater (upstairs in Paseo Nuevo) at 7:30pm on Friday and Saturday, January 6 and 7. Presented by the Anacapa Performing Arts and Ensemble Music classes, the "Prom" will feature skits from your favorite 80's movies and songs from your favorite 80's bands! Tickets will be available at Center Stage Theater box office (963-0408), online (centerstagetheater.org), or at Anacapa School. General admission is \$15, and student tickets are \$5.

**WINTER BREAK
IS DEC. 16 – JAN. 2**

Winter Break begins on FRIDAY, December 16. We'll have our traditional Secret Santa celebration from 1:10 to 3pm on Thursday, December 15, and then we'll close for some R & R and family time. School will re-open on TUESDAY, January 3. ENJOY!

**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 scheduled for Sunday, March 11. Watch your mailbox for the auction packet being mailed to all parents in January.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Some dates for your calendar – more details next month:

- Fri.-Sat., Jan. 6-7 Grassroots Theater at Center Stage Theater, Paseo Nuevo (7:30pm): "The Totally Awesome 80's Prom"
- Thurs., Jan. 12 Open House (5-7pm)
- Tues.-Thurs., Jan. 24-26 Final Exams
- Mon.-Wed., Jan. 30-Feb. 1 Synthesis Unit
- Sun., March 11 AUCTION: Out of This World!

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

