

JANUARY 2012 NOTABLES

WELCOME BACK --
CLASSES RESUME
ON TUESDAY,
JANUARY 3, 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope your family has had a healthy, relaxing, and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday, January 3**. See you at Breakfast Club at 7:50 a.m. in Elliott Hall!

STARTING IN JANUARY:
WE WILL BE
COLLECTING ITEMS
FOR THE AUCTION
GRADE-LEVEL
BASKETS

You should already have received a mailing about one of our popular auction items—theme baskets put together by each grade. There will be boxes on campus after break to receive grade-level gift basket donations, so please drop yours off in early January. Please be sure to label your donated item with your student's name, so the auction committee can check you off. Thanks to all for your support! Questions? E-mail or call parent Julia Alcerro at heydr.rey@hotmail.com or 967-0771.

Grades 7 & 8	Teen Girl Basket
Grade 9	Teen Boy Basket
Grade 10 & 11	Santa Barbara Local Specialty Foods and Wine
Grade 12	Baby Basket (Non-Gender Specific)

FIRST THURSDAY
OPEN BREAKFAST
CLUB TO CONTINUE
IN FEBRUARY

Because of our slightly later than usual return to school from Winter Break, we have decided not to schedule a First Thursday Open Breakfast Club this month. The next in our series will take place in Elliott Hall from 7:50 to 8:30 am, on Thursday, February 2. Guests are then welcome to join us for coffee and conversation with the speaker afterwards. Watch for an e-mail later this month with details. Parents are encouraged to bring prospective Anacapa parents to First Thursday, but you are also welcome to come on your own!

GRASSROOTS
THEATER PRESENTS



Please join us at Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo at 7:30pm on Friday, January 6 and Saturday, January 7 for our annual Grassroots Theater production. This year's not-to-be-missed performance is a collaborative effort by the Performing Arts and Ensemble Music classes. *The Totally Awesome 80's Prom* will be just that—TOTALLY awesome, an entertaining evening you won't want to miss! (Check out this month's *Faculty Corner* from the Performing Arts Department for additional information.) Tickets are available at Center Stage Theater Box Office or online through their Web site. The cost is \$15 general admission; free for Anacapa students with ID; and \$5 for other students.

PARENTS,
DO U TXT?

Parents, we need your help! Please refrain from texting your student during school hours. The "beep" or vibration that signals an incoming text message on your student's phone is a distraction in class, and it's a rare student who can ignore the signal and not take a quick look, which becomes another distraction. Your support will greatly enhance the educational environment for all our students and teachers. Thank you!

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OPEN HOUSE FOR
PROSPECTIVE
STUDENTS:
JANUARY 12



We wouldn't be surprised if you and your family are at Anacapa because another family told you about us. Word-of-mouth is the most effective "advertising" tool we have. That's why it's so important that YOU talk about the "Anacapa experience" whenever you get the chance! We can't emphasize enough the important role our wonderful students and parents play in the whole enterprise of finding more great students and parents for next year.

Anacapa's Open Houses are also a crucial part of our recruitment efforts. Our next Open House is scheduled to take place on campus on Thursday, January 12. Campus tours will be held from 5 to 5:30 followed by a one-hour program beginning at 5:30. Let the school office know if you would like us to send an invitation to anyone! Better yet – invite a prospective family to the Open House and bring them along with you. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

IT'S ALMOST TIME
TO SELECT
2ND SEMESTER
AFTERNOON
ELECTIVES

After Winter Break, you will receive a mailing regarding afternoon elective classes for second semester. (You probably remember receiving a similar mailing last summer for first semester afternoon electives.) When you receive this mailing, please discuss the course offerings with your student and help them make informed choices. Then return the form with your student's first-, second-, and third-choice preferences. We'll do our very best to match students' preferences with the available openings! For students who did not take a P.E. class first semester, the school expects that at least one of your second semester electives will be a P.E. class.

MLK, JR. DAY

Please note that school will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

ANACAPA AND
MIDLAND SOCCER
TEAMS TO COMPETE
AT 2:45, JANUARY 17:
COME CHEER US ON!

Coaches Hugo Macario and Megan Nesland report that soccer has been fun this semester. The students and coaches start each class with warm-ups and stretching to avoid muscle injuries; they then work on individual skills such as passing, dribbling, heading, and controlling the ball. Since the class is mixed with different skill levels, ages, and genders, students have the opportunity to learn from each other. The energy of the students has been awesome; everybody works hard and has a positive attitude, demonstrating that they have the character to play the sport. The team is looking forward to playing a game against Midland School this month. Anacapa will be hosting the match at the Lower Soccer Field in Elings Park at 2:45pm on Tuesday, January 17. We'd love to have you in the cheering section! Go, Islanders!

ANOTHER STUDENT
LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITY

Our first semester senators and tribune have done a great job! We appreciate their positive energy, enthusiasm, and leadership! We're sure the students elected to serve second semester will carry on the tradition. Student senate and tribune elections will take place during "Club period" on Wednesday, January 18. Please encourage your student to run!

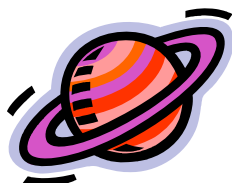
TIME TO HEAR FROM
STUDENT INTERNS

Upper School students who have done an internship for credit this semester will make brief presentations at Breakfast Club on Friday, January 20. Start thinking about what you want to share with us!

AP LITERATURE CLASS TO LUNCH WITH THE AUTHOR

Peggy Lauer and her AP Lit. class will be the guests of the Santa Barbara Literary Society on Friday, January 20. The event starts at the Biltmore with a private session with Paula McLain, author of the *New York Times* bestselling novel *The Paris Wife*, after which the class will have lunch with the author and Literary Society members. This event is always a highlight of the AP year!

GET READY! GET SET! LET THE AUCTION COUNTDOWN BEGIN!



**OUT OF THIS
WORLD...**

The theme of this year's auction, to be held on the Anacapa campus on Sunday, March 11, is ***Out of This World***. The auction will feature delicious food, fun entertainment, great company, and fabulous donations! Anacapa's Auction is a FAMILY event with the emphasis on FUN, SCHOOL SPIRIT, and COMMUNITY-BUILDING TEAMWORK. When we return from the holidays, we'll be kicking into high gear to make this year's Auction a success! The auction is a parent-sponsored event, and **EVERYONE is asked to participate in FIVE WAYS:**

- **Securing three donations for the Live and/or Silent Auctions**
- **Donating an item for your student's grade-level basket**
- **Working on an Auction committee with other parents**
- **Purchasing your Auction tickets and selling a few others**
- **Attending the Auction with your family**

Watch for details in a separate mailing in January. THANKS in advance TO EVERYONE for supporting OUR STUDENTS!

SENIOR PARENTS: RSVP FOR FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP

A representative from the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara will conduct a financial aid workshop for senior parents from 5:30 to 6:30pm on Monday, January 23. **Please call the school office at 965-0228 by January 17 to let us know whether or not you plan to attend.** We need a FIRM count beforehand. Thanks!

FINAL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 24-26

The final exam schedule will be mailed to you in January. In the meantime, please note that exams will take place on Tuesday-Thursday, January 24-26, with school in session from 7:50 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. We will have two morning exam periods each of those days. Please note the following:

- Students come to school only during their scheduled exams.
- Students who have an 8 a.m. exam should report to school at 7:50 for Breakfast Club.
- Work/Study students will do their scholarship work from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. only on days when they have a 10:30-12:30 final.
- There are no afternoon classes or activities on these exam days.
- Friday, January 27 is a semester break for students and a grading day for teachers. There will be no school that day.

WE'RE AIMING HIGH: HELP US REACH 100% PARENT PARTICIPATION IN ANNUAL GIVING!

We appreciate the generous Annual Giving donations that have been arriving since the annual appeal went out in early December. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR DONATION TO BENEFIT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR'S STUDENTS! Beginning next month, we'll publish names of donors as we work toward our goal of 100% parent participation. Tax-deductible donations may be sent directly to Anacapa or made online via the school's Web site (www.anacapaschool.org). There is no fee for donating online. Gifts of all sizes are important to us. We appreciate knowing that ALL Anacapa parents ARE WORKING WITH US on this important endeavor.

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SYNTHESIS UNIT: *YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT*

Anacapa's annual three-day Synthesis Unit is our premier tool for developing critical thinking skills. The 2011-2012 Synthesis Unit—*You Are What You Eat*—will take place Monday-Wednesday, January 30 through February 1. If you have speaker suggestions for this Unit with its focus on local food, please contact Gordon Sichi.

Please remember that student attendance is mandatory and that students will receive 2.5 units of academic credit and a grade based on their attendance and their participation during the Unit and afterwards with their work on the Synthesis Unit “product.”

Watch for more information, including a detailed Synthesis Unit schedule, arriving in your inbox or mailbox right before the Unit begins.

THE STUDENT TALENT SHOW IS COMING SOON!

To help kick off the second semester, the much-anticipated annual student talent show will take place on Friday afternoon in early February. The student Senate will be planning and producing this event. It's always a ton of fun, so encourage your student to share a talent or even a “talent” with us!

UNDERWRITERS HELP KEEP AUCTION COSTS DOWN TO BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS: HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

We're always looking for ways to minimize auction expenses and thus maximize the profits for this annual fundraiser to benefit our students. In the past, we've achieved this goal partly through the generosity of members of the Anacapa community who underwrite some of the auction expenses (see approximate amounts below):

- Tents / awnings (\$900)
- Tables / chairs (\$300)
- Beverages (\$850)
- Printing (\$2,000)
- Catering (\$2,000)
- Postage (\$300)

If you'd like to underwrite any of the auction expenses so we can direct more of the money we raise to the programs that directly benefit our students, just call the school office and let us know! Thanks!

PARENTS, PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE FOCUS ON SAFETY!

We ask that parents be vigilant about not jaywalking and not allowing their students to jaywalk—even for school events held after hours. We are very strict about students not jaywalking and insist that they cross any street legally and safely—checking traffic, using crosswalks, crossing with the lights, and observing common sense. The busy—and somewhat complicated—intersection at Santa Barbara and De La Guerra streets can be especially challenging. We ask parents to help us keep everyone safe by using the loading zone. If you do drop off or pick up students from the other side of the street, please be sure that they exit your car onto the sidewalk (not into the street) and that they go to the corner to cross the street legally. As parents of teenagers, you know that consistency is important, so we ask that YOU also follow these rules and safety precautions. Thanks so much for your support!