

OCTOBER 2012 NOTABLES



DISCOUNT TICKETS ON
SALE THROUGH OCT. 1
JOIN US SUNDAY,
OCT. 21 FOR A FUN
FAMILY EVENT FOR
THE ANACAPA
COMMUNITY:
GRAPE STOMP 2012

We're looking forward to having a big gathering at Fess Parker Winery in Los Olivos on Sunday afternoon, October 21. In addition to being a fun family event for the entire Anacapa community, it will be an important fundraiser for the school. **Thanks to the generosity of Fess Parker Winery's donation of its fantastic venue, food, and wine, the purchase of admission to Grape Stomp 2012 will support the programs at Anacapa School.** Come stomp with us and enjoy:

- Santa Maria-style Barbecue
- Fess Parker Wines
- Great Music
- Grape Stomp & Other Fun Activities for the Family

FOR A VERY LIMITED TIME (through Monday, October 1), Anacapa families may purchase DISCOUNTED tickets online at www.anacapaschool.org/discount. After October 1, this exclusive offer for Anacapa families expires and tickets will cost:

Adults: \$65 online in advance, \$75 at the door
Children ages 6-20 & designated drivers: \$35
Children 5 and under are FREE!

Roundtrip transportation from Anacapa School to and from Fess Parker Winery in Los Olivos is available and can be purchased online when you buy your tickets. The bus will leave from the Anacapa campus at 1:00 pm. This is an all-weather, outdoor event. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

SENIOR DINNER:
IT'S A TRADITION!

The Senior Dinner at Gordon and Suzie's home is scheduled for 4:30pm on Monday, October 1. Teachers will drive seniors to the event at 4pm and back to campus at its conclusion.

FIRST THURSDAY
BREAKFAST CLUB
SERIES OPENS THIS
MONTH WITH
AWARD-WINNING
PHYSICIST ANIA
BLESZYNSKI JAYICH

Breakfast Club is a dynamic part of the Anacapa school day. Our many guest speakers bring high-level critical thinking opportunities to Anacapa's students. Our First Thursday Breakfast Club series is open to prospective parents to see first-hand how a Breakfast Club works.

To kick off this year's First Thursday Open Breakfast Club series on October 4, we'll hear from Ania Bleszynski Jayich, Ph.D., an assistant professor in UCSB's physics department. Dr. Jayich's work has been recognized nationally for its groundbreaking developments in the field of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) on the nanoscale. Her presentation at Anacapa will focus on her work and its implications for the future of quantum computing.

Anacapa parents are encouraged to bring prospective parents to First Thursday, but – of course – you are also welcome to come on your own. The October 4 First Thursday Open Breakfast Club will run from 7:50 until approximately 8:30. Guests are invited to stay afterward for coffee and a chat with Dr. Jayich.

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REMINDER:
AXXESS CARD
SALES END
OCTOBER 5

As you know, families have been asked to help the student Senate earn money—and you'll also get great discounts for yourself! Our students are selling Axxess Cards to raise money for student activities sponsored by the Senate AND to support students' philanthropy, including continued support of two Tibetan refugee kids. Typically, the Senate has earned over \$1,000 with this win-win fundraiser—one we hope you'll support this year. Students received their Axxess packets on Friday, September 21. **Sales end Friday, October 5; that's the final day to turn in money and/or unused Axxess booklets.** Thanks!

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

The Lower School (grades 7 and 8) will have lunch at Rusty's Pizza in Goleta and then some afternoon fun at Zodo's on Friday, October 5. Anacapa teachers will provide transportation and supervision. The group plans to return to campus for a regular 3pm dismissal. An information flyer with details was mailed recently to Lower School families. **Please note that payment (\$15) is due by Wednesday, October 3.**

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 Wednesday, October 10. 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 13. We'll have refreshments and schedule distribution beginning 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.

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 16. We're also signing up new Anacapa student ambassadors for the 2012-2013 school year. They will have a training session on Wednesday, October 24. 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 17

The PSAT will be administered on campus to sophomores and juniors on Wednesday afternoon, October 17. The school has taken care of registrations. Sophomores and juniors will have a PSAT preparation session on campus on Friday, October 5.

HEADS UP ON AN EARLY DISMISSAL

We have scheduled an afternoon faculty WASC accreditation meeting this month. Please note that students will be dismissed at 12:25 Friday, October 19—with Work/Study taking place from 12:30 to 1pm that day.

MID-QUARTER NOTICES: KEEPING PARENTS IN THE LOOP

Mid-quarter notices will be mailed to parents between October 19 and October 23. 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 included in this issue of *Notables*).

CLASS FUN COMING UP!

The October 25 Thursday "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.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31!



Students who would like to wear a costume to school on Halloween (Wednesday, 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 Wednesday afternoon classes will be made up on Friday afternoon, October 26.



HEADS-UP TO THE SENIOR CLASS

Seniors, please note the following important dates this month:

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

FACULTY CORNER HIGHLIGHTS ENGLISH

In this month's "Faculty Corner," you can learn more about Anacapa's English program from our two literature teachers, Peggy Lauer (Upper School American Literature, AP Literature, and one Lower School Literature section) and Alison Nigh Strelch (one Lower School Literature section). Check it out!

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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!**

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!

HELP US SET
THE MENU FOR
THE 2012-2013
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 Trudy 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!

EASY E-MAIL
ADDRESSES FOR
TEACHERS / STAFF

Anacapa teachers and staff all have 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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In addition to these individual e-mail accounts, the school also maintains a central office e-mail: 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.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH

The 2012-2013 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.

DATES TO HOLD

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

- 5:00pm, Tues., Nov. 13 Open House for Prospective Students and Their Families
- Sat.-Sun., Nov. 17-18 JSA Fall State in L.A.
- 7:30-9pm, Mon., Nov. 19 Family Math Fair
- Afternoon, Mon., Dec. 10 /Tues., Dec. 11 Parent /Student /Advisor Conferences
- Afternoon, Sun., March 10 Anacapa School AUCTION