

# DECEMBER 2012 NOTABLES



8-11 PM, DECEMBER 1

## DECEMBER DANCE ADDS A GLOW TO THE HOLIDAYS



Cool decorations, refreshments, and lots of music and dancing – we'll have it all at the December dance, *Glow Fest!* The dance will be held on campus from 8 until 11 on Saturday evening, December 1. Tickets for the dance will cost \$7 in advance, \$9 at the door for students who come in costume (something that will glow), and \$10 for other students.

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 1. 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 11 pm. Thanks a million!

## FIRST THURSDAY DECEMBER'S OPEN BREAKFAST CLUB WITH POLITICAL-AD GURU FRED DAVIS: "MARKETING POLITICAL CANDIDATES"

This month's First Thursday Open Breakfast Club will bring the acclaimed political-ad guru Fred Davis back to campus. Parents (and their guests) are invited to come to this Open Breakfast Club beginning at 7:50 am on Thursday, December 6. No RSVP needed – just join us!

Dubbed by Time Magazine as "the GOP's Hottest Mad Man," Davis and his team boast an A-list of political clients including President George W. Bush, Vice President Dan Quayle, Senators John McCain, Elizabeth Dole and Lamar Alexander as well as Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. In the 2012 election, Davis's company represented a number of Republican candidates, all but one of whom won their bids for election, despite the Democrats' overall surge this term. Fred will talk about his role in the 2012 elections, discussing how effectively marketing political candidates is a unique challenge in advertising and public relations.

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 Fred will take place on campus immediately following the presentation.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 A LATE-START DAY FOR STUDENTS

The faculty has scheduled an early-morning WASC accreditation meeting on Friday, December 7, which means students will have a late start to the school day. Classes will begin at 9 am that day with students reporting directly to their regular Friday Period 2 classes at 9 am sharp (no Breakfast Club that day). Students who need to come to campus earlier to accommodate family schedules are welcome.

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ANNUAL GIVING:  
**ANACAPA NEEDS  
EVERYONE'S HELP  
TO KEEP THE  
BALL ROLLING...**

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 bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of offering our high-quality program for our students. We've set a goal of \$50,000 for this year's campaign—the amount that will enable us to fund the following items from the faculty's wish list:

- **Rental fees for two performances at Center Stage Theater**
- **A new electric kiln for our ceramics program**
- **New software for music, math, and foreign language students**
- **Physics equipment and graphing calculators**
- **Computer upgrading, including new classroom projection systems**
- **A "new" used 12-passenger van**
- **A new digital camera**

Tax-deductible donations may be made by regular mail or via our school Web site ([www.anacapaschool.org](http://www.anacapaschool.org)). Thank you for your support!

**DECEMBER 10 & 11  
P.M. CONFERENCES  
ARE FOR PARENTS  
AND STUDENTS**

There will be no afternoon classes on the days of Monday and Tuesday, December 10 and 11 so that **parents AND students** can meet with their 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. **If you haven't scheduled your family's conference yet, please call Trudy in the Anacapa office (965-0228) as soon as possible!** Thanks.

**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 Tuesday, December 11, each student, teacher, and staff member (the "Secret Santa") will draw the name of another student, teacher, 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 anonymous secret notes and treats to their Secret Santee.

On December 17, 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 2012 Secret Santa booklet. At our annual Secret Santa celebration on Thursday afternoon, December 20, we'll each read our *Gift of Appreciation* and give our Secret Santee a small gift.

**COLLEGE MEETING  
FOR JUNIOR CLASS**

The Class of 2014 will meet with college counselor Lynn Hamilton during lunch on Wednesday, December 12. Students are asked to bring their questions as we begin discussions about post-secondary school plans!

**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 12, 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 be Wednesday, December 19. Thanks for your generous support!

**FOR SECOND YEAR,  
ANACAPA HOSTS  
CAMP SLIDESHOW  
FOR PEABODY SIXTH  
GRADE FAMILIES**

At 7 pm on Thursday, December 13, Anacapa will host a camp slideshow and dessert for sixth graders from Peabody Charter School, their families, and the Anacapa Upper School students who served as Cabin Leaders for the Peabody sixth grade camp last month. Peabody Cabin Leaders are asked to be on campus by 6:45 so they can greet their sixth graders! Our thanks to Susannah Lewis-O'Dea and the Peabody sixth grade teachers for organizing this cool event and to Levi Maaia and Hugo Macario for producing the slideshow!

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14  
ALL- SCHOOL HIKE  
ON THE SAN YSIDRO  
TRAIL GIVES US  
SOME "WILDERNESS  
TIME" THIS MONTH**

Because this year's End-of-the-Year Trip will be a city trip to LA (more details later), we are scheduling "wilderness time" during the regular school year. Many times over the years, Anacapa has climbed the San Ysidro Trail to the top of our mountains. Our December 14 hike is an official, mandatory "All-School Hike" and will require the team-building skills we've used to reach the top of many summits. We will meet on campus at 7:50 am, and we will return by 3:00 pm. Details regarding food, water, clothing, and footwear will be provided later. In case of rain on December 14, the hike will be postponed until Monday, December 17.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15  
CATCH SUSANNAH  
LEWIS-O'DEA'S  
SBMA TRUNK SHOW  
THIS MONTH**

If you've attended a recent Anacapa auction, you've had the pleasure of seeing some of Susannah Lewis-O'Dea's wonderful hand-knit creations. Susannah learned to knit from her mother at the age of 10. After working as a machine knitter in New York, she became the Lizwear knitwear designer at Liz Claiborne. On the afternoon of Saturday, December 15, Susannah will be the featured artist at a trunk show in the Santa Barbara Museum of Art (SBMA) gift shop. Stop by between 12 noon and 5 pm that day to see Susannah's line of knitted products under the *SusannahO'* label.

**WINTER BREAK  
IS DEC. 21 – JAN. 6**

Winter Break begins on FRIDAY, December 21. We'll have our traditional Secret Santa celebration from 1:10 to 3 pm on Thursday, December 20, and then we'll close for some R & R and family time. School will re-open on Monday, January 7. 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 10. Watch your mailbox for the auction packet being mailed to all parents in January.

**IT WILL BE A  
TOE-TAPPING TIME  
NEXT MONTH WHEN  
ANACAPA PRESENTS  
"BORN IN THE USA:  
A HISTORY OF  
AMERICAN MUSIC"**

Anacapa School's Performing Arts and Ensemble Music classes are joining forces to present "Born in the USA: A History of American Music" at Center Stage Theater for two performances at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday, January 11 and 12. Our talented students will take a look at American music through the years with music by Stephen Foster, Scott Joplin, the Big Band era, Elvis, Motown, disco and more!

Tickets for Anacapa students are free when students show their school ID at the box office. Other tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Center Stage box office or online at [www.centerstagetheater.org](http://www.centerstagetheater.org).

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## FACULTY CORNER: ATHLETICS AT ANACAPA

For this month's Faculty Corner, Levi Maaia takes a look at Anacapa's robust athletics program, which helps students find ways to challenge themselves physically as they experience team-building, further their fitness goals, and have FUN! With an eclectic mix of afternoon elective classes, clubs, and two competitive teams, Anacapa gets our students MOVING!

## LOOKING AHEAD...

Some dates for your calendar – more details next month:

- Mon., Jan 7 Classes Resume
- Fri.-Sat., Jan. 11-12 Grassroots Theater at Center Stage Theater, Paseo Nuevo (7:30pm): "Born in the USA: A History of American Music"
- Sun., Jan. 13 Open House (4-6pm)
- Fri., Jan. 18 Final Exams
- Tues.-Thurs., Jan. 22-24 Final Exams
- Fri., Jan. 25 Semester Break and Grading Day (NO School)
- Mon.-Wed., Jan. 28-30 2012-2013 Synthesis Unit – *Space: Where Are We Going?*
- Sun., March 10 AUCTION

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

