

JANUARY 2013 NOTABLES

WELCOME BACK --
CLASSES RESUME
ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 7, 2013

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope your family is enjoying a healthy, relaxing, and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday, January 7**. 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

Watch your mailbox for a letter about one of our popular auction items—theme baskets put together by each grade. The letter will include details about which basket(s) your grade(s) will be assembling for this year's auction. When we return from break, there will be boxes on campus to receive donations for the grade-level baskets, 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.

FIRST THURSDAY
OPEN BREAKFAST
CLUB TO CONTINUE
IN FEBRUARY

Because of our later-than-usual return to school from Winter Break, we will not have 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 7. Guests are welcome to join us for coffee and conversation with the speaker afterward. Watch for an e-mail later in January 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
*THE HISTORY OF
AMERICAN MUSIC*

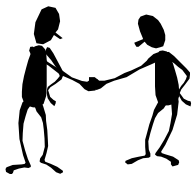
Please join us at Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo at 7:30pm on Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12 for our annual Grassroots Theater production. This year's not-to-be-missed performance is a collaborative effort by the Performing Arts and Ensemble Music classes. *The History of American Music* will be an entertaining evening you won't want to miss! (Check out this month's *Faculty Corner* from Salli Eve and Hugo Macario for additional information.) Tickets are available at Center Stage Theater Box Office or online through their Web site. The cost is \$10 adult general admission; free for Anacapa students with their school 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: SUNDAY, JANUARY 13



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 SUNDAY AFTERNOON, January 13. Campus tours will be held from 4:00 to 4:30 followed by a one-hour program beginning at 4:30. 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!

ANOTHER STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

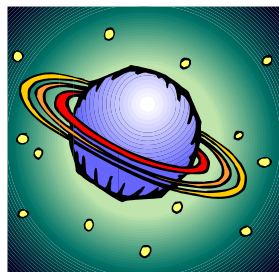
Our first semester senators and tribune have done a great job! We appreciate their positive energy, enthusiasm, and leadership! We're sure the students elected to serve second semester will carry on the tradition. Nominations for senate and tribune will take place during our first week back from break. Elections will then be held during the Thursday "Club period" on January 17. Please encourage your student to run for office!

FINAL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 18, 22-24

The final exam schedule will be sent to you in a separate mailing. In the meantime, please note that exams will take place on Friday, January 18 and Tuesday-Thursday, January 22-24, with two morning exam periods scheduled for 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 25 is a semester break for students and a grading day for teachers. There will be no school that day.

SYNTHESIS UNIT **SPACE: WHERE ARE WE GOING?**



Anacapa's annual three-day Synthesis Unit is our premier tool for developing critical thinking skills. The 2012-2013 Synthesis Unit—*SPACE: Where Are We Going?*—will take place Monday-Wednesday, January 28-30. 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 afterward with their work on the Synthesis Unit "product."

Thanks to the efforts of Levi Maaia and John Luca, we have an exciting program scheduled, including an evening presentation by NASA astronaut Richard Linnehan, a field trip to Vandenberg Air Force Base, and a stargazing session on campus. Please note that Dr. Linnehan's talk will take place at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 28 at the Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Public Library, and it will be open to the general public. Watch for more information, including a detailed Synthesis Unit schedule, arriving in your inbox or mailbox right before the Unit begins.

MLK, JR. DAY

Please note that school will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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

In mid-January, 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. Bryan Anderson will be monitoring this for the school.

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



BOLLYWOOD BASH

The theme of this year's auction, to be held on the Anacapa campus on Sunday, March 10, is **Bollywood Bash**. 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 early January. THANKS in advance TO EVERYONE for supporting OUR STUDENTS!

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 and at the Family Math Fair in November! **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." If you haven't signed up yet for a committee, you may do so by calling Susannah Lewis-O'Dea at 570-6111. Please call us before we call you! Susannah will be glad to help you find a committee assignment that will match your interests and availability!

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 larger auction expenses (see approximate amounts below):

- Party Rentals (\$3,800)
- Food / Bar (\$3,000)
- Design / Printing / Postage (\$2,500)

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!

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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 Thursday, January 31. **Please call the school office at 965-0228 by January 24 to let us know whether or not you plan to attend.** We need a FIRM count beforehand. Thanks!

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 late fall. 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.

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!

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, February 1. 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!

LOOKING AHEAD...

Please note the following dates for your family calendar:

Tues, Feb 5	Semester Honor Rolls / Awards and Slideshow
Fri, Feb 8	Mardi Gras Party (8-11pm)
Tues, Feb 12	Open House (5-7pm)
Fri, Feb 15	Early Dismissal (12:25pm) & Work/Study (12:30-1:00pm)
Feb 16-24	Presidents' Week Break
Mon, Feb 25	Classes Resume
Sun, Mar 10	AUCTION: Bollywood Bash!