

FEBRUARY 2013 NOTABLES



WELCOME TO OUR NEW ANACAPAN!

As we enter the second semester, we are delighted to welcome a new international student to Anacapa! **Oriane Peter** from Geneva, Switzerland, is our new eleventh grader! Please extend a warm welcome to Oriane, who is currently living with the Johnston family. She will be at Anacapa through this June's graduation. Welcome, Oriane!

OPERA SANTA BARBARA COMES TO ANACAPA

We are looking forward this month to another lively experience with Opera Lab. Brought to us by Opera Santa Barbara, this school outreach program is a highly interactive session designed to teach us the A-B-and high Cs of opera! Guided by four professional singers trained in improvisation, we will learn the building blocks of this fascinating art form and use them to construct our very own opera, performed for us on the spot. Opera Lab will take place on campus at 10:00 am, Friday, February 1.

FROM OPERA TO...THE STUDENT TALENT SHOW !

To help kick off the second semester, the much-anticipated annual talent show will take place on Friday afternoon, February 1. The student Senate plans and produces this event. It's always a ton of fun, so we hope your student will share a talent—or even a “talent” with us this Friday!

COLLEGE COUNSELOR MEETS GRADES 9 AND 10

College counselor Lynn Hamilton will meet with ninth and tenth graders on campus from 12:45 to 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5. Students in those two grades are asked to bring their lunch and their questions for this meeting with Lynn!

CANCELLATION! FEBRUARY 5 FAMILY EVENT WILL NOT BE HELD

As a result of the high absentee rate due to illness during last week's final exam period, we have a number of students who are still making up exams. This means that grades and report cards will be somewhat delayed, and we have decided to CANCEL the February 5 family slide show and announcement of Honor Rolls for first semester.

VAFB FIELD TRIP RE-SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 6

As we go to press, the Synthesis Unit field trip to Vandenberg Air Force Base, which was canceled due to a base closure, has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, February 6. Students should be at school at the regular 7:50 am time, and they need to **bring a sack lunch**. Our return time (most likely between 3:00 and 4:00 pm) is not yet confirmed; we will forward this information to you later. While we are hopeful that Vandenberg will be able to accommodate us that day, there is always the possibility of a repeat base closure. We will keep you posted if anything changes.

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED AFTER MARDI GRAS

We need some parent volunteers to help with clean-up after the Mardi Gras party on Friday, February 8. If you can pitch in at 11:00 pm when the dance ends, we'd love to have you! We are usually finished in an hour or less. Please call the school office to let us know if you're available!

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NEED SOME MORE AUCTION DONATION IDEAS?

Calling all families! The auction needs YOUR help. Getting donations is easier than you may think: the next time you're at the cleaners or eating dinner at your favorite restaurant or having a haircut or working out at the gym, ask them if they'll support your school! Don't forget: we're the school auction that tries to appeal to everyone's tastes, pocketbooks, and interests! We want and need big and small items, goods, and services for both the live and silent auctions.

Each donation needs to be accompanied by a donation form. These forms were mailed to all families in early January, and an additional copy is enclosed for your convenience in this mailing. The form may also be downloaded from the school Web site at the following link:

<http://www.anacapaschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/2013-Donor-Record-Receipt.pdf> or picked up in the school office.

Thank you, parents, for working to make the auction a success! We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of our great Anacapa kids!

FIRST THURSDAY BREAKFAST CLUB SERIES CONTINUES WITH WILDLIFE PRESERVATIONISTS

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.

This month's First Thursday Open Breakfast Club will take place in Elliott Hall at 7:50 a.m., on Thursday, February 7. Our featured guest speakers will be John Kay and his wife Jutta Maue-Kay. Their work supporting wildlife preservation caught the attention of Anacapa parents Rick Knowles and Erin Eamer, who are fostering three orphan animals in the name of Anacapa's students:

- a baby orangutan, "Faisal,"
- a baby elephant, "Balguda," who was featured in a [CBS News segment](#), and
- a baby rhino, "Solio."

Each of these orphans was in grave danger before their rescue, but their odds of survival are now excellent. Come hear what John and Jutta have to say about their work—and see their amazing images!

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

MARDI GRAS: LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!



Food! Music! Dancing! Casino Games! The student Senate and Mardi Gras committee will host Anacapa's nineteenth annual Mardi Gras celebration—a fun-filled social event for students and their guests on Friday evening, February 8 from 8 to 11 pm. Ticket prices will be set later.

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*.

OPEN HOUSE: IT'S ALL ABOUT FINDING MORE GOOD KIDS!

Our next Open House for prospective students and their families is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, February 12. Campus tours will be held from 5:00 to 5:30 followed by a one-hour program beginning at 5:30. Help us spread the word! We want more good kids like your good kids!

STUDENTS SUPPORT AUCTION BY SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS

Watch for raffle tickets coming home soon! For the last eight years, the student body has played a very important role in boosting the bottom line for our auction fund-raising efforts, making the last eight auctions the most profitable ever! And we're hoping for a repeat this year. Once again, students will be asked to sell auction raffle tickets for some fabulous prizes. The Parent Leadership Team (PLT) plans to distribute the tickets to students soon. **Raffle ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets must be returned to school no later than Thursday, March 7.**

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE AS MANY AUCTION DONATIONS AS POSSIBLE BEFORE THE BREAK

Auction donations have been coming in, so we know many of you have been out in the community soliciting items. Thank you, thank you, thank you—and, please, keep up the good work! Although the last day to turn in donations is Monday, February 25, please don't wait until the last minute. **We'd love to have as many donations as possible before the break, so we can catalog them during the break!** It makes the auction committee's job so much easier! Thanks!

TELL SOMEONE THEY'RE SPECIAL (AND HELP SUPPORT OUR TWO TIBETAN REFUGEE STUDENTS)

To help raise money for the Tibetan refugee students that Anacapa has sponsored for many years, the student Senate will once again sell candy-grams for Valentine's Day. Contact Senate Tribune Henry Johnston if you'd like to order one for your student or sweetie.



REPORT CARDS AND TEACHERS' COMMENTS: PLEASE SHARE THESE WITH YOUR STUDENT

As mentioned earlier in this issue of *Notables*, due to illness during final exams, our first semester report card mailing will be somewhat delayed. We will mail first semester report cards and teachers' written comments to teachers as soon as possible.

When you receive your student's report card, please sit down with your student to review these together. Teachers invest a great deal of care, thought, and time in writing their comments, and we think they are a valuable tool in helping students sharpen their study skills and enhance their academic performance. Students do not see their comments before we mail them to parents, so we count on parents to share them with their student at home. Thanks!

STUDENTS TO MEET WITH ADVISORS

Students will meet individually with their academic advisors on Wednesday afternoon, February 13 to review semester grades, goals, etc. These advisor meetings are for students and their advisors. If a parent would like to talk to an advisor (or any other teacher), please email the teacher directly (teachers' email addresses are listed in the school directory) OR call the school office to leave a message.

FEBRUARY 13 IS THE LAST DAY TO ADD TO YOUR GRADE'S AUCTION THEME BASKET

Thank you to all who have already dropped off your donations for your grade's basket for the auction! The baskets are looking great, and we'd like to wrap them up soon, so **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 WILL BE THE FINAL DAY** to turn in a donation to your student's grade-level theme basket (see themes below). Please remember to include your name on your donation so we can check your student off the list.

Grade 7 Baby Boy

Grade 8 Baby Girl

Grade 9 SB Gourmet Food / Wine

Grade 10 Dog and Cat

Grade 11 Teen Boy

Grade 12 Teen Girl

If you have a question or need a suggestion for your grade's basket, you can call Julia Alcerro at 967-0771 or e-mail her at heydr.rey@hotmail.com.

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WE ♥ VALENTINE'S DAY AT ANACAPA

We'll enjoy a low-key celebration of Valentine's Day on campus Thursday, February 14. Bags will be available for students and teachers to decorate for our annual Valentine exchange.

SPREAD THE WORD: **SHADOW DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS**

As we work to find good enrollments for next year, we will be hosting prospective students for a special Shadow Day on Friday morning, February 15 (a holiday for many schools). Reservations are required, so if you know a student who might be a good match for Anacapa, please pass along word about this opportunity to check out Anacapa's program!

EARLY DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Students will be dismissed after morning academic classes on Friday, February 15 as we kick off the Presidents' Week break. For most students, dismissal will be at 12:25 pm., followed by Work/Study from 12:30 to 1:00 pm. Anacapa student ambassadors who are asked to host one of our Shadow Day guests will have lunch with our guests from 12:30 to 1:15. (For information about our Shadow Day on February 15, please refer to the note above.)

PRESIDENTS' WEEK BREAK: FEB. 16-24



As is the case with many independent and private schools, Anacapa takes a week break for the Presidents' holiday in February. This year, school will be closed from Saturday, February 16 through Sunday, February 24. We do this to give students a full week to visit colleges, take family vacations, go skiing or snowboarding, or just catch their breath. We look forward to having everyone back on campus Monday morning, February 25!

HAVE YOU SELECTED YOUR AUCTION COMMITTEE YET? CALL US BEFORE WE CALL YOU!

Parents who haven't signed up yet for an auction committee are asked to call Susannah Lewis-O'Dea (570-6111) ASAP to let her know which committee you'd like to work with. (We still have openings on some of the auction committees.) If we haven't heard from you soon, we'll give you a ring to let you know what's still available.

AUCTION INVITATIONS: **IT'S TIME TO "GET OUT THE VOTE" FOR THE AUCTION**



BOLLYWOOD BASH!

In addition to securing donations and serving on an auction committee, we all need to be sure there are plenty of enthusiastic bidders in the audience on Auction Day. Please start spreading the word among your friends and relatives that Anacapa will be hosting a fabulous auction on campus on Sunday afternoon, March 10.

The auction committee will mail auction invitations to all parents soon. **Each family is asked to buy or sell at least six tickets.** Adult admission is \$40 through February 28. After that date, the price goes up to \$50, so make your reservations early and save \$10. That will help you stretch your dollars for shopping at the auction!

Because we encourage you to bring the **WHOLE FAMILY** for this event, we are offering a reduced rate of \$15 for those who are 18 or younger, and Anacapa students who sign up to work at the auction will be admitted free.

ANOTHER WAY FOR PARENTS TO HELP...

We're looking for a few parents who would be willing to be "on call" to pick up auction donations if donors ask us to provide that service. Please call the school office if you can help. Thanks!

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS

The faculty has scheduled its next WASC accreditation meeting for Thursday afternoon, February 28. Please note that school will be dismissed at 12:25 that day, followed by Work / Study from 12:30 to 1:00.

AUCTION PROGRAM ADS: A GOOD PLACE TO DO BUSINESS— OR TO SEND SOMEONE A FUN MESSAGE

The school's auction program is a great place to advertise a business or service. If you—or anyone you know—is interested in having an ad in our program, please let us know. Camera-ready artwork and payments are due in the school office **by Tuesday, February 26**. Here are the rates:

- Business Card (horizontal or vertical) \$35
- Half Page (4½ x 3½ inches) \$55
- Full Page (4½ x 7½ inches) \$75

The next time you're in for a haircut or taking your student to a music lesson or having dinner at your favorite neighborhood café, ask if they'd like to run an ad in our program. Or if you have a business yourself, consider promoting it with our auction guests—you can't beat the price AND the targeted audience! Some of you may also want to use ad space to send:

- A congratulatory note to the Class of 2013
- A thank-you to someone special
- A "Message" to your son or daughter or to a teacher(s)
- Insert your own idea here...

The possibilities for creative fun are endless—and every ad helps us increase the auction's bottom line to **BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS!**

HELP US GROW OUR LIST OF ANNUAL GIVING DONORS!

We appreciate knowing that ALL Anacapa parents ARE WORKING WITH US ON ANNUAL GIVING. Each year, this fundraising endeavor is critical to the school's fiscal health. If you haven't made your donation yet, please do so soon and help us reach 100% parent participation this year!

We thank the following Anacapa parents who, as we go to press, have already made their donations to the 2012-2013 Annual Giving campaign:

**Peter Artusio & Sonja Winter, Dan & Karen Bernstein,
Liz & Jon Brady, Maureen Clark, Loren & Tracy Colahan,
Dalbadie Family, Jairo & Thrisha Francia, Modesto & Teresa Gonzalez,
Lisa Pedersen & Joe Johnston, Alecia & Elliot Mayrock,
Carol & Bart Millar, Nydam Family, Michele & Isaac Osborne,
Claire & John Pendergast, Marty & Megan Robertson, Roe Family,
Lanny & Holly Sherwin, Rena & Ty Smith, Javier & Teresita Villarreal**

We hope to see even more names listed next month! Tax-deductible donations may be made online at www.anacapaschool.org or sent directly to the school. Gifts of all sizes are important to us. Thanks for your support in this most important campaign.

BOOK BILLS WILL ARRIVE SOON

First semester book bills will be mailed to parents soon, and we appreciate your prompt payment. Please contact Sheryn in the school office if you have any questions. Thanks.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE NOTABLES ELECTRONICALLY OR BY MAIL?

Earlier this year, you were given an opportunity to let us know if you prefer receiving the monthly *Notables* mailing electronically or via regular mail. We are happy to send *Notables* either way because the most important thing for us is that you receive it in a format that works for you so you feel connected and know what's going on at school! If, at any time, you'd like to switch your preference, just let us know!