

# MAY 2013 NOTABLES



FIRST THURSDAY  
BREAKFAST CLUB  
SERIES CONTINUES  
THIS MONTH WITH  
JUDGE BARRY SAX  
AND HIS RIVETING  
STORY OF THE FOUR  
WW II CHAPLAINS  
WHO SACRIFICED  
THEIR LIVES AT SEA

The 2012-2013 First Thursday Breakfast Club series concludes this month with Barry Sax, a retired Department of Defense administrative law judge, speaking on May 2. Judge Sax has become a champion of the famed four chaplains who gave their life preservers to other soldiers after their Army transport ship, the *Dorchester*, was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the waters off Greenland during World War II. The four chaplains may have perished in the freezing waters of the North Atlantic that fateful February day in 1943, but Judge Sax is determined to ensure that their story lives on. He has met many of the survivors and even traveled to the site in Greenland where some of the *Dorchester's* victims were buried temporarily. In his talk – “Brotherhood and Sacrifice at Sea: The True Story of the Immortal Four Chaplains of World War II” – Judge Sax will share his experiences and what students today might take away from the selflessness of the four chaplains seventy years ago.

Anacapa's First Thursday Open Breakfast Club series is open to prospective parents and their students to see first-hand how a Breakfast Club works. Anacapa parents are encouraged to bring prospective parents (and their students) 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 with the speaker.

ATTENTION,  
CLASS OF 2013!

It's time for seniors to begin working on their individual talks for this year's graduation. To help seniors get started, we've scheduled a special session with Peggy Lauer during the Club period on Thursday, May 2. Final drafts of talks are due to Peggy the last day of final exams—Wednesday, June 5.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: Seniors are also reminded that they will go to the Santa Barbara Woman's Club – Rockwood with the junior class at 12 noon on Friday, June 14 to have lunch and rehearse before that evening's commencement ceremony. **Seniors and juniors should not make other plans from noon to 2:30 that very important day.** Thanks!

A TASTY AND FUN  
CINCO DE MAYO  
CELEBRATION  
FRIDAY, MAY 3

We plan to get a head start on Cinco de Mayo this year! Our May 3 Friday afternoon activity will be our traditional Cinco De Mayo lunch and celebration complete with fabulous food, music, and a very festive atmosphere. Special thanks to teacher Hugo Macario for once again organizing this fun event

COLLEGE  
COUNSELOR TO  
MEET WITH JUNIORS  
AND THEIR PARENTS

College counselor Lynn Hamilton has been meeting individually with juniors this spring. Now it's time for her annual meeting with the junior class and their parents to talk about post-secondary school plans and the college application process. This mandatory meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm, Monday, May 6. See you there!

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WE'RE COLLECTING  
YEARBOOK PAGES  
THIS MONTH:  
PARENTS, PLEASE  
HELP YOUR  
STUDENT PREPARE!

The 2012-2013 yearbook will go to press this month, so please remind your student that personal yearbook pages from each student are due on Tuesday, May 7. There are many creative approaches to this Anacapa tradition, and it's time for students to give some thought to their half-page design (a full page for seniors). Megan Nesland and her yearbook class will be using a Breakfast Club to explain what's needed, especially for new students. As always, school guidelines prohibit the use of references to drugs, alcohol, sex, or violence. Keep it positive!

PERFORMING ARTS  
CLASS TO TAKE  
PART IN DISNEY  
THEATER WORKSHOP

Thanks to Performing Arts teacher Salli Eve's efforts, Anacapa's theater class will be traveling to Anaheim to take part in a theater workshop at Disneyland. Under the guidance of entertainment professionals, our students will develop fundamentals, reinforce performance concepts, and fine-tune techniques with a fun hands-on session.

Accompanied by Salli Eve, Alison Nigh Strelch, and two other adults, the class will leave campus at 6:30 on Wednesday morning, May 8, traveling to Disneyland by chartered school bus. They are scheduled to return to campus at 8:30 that evening after a very full day. Salli will provide specific information to families whose students will be attending.

COME BOWLING  
WITH ANACAPA ON  
SATURDAY, MAY 11!

Come hit the alley and have some weekend fun with your Anacapa friends! It doesn't matter if you are a scratch bowler or you prefer to have the bumpers up. We'll all have fun at Zodo's on Calle Real in Goleta. Join us at 1:00 pm on Saturday, May 11 – and feel free to bring the whole family. **Please let us know if you will come so we can reserve lanes ahead of time. Cost: \$5 per person (pre-paid). RSVP by bringing your total payment to the Anacapa office by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7.** Thanks to the Anacapa Senate for organizing this fun event!

ERB MATH TESTING  
THIS MONTH

Grades 7-11 will complete a brief testing period with standardized testing in math taking place in three short sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings, May 13, 14, and 15. Math teachers will be analyzing the results of these tests to help them with long-range planning. Results will also be mailed to parents.

PERFORMING ARTS  
CLASS PRESENTS  
***THE LITTLE MERMAID***  
ON CAMPUS



The Anacapa School Performing Arts Department will present a musical stage performance of Disney's ***THE LITTLE MERMAID*** at 7:30pm on Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18 and at 2:00pm on Sunday, May 19. PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE UNAVAILABILITY OF THE THEATER IN PASEO NUEVO, THIS YEAR'S SPRING PRODUCTION IS BEING BROUGHT BACK TO THE ANACAPA CAMPUS.

This is a musical adaptation of the well-known story of Ariel, King Triton's youngest daughter, who has always longed to be a part of the human world. When the evil sea witch, Ursula, grants her the opportunity to sprout legs and go after the heart of Prince Eric, she jumps at the opportunity. But with Ursula working against her, she'll need help from her friends and family if she is ever to see her dreams come true.

**TICKETS:** \$10 adults, \$5 students, and FREE for Anacapa students. Tickets can be purchased at the door, and seating is limited.

WE'RE IN A HOLDING  
PATTERN FOR OUR  
DATE WITH THE  
INTERNATIONAL  
SPACE STATION

As we go to press, we are awaiting word from NASA about the exact timing of our radio hook-up with the International Space Station. We will keep our school schedule flexible until we receive official notice of our rendezvous date. The 10-minute live forum will bounce between Anacapa students and astronauts as the space station's orbit passes over Southern California sometime in the four days spanning May 20-23. Students in the Anacapa Near Space Exploration Club (ANSEC) are laying the groundwork for the contact and will coordinate the actual event. Watch for an e-mail from the school once we have the date and time!

EARLY DISMISSAL  
ON MAY 22

Parents, please note that students will be dismissed at 12:25pm on Wednesday, May 22 to give teachers time for a special faculty meeting that afternoon. Work/Study will take place from 12:30 to 1:00pm that day.

SOFTBALL GAME  
AND BBQ—THE  
TRADITION LIVES ON!

It's the game we've all been waiting for! The Friday afternoon activity for May 24 will be our annual all-school spring BBQ and softball game. This game of Anacapa-style softball has become a tradition that's always fun and user-friendly. Students, bring your caps and mitts!

WE'RE COUNTING ON  
EVERYONE DOING  
THEIR PART FOR  
ANNUAL GIVING!

Our school community's support of the recent auction was awesome. The success of our Annual Giving campaign is also crucial to keeping Anacapa strong. The school appreciates – and our budget relies on – Annual Giving donations from all of our families. Soon, you will be receiving a letter requesting that you help us reach our goal on this budgeted line item. Gifts of all sizes are valued greatly. With all of us doing the best we can, together we will help Anacapa continue to improve the lives and futures of students.

As we go to press, we have not yet reached our two goals for Annual Giving—\$50,000 AND 100% participation from currently enrolled families. By this time next month, we hope to see the gap closed on both of those goals, and we'd like to see YOUR name included in our list of much-appreciated parent donors. Thank you one and all. We can do it!

COME SEE OUR  
SQUARE AT THE  
*I MADONNARI*  
CHALK ART FESTIVAL

Anacapa student artists will once again participate in the *I Madonnari* chalk painting festival over Memorial Day weekend. We hope many of our families will stop by to watch our artists work at the Santa Barbara Mission on Saturday, May 25 or to check out their completed masterpiece on Sunday, May 26 or Monday, May 27. (Look for the HUB Insurance square. Our thanks to HUB for sponsoring our block once again!)

BRING THE  
WHOLE FAMILY  
— AND PROSPECTIVE  
ANACAPA FAMILIES —  
TO ENJOY OUR  
STUDENT ART SHOW  
AND CONCERT AT  
5PM MAY 28

Our fabulous student artists and writers will display their work, and our talented Ensemble Music class will perform on campus at 5pm on Tuesday, May 28. We invite you to bring the whole family and join us! Paula Campanelli, Suzie Sichi, Alison Nigh Strellich, and Peggy Lauer have assembled students' art and writing; and Hugo Macario is rehearsing his musicians. All YOU need to do is come and enjoy some tasty treats, a glass of wine, and our students' art and music! You'll be amazed at their abundant talent and creativity!

We also encourage you to bring along grandparents as well as friends, neighbors, or others who might be interested in Anacapa for their student. This will be a great way to introduce them to our lovely campus and our friendly school community—and to see the fruits of our students' labors!

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## THE LAST DAY OF CLASSES AND FINAL EXAMS

Thursday, May 30 is the last day of regular classes before final exams and the whirlwind of our end-of-the-year activities. Final exams begin on Friday morning, May 31. Exams for other classes will be scheduled Monday-Wednesday, June 3-5. **The final exam schedule will be sent to you later this month.**

## FACULTY CORNER: FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Be sure to check out this month's *Faculty Corner* from Spanish teacher Hugo Macario and Italian teacher Suzie Sichi.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO (CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?)

# JUNE...

Here's a heads-up on what's happening as we close out the school year:

- June 3-5 Final Exams Continue... (They begin on May 31.)
- June 4 Annual Swim Party (after Tuesday final exams) (12:30-3pm)
- June 6 Grading Day and Trip Prep. (No School)
- June 7 Lower School: Promotion / Potluck Salad Lunch (12 noon)  
Upper School: No School But You're Welcome to Come!
- June 9-12 End-of-the-Year Trip: Los Angeles  
(Details to come later – ALSO: See note below.)
- June 13 Trip Recovery Day (No School)
- June 14 Last Day of School for ALL Students (9 am-12 noon)  
Rehearsal for Seniors and Juniors (12 noon-2:30pm)  
Graduation Reception (5:30pm)  
Graduation Ceremony / ALL-SCHOOL Awards (6:30pm)

**GRADUATION IS NOT JUST FOR SENIORS! We appreciate having ALL of our students and their families in attendance at this very special event. Please make plans to join us at Santa Barbara Woman's Club – Rockwood on Friday evening, June 14.**

## WE'LL NEED SOME DRIVERS FOR THE ALL-SCHOOL SWIM PARTY

The traditional end-of-the-year swim party will take place at Hidden Oaks from 12:30 to 3pm on Tuesday, June 4 (after Gordon's final exams). We'll need some parent drivers, so please call the school office if you can help! Students will be asked to bring refreshments to share. Watch for the Senate's postcard about what they'd like you to bring!

## WE'RE HEADED TO THE CITY OF ANGELS!

We'll be celebrating what has been a great school year on our much-anticipated End-of-the-Year Trip next month. We're looking forward to Anacapa's first-ever extended trip to Los Angeles. We plan to leave on Sunday, June 9 and return on Wednesday, June 12. Watch for a separate trip mailing with details later this month.

## PRELIMINARY CALENDAR LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013-2014

Enclosed in this month's mailing is a copy of the Anacapa School calendar for the 2013-2014 school year. As we noted last month, our first day of school next fall will be a FRIDAY (September 6). That's when we'll have our first day of orientation. The second day of orientation, which will include our traditional family picnic at Leadbetter Beach, will be MONDAY, September 9.

As always, seniors will play a crucial leadership role as we welcome new students and launch the new school year. That means the Class of 2014 will be meeting sometime before September 6 to partake in some special activities and to organize the orientation. Suzie will be in touch with rising seniors this summer with specific dates and times.