

SEPTEMBER 2013 NOTABLES



WELCOME TO THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year! We're delighted that you and your family will be a part of this Anacapa adventure! We're looking forward to having our returning students and their families back for another great school year, and we extend a warm WELCOME to our NEW students and their families!

IT'S HANDBOOK CONFERENCE TIME FOR NEW STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS!

The mandatory handbook review meeting for new families will take place from 5:00 to 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 4. All new students and at least one parent must attend this important meeting with Gordon Sichi. New students and parents are reminded to read the handbook carefully and discuss it together before the meeting. Please bring your family's copy along with you to the meeting. Need another copy? Just call the school office to request one or drop by campus to pick up a copy.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Anacapa is an excellent choice for international students who want a high-quality college-preparatory education in a supportive school community. Over the years, we have been fortunate to have had students from all over the world, including Brazil, England, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, and Vietnam. This fall, we welcome three new international students to Anacapa:

- Kelly Hu (11th grade) from China. Kelly attended school in Louisiana last year before moving to Santa Barbara this summer to live with relatives.
- Han Pham (11th grade) from Vietnam. Han will be living with an Anacapa alum parent, Candi Corbani (mom of Donna Corbani, Class of 1990).
- Pica Zhuang (10th grade) from China. Pica will be living with an Anacapa alum family, Joe and Sylvia Figueroa (parents of Joshua Figueroa, Class of 2011.)

These students join four returning international students whom we are delighted to have back this fall:

- Tommy Azumendi (10th grade), who started at Anacapa last spring after moving here from Argentina with his mom.
- Felipe Bernardes (11th grade), who started at Anacapa last spring and will finish his stay this semester before returning to Brazil.
- Jae Heun Roe (11th grade), who returns to Anacapa after spending the summer at home in South Korea.
- Allen Zhang (12th grade), who spent the summer at home in China and now returns for senior year.

We know our Anacapa families will make these students feel welcome and supported as they embark on their personal journeys in a new country. We have much to learn from each other!

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SEPT. 6 & 9 ORIENTATION:

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

School opens on Friday, September 6 with a two-day orientation for students. Families are invited to join us at Leadbetter Beach for our annual family potluck picnic on Monday evening, September 9.

Our orientation program gives us a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones as we enjoy some Anacapa-style bonding. Our goals are to make all students and teachers feel welcome, to introduce everyone, to take care of some "business," and to celebrate who and what we are! Orientation schedules were mailed to you earlier, and copies are posted on the school Web site – www.anacapaschool.org. Please note specific times for the separate Lower and Upper School sessions on both Friday and Monday.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Students will receive their morning class schedules at orientation on Friday, September 6, and will meet briefly with each teacher in a quick run-through of the morning academic schedule. If you haven't already done so, please return the yellow postcard with your student's afternoon elective preferences as soon as possible. Morning classes will begin on Tuesday, September 10, and afternoon electives will begin the next day.

CALLING ALL NEW WORK/STUDY STUDENTS

Students who will be new to the school's Work/Study program will have a brief meeting on campus on Monday, September 9 at 12:30pm (between the Lower School and Upper School beach sessions that day). Students are asked to bring a sack lunch to the meeting. We'll finish by 1:30pm.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC AT LEADBETTER BEACH MONDAY, SEPT. 9 (PLEASE: NO PETS!)

Please join us for the all-school potluck picnic at Leadbetter Beach from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday evening, September 9. The school will provide bread, paper plates, and utensils. Families should bring their own non-alcoholic beverages and food items as noted below:

STUDENT last names beginning with:

- A-C** please bring a **DESSERT** to serve 10-12 AND your drinks
- D-L** please bring a **SALAD or VEGGIES** to serve 10-12 AND your drinks
- M-Z** please bring a **MAIN DISH** to serve 10-12 AND your drinks

If you have TWO Anacapa students, please DOUBLE your dish.

HOW'S YOUR SUMMER READING COMING ALONG?

Literature teachers Peggy Lauer and Alison Strelch remind students to complete their assigned summer reading before classes begin on Tuesday, September 10:

- ALL Students – *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*
- ADDITIONAL for AP Literature – Poetry Packet from Peggy

WORK/STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

All Work/Study students are asked to bring a sack lunch on Tuesday, September 10, as they will be meeting with faculty supervisors during the school's lunch period (12:25-1:10 pm). Work/Study students will start their after-school work that afternoon. Once we get into the swing of things, these students will usually be finished with their chores about 3:30. For the first couple of weeks, however, it will probably take us a little longer. Please bear with us as we all settle into our new routines!

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION ON SEPTEMBER 10

The school will host an orientation meeting for new parents at 5:30 on Tuesday evening, September 10. Please note that students do not attend this meeting; it is for parents only. This is one of the ways we try to help parents settle in at Anacapa! Of course, you'll also have a chance to meet other new parents. No need to RSVP – just come! The event will last about an hour.

INFORMATION ON THE ZION TRIP IS ENCLOSED. PLEASE READ IT SOONER RATHER THAN LATER BECAUSE IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

Included in this mailing is information about our Beginning-of-the-Year Trip to Zion. Please be sure to look at the equipment list right away, so you are well prepared for this trip. It's coming up soon!

Trip information, including the equipment list, is also posted on the school Web site (see "For Your Information" in the right sidebar of the home page). Of special note are the following:

- Payment (\$325) is due by Thursday, September 12.
- Medications to be taken on the trip must also be turned in, along with instructions, to the school office by Thursday, September 12.
- Students should arrive on campus with their gear at 5:00am on Sunday, September 15 for our early departure.
- We are scheduled to return to campus at 10:00 pm on Thursday, September 19.
- Trip Recovery Day will be Friday, September 20—no school!
- Classes resume on Monday, September 23.

SEPTEMBER 25 PLEASE ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING!

Parents are encouraged to attend an important meeting on campus at 6:45pm, Wednesday, September 25. Our guest presenters Kristi Miller (owner and founder of Solutions in Parenting) and Stacy Christopher (social media consultant and owner of a technology consulting firm) will conduct a session on technology and teens, including information on appropriate / inappropriate use of the Internet and the crucial role parents play. Kristi and Stacy are currently working on a book, **Screen Time**, about ways to put sanity back into the parenting and technology relationship. We hope you'll join us for what promises to be an engaging discussion.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

First semester student senate elections are scheduled for the "Club" period on Thursday, September 26. If your student is interested in this leadership opportunity, encourage her or him to run. The senators and the tribune (the head of the student senate) meet once a week—usually at lunch on Mondays—to plan student activities.

AXXESS CARDS: WE'D LIKE EVERYONE TO HELP WITH THIS STUDENT FUNDRAISER!

Once again, families are asked to help the Anacapa student Senate earn money—and you'll also get great discounts for yourself! Students will be 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. The Senate typically earns over \$1,000 with this win-win fundraiser—one we hope you'll support.

Students will receive their Axxess packets at Breakfast Club on Monday, September 23. Sales end on Monday, October 7; that's the final day to turn in money and/or unused Axxess booklets. Thanks for your support!

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BRING YOUR
BEST SMILE...
SCHOOL PHOTOS
ON SEPTEMBER 27

Both individual portraits and our traditional all-school photo will be taken on campus on Friday afternoon, September 27. We're looking forward to working with photographer Emily Hart-Roberts once again. **An order form is enclosed in this mailing. Order forms and payments are due in the school office by Tuesday, September 24.** Checks should be made payable to Emily Hart-Roberts Photography.

PEDAL ON OVER TO
SCHOOL FOR A
CHANCE TO MAKE
SURE YOUR BIKE IS
IN TIP-TOP SHAPE
AND TO SHARPEN
YOUR RIDING SKILLS

On Saturday, September 28, Santa Barbara Bike Coalition (SBBC) will be on campus to train us in bicycle safety and rules of the road. Bring your bike and join us at 10:00am in Elliott Hall to review rules of the road and learn some safety tips to help us all become confident cyclists on the road. At 11:00, we will move to the back parking lot for bike handling and ABC quick check. Bring your lunch because afterward the SBBC trainers will lead us on a ride to practice all we've learned. **This free event is open to the whole family! Call Bekah in the Anacapa office and let her know how many are coming so we have enough trainers.** There will be another bike clinic on Saturday, October 26 to learn how to fix a flat, remove the front wheel...and another bike ride!

STUDENTS TO SET
THEIR GOALS

On Monday, September 30, students will write three personal goals (two of which should be academic goals) for the year. Students will track their progress throughout the year at their advisor meetings. These activities can provide some good conversation opportunities at home, so ask your student about them!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Notables, our monthly mailing to families and teachers, provides information about upcoming school events and activities. We rely on this notice to keep you informed. Please keep this mailer and calendar handy for reference throughout the month. *Notables* and the calendar are also posted on our Web site (www.anacapaschool.org) each month. For quick access, look for the link toward the bottom of the right-hand sidebar on any page of our Web site.

LOADING ZONE:
SAFETY FIRST
AND FOREMOST

The white passenger loading zone on Santa Barbara Street is to be used only for dropping off and picking up students. Please be very careful and move forward as traffic allows and do not linger in the passenger loading zone. We all need to work together to provide a SAFE loading area. By law, parking is not allowed in that zone, and the City does issue tickets from time to time to cars left unattended in the loading zone.

JAYWALKING
REMINDER

Parents, we need your help! Please observe Anacapa's very strict NO JAYWALKING rule at ALL times—even when you're attending a social event on campus and especially when you're picking up your student after a trip. Students are less likely to be tempted to jaywalk if parents use the crosswalks and cross with the lights. We appreciate your help!

PARKING LOT
IS OFF LIMITS

Parents and students are reminded not to use the parking lot behind the school at any time (including evenings and weekends). We have only eight parking spaces in that area that "belong" to Anacapa. The rest belong to our neighbor. Thank you for your continued help in this important area of school operations and good neighborly relations!

A GOOD WAY TO HELP ANACAPA ALL YEAR LONG...

If you know a family with a student who would be a good addition to Anacapa, please invite them to give us a call or stop by campus to find out more about our program—or, better yet, come along with them, show them around campus, and introduce them to us at our November 19 Open House! **Positive word-of-mouth is one of the most important ways families find out about our gem of a school.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS!

It's an exciting time for the Class of 2014 as they begin their senior year! We all hope it's the best year ever for each one of them! Enclosed for senior parents is a list of important senior dates, including the following:

- The Class of 2014 will have breakfast with Gordon at 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 3.
- After the breakfast, seniors will meet with Suzie at 10:30 am to prepare for orientation.
- College counselor Lynn Hamilton will meet with seniors on campus at 11:45 am on Tuesday, September 3—right after their meeting with Suzie.
- Please note that seniors will be on campus for both the Lower and Upper School orientation sessions on Friday, September 6 and Monday, September 9, including the family potluck picnic that evening. We always appreciate the key role our senior class plays in helping us launch the new school year during orientation!
- Friday, September 6 is the registration deadline for the October SAT, and Thursday, October 3 is the deadline to register for the November SAT. For details, go to www.collegeboard.com or check out the SAT information in the Computer Room at school.
- The Senior Dinner at Gordon and Suzie's home will be at 4:30 pm, Tuesday, October 8. Teachers and seniors attend this event. Seniors are asked to gather on campus at 4:00 so teachers can drive them to the dinner.
- College Counselor Lynn Hamilton will meet with seniors AND their parents on campus at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, October 15.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SOME IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES!

We'll tell you more in October *Notables*, but please note these dates on your family calendar::

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| • 7pm, Wed., Oct. 2 | Trip Slideshow and Dessert Potluck |
| • 2-5pm, Sun., Oct. 6 | GRAPE STOMP: Family Event at Fess Parker Winery to Benefit Anacapa School |
| • 4pm, Tues., Oct. 8 | Senior Dinner at the Sichis' Home |
| • Afternoon, Fri., Oct. 11 | Lower School Social at Golf & Stuff |
| • 12-3 pm, Wed., Oct. 16 | PSAT for Grades 10-11 |
| • 9am-12noon, Sat., Oct. 19 | Parent Academic Morning (a chance for parents to follow an abbreviated form of their student's daily schedule) |