

OCTOBER 2013 NOTABLES



WE NEED MORE GREAT STUDENT AMBASSADORS!

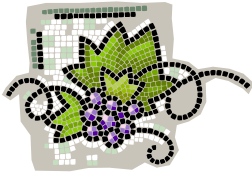
Gordon always says, "Good kids bring good kids!" And we have plenty of GOOD KIDS at Anacapa! Every year, our Anacapa student ambassadors play a key role in our recruitment of new students by serving as campus tour guides at open houses and hosting prospective students who visit.

Training for returning student ambassadors will take place on Tuesday, October 1. We're also signing up new Anacapa student ambassadors for the 2013-2014 school year. They will have a training session at lunch on Thursday, October 10. If you think this volunteer activity is something your student would enjoy, please encourage him or her to sign up.

SHARE THE TRIP FUN AT OUR SLIDE SHOW & FAMILY DESSERT POTLUCK

We're sure you've heard some of the stories about our Zion trip! Now you'll also have a chance to see the photos from the trip at our family dessert potluck and trip slide show! Please bring the whole family and join us on campus at 7pm, Wednesday, October 2 for this popular event. Families are asked to bring a small dessert (to serve 6) to share that evening. See you there!

GRAPE STOMP 2013



IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR ANACAPA FAMILY DISCOUNT TICKETS FOR THIS FUN FAMILY EVENT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6!

We're looking forward to having a big gathering at Fess Parker Winery in Los Olivos from 2 to 5pm on Sunday afternoon, October 6. In addition to being a fun family event for the entire Anacapa community, it will be an important fundraiser for the school. **Once again, thanks to the generosity of Anacapa parent Eli Parker and the Fess Parker Winery's amazing donation of its fantastic venue, food, and wine, proceeds from the Grape Stomp will support Anacapa's scholarship fund.** Come stomp with us and enjoy:

- Santa Maria-style Barbecue
- Fess Parker Wines
- Great Music Played by The Nombres
- Fun Activities for the Whole Family

Anacapa families may purchase up to TWO DISCOUNTED tickets online at <http://www.anacapaschool.org/grapestomp40>. This exclusive offer is available only for Anacapa families. Other tickets will cost:

- Adults: \$65 online in advance, \$75 at the door
- Ages 6-20 & Designated Drivers: \$35
- Children 5 and under are FREE!

Special thanks go to the sponsors of our 2nd Annual Grape Stomp:

- Cicileo Landscapes, Inc.
- Wilja Happe and Farmers West
- The Mayrock Family
- Julie and Chris Proctor
- Bill Terry Insurance Agency

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AXXESS CARD
SALES END
OCTOBER 7

As you know, families have been asked to help the student Senate earn money—and you'll also get great discounts for yourself! Our students are 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. Typically, the Senate has earned over \$1,000 with this win-win fundraiser—one we hope you'll support this year. Students received their Axxess packets on Monday, September 23. **Sales end Monday, October 7; that's the final day to turn in money and/or unused Axxess booklets.** Thanks for your support!

AFTER-SCHOOL
HOMEWORK CLUB—
ANOTHER GREAT
RESOURCE FOR
STUDENTS

One of the great components of the Anacapa program is the challenge of the academics—students gain a sense of accomplishment as their successes mount and a validated sense of pride in their efforts. The Homework Club, which began recently, is one part of the support system that helps students achieve success. On most Tuesdays and Thursdays, you'll find our newest faculty member — Dillon Yuhasz (Anacapa Class of 2009) — in Lassen Hall running a study hall that we call *Homework Club*. This is an opportunity for students to have a quiet place to work, plus Dillon will be available to assist in many subject areas. In previous years, students have benefited from this organized quiet space and time, so please encourage your student(s) to attend!

SENIOR DINNER:
IT'S A TRADITION!

The Senior Dinner at Gordon and Suzie's home is scheduled for 4:30pm on Tuesday, October 8. Teachers will drive seniors to the event at 4pm and back to campus at its conclusion.

SOPHOMORES, ARE
YOU INTERESTED?

We are exploring the possibility of offering sophomores the chance to take the PLAN test, which is the precursor to the ACT just as the PSAT is the precursor to the SAT. Because some students across the country have been finding in recent years that they prefer the ACT, the PLAN will give Anacapa students a good gauge of whether this is true for them or not. If there is sufficient interest, we will look into scheduling the PLAN for a Saturday this fall. The test takes 3 hours from start to finish and will cost approximately \$15 a student. **Sophomores, please let Bekah know by October 9 if you're interested** in taking the PLAN.

MORE 7TH AND 8TH
GRADE BONDING
AT THE LOWER
SCHOOL SOCIAL

The Lower School (grades 7 and 8) will have lunch and a round of miniature golf at Golf & Stuff in Ventura on Friday afternoon, October 11. Anacapa teachers will provide transportation and supervision. The group will make every effort to return to campus in time for a regular 3pm dismissal (traffic permitting). An information flyer with details is included in this mailing for Lower School families. **Please note that your student's \$18 payment is due by Wednesday, October 9.**

MID-QUARTER NOTICES:
KEEPING PARENTS
IN THE LOOP

Mid-quarter notices will be mailed to parents between October 11 and October 18. Please note that not all students receive these notices. Teachers send them if a student is having a problem in a class. They may also send a notice to commend exceptional performance, effort, and improvement. Teachers and academic advisors are available to discuss students' progress. You may leave a message for a teacher or an advisor by calling the school office, or you may e-mail a teacher directly (refer to the list of teachers' e-mail addresses included in this issue of *Notables*).

A MEETING FOR SENIORS AND SENIOR PARENTS

College counselor Lynn Hamilton has been meeting with seniors this fall. Now she'll meet on campus with seniors AND their parents at 5:30pm on Tuesday, October 15. Please bring your calendars and questions!

GRADES 10 & 11 TO TAKE PSAT OCTOBER 16

The PSAT will be administered on campus to sophomores and juniors on Wednesday afternoon, October 16. The school has taken care of registrations. Sophomores and juniors will have a PSAT preparation session on campus on Friday, October 11.

PARENT ACADEMIC MORNING—IT'S JUST FOR PARENTS!



Parent Academic Morning gives parents an opportunity to follow an abbreviated form of their student's schedule of classes. You'll meet your student's teachers, find out about expectations, and learn what each class is planning for your student. Please join us for Parent Academic Morning from 9am to 12noon, on Saturday, October 19. We'll have refreshments and schedule distribution beginning at 8:45, and then we'll start PROMPTLY in Elliott Hall at 9am. Please note that Parent Academic Morning is for **parents only**! In fairness to all, parents are asked to refrain from engaging teachers in discussions about a particular student at this time. Teachers are happy to talk with you individually about your student by phone or personal appointment at another time. Call the school office to leave a message!

PARKING: Weekend parking is often available in the large SB School District parking lot on the corner of Santa Barbara and De La Guerra streets. We have also made arrangements with our neighbor, Sonos, to use some of their parking spaces on Parent Academic Morning. **For this special event only**, parking is available in the Sonos parking lot behind the school, but please do **NOT** take any of the "VIP" parking spots in front of the fountain in the Sonos courtyard **OR** any of the parking spaces owned by SG Acquisitions to the immediate left as you enter from De La Guerra Street.

CLASS FUN COMING UP!

The October 24 Thursday "Club" period will be the first of a series of "Class Fun Activities" held throughout the year. Each grade level and the teacher "sponsor" for that grade will do something together during that time to get to know each other better and to promote class bonding.

RSVP BY OCTOBER 22! PEDAL ON OVER TO SCHOOL TO GET YOUR BIKE IN TIP-TOP SHAPE AND SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS

We already have some reservations for the next bicycle clinic to be held on Saturday, October 26! That's when the 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 10am 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 event is open to the whole family! Call Bekah in the Anacapa office by October 22 to let her know how many are coming.**

FACULTY CORNER HIGHLIGHTS STEAM

In this month's *Faculty Corner*, you can learn more about Anacapa's ever-growing involvement in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM). Teachers Bryan Anderson (Robotics) and Levi Maaia (STEAM Lab) share their enthusiasm for some dynamic curriculum advances. Check out their *Faculty Corner*!

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HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31!



HEADS-UP TO THE SENIOR CLASS

LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS MONTHLY MAILING BY E-MAIL

EASY E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR TEACHERS / STAFF

Students who would like to wear a costume to school on Halloween—and most of our students do!—are welcome to do so. We'll enjoy our traditional Halloween festivities including pumpkin carving, refreshments, and other holiday fun during the afternoon that day! **Lower Schoolers are asked to bring a pumpkin to carve.** Please note that Thursday afternoon classes will be made up on Friday afternoon, October 25.



Seniors, please note the following important dates this month:

- The registration deadline for the November SAT is October 3.
- The Senior Dinner at Gordon and Suzie's home is scheduled for 4:30pm on Tuesday, October 8. Teachers will drive students to and from the event, so seniors should be on campus and ready to go at 4pm that afternoon.
- Seniors will have a college application workshop with college counselor Lynn Hamilton on Friday afternoon, October 11.
- Lynn is scheduled to meet with seniors AND THEIR PARENTS on campus at 5:30pm, Tuesday, October 15. See details elsewhere in this issue of *Notables*.

Once again, we are offering families the opportunity to receive Anacapa's monthly *Notables* and calendar via e-mail. If you received this month's issue by regular mail but you'd like to start receiving this newsletter electronically, please let us know. The best way to "sign up" for the electronic version is to e-mail the school and ask us to add your name to the families who prefer e-mail for this monthly mailing. You can send your request to anacapa@anacapaschool.org. **If e-mail just isn't your thing (or if you don't check your e-mail often enough to ensure a timely delivery of this in-house newsletter), we are very happy to continue sending it to you through the regular mail. It's YOUR call!**

Anacapa teachers and staff all have easy-to-remember school e-mail addresses. Just type in the teacher or staff member's FIRST NAME followed by @anacapaschool.org.

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Suzie Sichi	suzie@anacapaschool.org
Alison Strellich	alison@anacapaschool.org
Dillon Yuhasz	dillon@anacapaschool.org

In addition to these individual e-mail accounts, the school also maintains a central office e-mail: anacapa@anacapaschool.org. You're always welcome to use that account, and the office will be happy to forward your e-mail to a teacher, if necessary.

PARENTS, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN TWO IMPORTANT AREAS

In today's world, the competition for students' attention and focus is intense and the potential for distractions is ever-present. We're working hard at school to maintain a "professional" atmosphere conducive to learning and free of distractions. That is the general principle behind our school policies in two very important areas.

Cell Phone Usage: To give our students the opportunity to take full advantage of the Anacapa experience—in both the academic and social realms—we limit cell phone usage (including text messaging) to designated areas on campus during non-class time. As stated in the school handbook, **"In support of the school's cell phone policy, parents are asked to call the school office to leave a message for a student rather than calling or texting the student's cell phone during school hours."**

Dress Code: Clothing that may be perfectly fine for the beach or a party is not always appropriate for school. **The dress code guidelines in the school handbook are excerpted on the back side of this page, and we hope you and your student will take a few minutes to review them.** Students who do not meet these guidelines may be asked to change into something more suitable for the school setting or to call a parent to ask that a change of clothes be brought to school.

THANK YOU for your support in these two very important areas!

HELP US SET THE MENU FOR THE 2013-2014 BREAKFAST CLUB!

Breakfast Club, our daily all-school meeting, brings a vast array of interesting speakers to campus. Whether our speakers tell us about their job, a trip, an outside interest, or some other passion in their life, it's always a real learning experience for us!

Parents, you're one of our best sources for finding good speakers! If you—or someone you know—would like to make a brief presentation (about 10-15 minutes) to our students, please call Bekah in the school office and ask her to leave a message for Gordon. Occasionally, we can schedule an extended Breakfast Club, so if you need more time to cover your topic, let us know and we'll consider that. Thanks for helping us with this important aspect of the experiential side of an Anacapa education!

SCHOOL DIRECTORY AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH

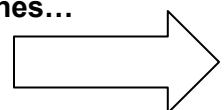
The 2013-2014 school directory will be ready this month! Both students and parents will receive a personal copy—you don't have to share! Please inform the school office right away if you have any changes in your directory information during the school year.

SAVE-THE-DATE

Please save the dates and mark your calendars now for the following:

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| • 5:00pm, Tues., Nov. 19 | Open House for
Prospective Students and
Their Families |
| • 7:30-9pm, Mon., Nov. 25 | Family Math Fair |
| • Afternoon, Wed., Dec. 4 /Thurs., Dec. 5 | Parent /Student /Advisor
Conferences |
| • Afternoon, Sun., March 16 | Anacapa School AUCTION |

See the back side of this page for a quick review of the school's dress code guidelines...



Personal Appearance

(excerpted from the 2013-2014 Anacapa School Handbook, pages 19-20)

Students come to school to learn. They need to be mindful of the academic environment, and their attire should be a reflection of that. Inappropriate clothing and appearance can be a distraction in class and can misrepresent the school during outings in our community.

Students are required to be neat and clean and to use good judgment in matters of dress and appearance. Casual dress is acceptable, but students should be mindful of the academic setting. Individual teachers may reserve the right to have students remove their hats/caps in the classroom.

Proper sports attire must be worn for physical education classes and competitive sports events.

The school reserves the right to label some fashion trends as unacceptable for school. The following, among others at the discretion of the headmaster, are not appropriate for school:

- Ragged, smelly, dirty, or unkempt clothing or appearance.
- Bare feet.
- Clothes with sexually explicit, bigoted, offensive, or derogatory images and/or words, or with references to drugs and/or alcohol.
- Extreme hairstyles such as dreadlocks and shaved heads and/or extreme, unnatural, or distracting hair colors including, but not limited to, pink, purple, orange, green, red, and blue.
- Body piercing other than ears.
- Tattoos.
- Drawings on hands, arms, and other parts of the body.
- Exposed underwear, including boxer shorts, long underwear, bra straps, etc.
- Pajamas.
- Low-slung pants and/or shorts.
- Low-cut and otherwise revealing tops (no exposed cleavage).
- The braless and/or bare-midriff look (no exposed navels).
- Extremely short mini-skirts and/or shorts (length must exceed the knuckle of the middle finger of the hand when arms are extended down and to the side).
- Sunglasses worn indoors.
- Wearing sweatshirt hoods and beanies.

Students whose appearance is inappropriate will be advised to make necessary (and in some cases immediate) changes. If suitable clothes are not available at school, the student will be required to call his or her parents to have appropriate clothes brought to school. The student will not be allowed to participate in school activities until properly attired.