

# FEBRUARY 2014 NOTABLES



WELCOME TO TWO  
NEW ANACAPANS!



Please extend a warm Anacapa welcome to our two new tenth graders: **Spencer Ferrell** and **Lisa Geisler**. Spencer and his family moved to Santa Barbara last summer. Before applying for mid-year admission at Anacapa, Spencer was enrolled in Olive Grove Charter School. **Lisa Geisler** is an international student from Munich; she is living with a local host family and attending Anacapa until spring break in late March. We are delighted to have both Lisa and Spencer! Welcome!

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

We expect to mail first semester report cards and teachers' written comments to parents sometime after February 6.

When you receive these, 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 they meet with their advisors, so we count on parents to share them with their student at home. Thanks!

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

Auction donations have started to roll 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 24, 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!

WORKING TOWARD  
**100%**  
PARTICIPATION:  
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! **Currently, we are only at 29%.**

We thank the following Anacapa parents who, as we go to press, have already made their donations to the 2013-2014 Annual Giving campaign:

**Peter Artusio & Sonja Winter, Anthony Boyle & Helen Morales, Liz & Jon Brady, Matthew & Debby Brooke, Julie & Doug Burdette, Peter & Marie Isabelle Dalbadie, Victoria Deane & Trevor Pritchard, Lauren Emma, Jairo & Thrisha Francia, Modesto & Teresa Gonzalez, Ali Ironside, Alecia & Elliot Mayrock, Juli & George Powell, Colleen & John Rickman, the Roe Family, Henry Rousso, Zoraida Toshiko Yoneyama, and the Zhang Family**

We look forward to seeing even more names listed next month! Tax-deductible donations may be made online at [www.anacapaschool.org](http://www.anacapaschool.org) or sent directly to the school. **Gifts of all sizes are important to us. The goal is 100% participation.** Thanks for your support in this most important campaign.

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## NEED SOME MORE AUCTION DONATION IDEAS?

Getting donations for our auction 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/2014/01/28/donate-to-the-2014-anacapa-auction/> 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!

## IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS OF JUNIORS

Juniors typically take the SAT in May or June. Please note that the June 2014 date will conflict with our Upper School trip to Boston, so your student should register to take the SAT in May. **The test will be administered on Saturday, May 3, 2014; the registration deadline for that test is Friday, April 4.** Juniors might want to register EARLY for the May 3 SAT to ensure that space is available for them at a local testing site.

## A DIRECTORY UPDATE

Included with this issue of *Notables*, you'll find a new update for this year's 2013-2014 school directory. Please note the additions and changes in your directory. If any contact information changes for you or your student, please be sure to let the school office know right away. Thanks.

## THE STUDENT TALENT SHOW!

To help kick off the second semester, the much-anticipated annual talent show will take place on Friday afternoon, February 7. 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!

## COLLEGE COUNSELOR MEETS GRADES 9 AND 10

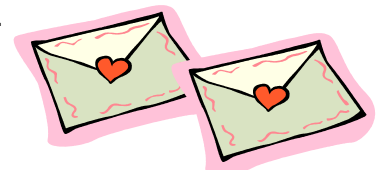
College counselor Lynn Hamilton will meet with ninth and tenth graders on campus at 12:45 pm on Tuesday, February 11. Students in those two grades are asked to bring their lunch and their questions for this meeting with Lynn!

## STUDENTS SUPPORT AUCTION BY SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS

**Watch for raffle tickets coming home soon!** For the last nine years, the student body has played a very important role in boosting the bottom line for our auction fund-raising efforts, making the last nine auctions some of the most successful ever! And we're hoping for a repeat this year. Once again, students will be asked to sell auction raffle tickets for some great 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 13.**

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

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



**FEBRUARY 12  
IS THE LAST DAY  
TO ADD TO YOUR  
GRADE'S AUCTION  
THEME BASKET**

Thank you to all who have already dropped off a donation 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 12 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 Gourmet Delights**

**Grade 8 Dog and Cat**

**Grade 9 Teen Boy**

**Grade 10 Baby Girl**

**Grade 11 Teen Girl**

**Grade 12 Baby Boy**

If you have a question or need a suggestion for your grade's basket, you can call Julia Alcerro at 570-4881 or e-mail her at [heydr.rey@hotmail.com](mailto:heydr.rey@hotmail.com).

**STUDENTS TO MEET  
WITH ADVISORS**

Students will meet individually with their academic advisors on Thursday 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.

**WE ♥ VALENTINE'S  
DAY AT ANACAPA**

We'll enjoy a low-key celebration of Valentine's Day on campus Friday, 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 14 (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 14**

Students will be dismissed after morning academic classes on Friday, February 14 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 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 14, please refer to the note above.)

**PRESIDENTS' WEEK  
BREAK: FEB. 15-23**



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 15 through Sunday, February 23. 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 24!

**PARENT HELPERS  
NEEDED AFTER  
MARDI GRAS**

We need some parent volunteers to help with clean-up after the Mardi Gras party on Friday, February 28. If you can pitch in at 11 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!

**OUR MUSIC CLASS  
IS LOOKING FOR  
A BASS GUITAR**

The Ensemble Music class needs a bass guitar. If you have one that you'd like to donate to the school, please contact music teacher Hugo Macario ([hugo@anacapaschool.org](mailto:hugo@anacapaschool.org)).

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## BRIDGING THE GAP IN AFRICA

Anacapa English and photography teacher Alison Strelch invites you to her exhibit of photographs from her trip to Africa last year. The show opens Thursday, February 20 at Salon Patine, 3206 State Street; the photographs will be on exhibit for six weeks. Proceeds will benefit Bridging the Gap Africa, a non-profit organization that works with marginalized groups of people in sub-Saharan Africa to build bridges that provide them with safe crossings across dangerous rivers, gullies, and ravines – improving their quality of life by lessening their daily foot-travel burdens and greatly reducing their risks of losing loved ones.

## 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 Wednesday, February 26. Campus tours will be held from 5:00 to 5:30 followed by a one-hour program. Help us spread the word! We want more good kids like your good kids!

## MARDI GRAS: LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!



*Food! Music! Dancing! Casino Games!* The student Senate and Mardi Gras committee will host Anacapa's twentieth annual Mardi Gras celebration—a fun-filled social event for students and their guests on Friday evening, February 28 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*.

## 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 parent Julia Alcerro (570-4881) 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



### **Fiesta Anacapa!**

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 16.

The auction committee will mail auction invitations to all parents soon. **Each family is asked to buy or sell 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!

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER BOOK BILLS WILL ARRIVE THIS MONTH

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.

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 25**. 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 2014
- 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!**

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!