

JANUARY 2014 NOTABLES

WELCOME BACK --
CLASSES RESUME
ON MONDAY, JAN. 6

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope your family is enjoying a healthy, relaxing, and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday, January 6**. See you at Breakfast Club at 7:50 a.m. in Elliott Hall!

PARENTS, PLEASE
HELP US KEEP THE
FOCUS ON SAFETY!

We ask that parents be vigilant about not jaywalking and not allowing their students to jaywalk—even for school events held after hours. We are very strict about students not jaywalking and insist that they cross any street legally and safely—checking traffic, using crosswalks, crossing with the lights, and observing school rules.

The busy—and somewhat complicated—intersection at Santa Barbara and De La Guerra streets can be especially challenging. **PLEASE REFER TO THE NEXT SECTION BELOW FOR A SCHOOL RULE CHANGE THAT ADDRESSES SAFETY IN THAT INTERSECTION.**

We also ask parents to help us keep everyone safe by using the loading zone. If you do drop off or pick up students from the other side of the street, please be sure that they exit your car onto the sidewalk (not into the street) and that they go to the corner to cross the street in accordance with the new school rule. As parents of teenagers, you know that consistency is important, so we ask that YOU also follow these rules and safety precautions. Thanks so much for your support!

IMPORTANT!!!
SAFETY ISSUE DRIVES A
HANDBOOK CHANGE

In the interest of safety, the following addition to the handbook has been made: **The irregular design of the intersection at Santa Barbara and De La Guerra streets is very dangerous to pedestrians. When coming from the campus side of the street, students are not allowed to cross Santa Barbara Street at this intersection except by crossing south on De La Guerra Street first and then crossing west on Santa Barbara Street. When crossing from the other direction, students must reverse this route.** We have discussed this rule change with students and would appreciate your addressing it with your student, as well, and following this rule yourself. Thanks!

GET READY! GET SET!
LET THE AUCTION
COUNTDOWN BEGIN!



FIESTA ANACAPA

The theme of this year's auction, to be held on the Anacapa campus on Sunday, March 16, is ***Fiesta Anacapa!*** The auction will feature delicious Mexican food, fun entertainment, great company, and fabulous donations! Anacapa's Auction is a FAMILY event with the emphasis on FUN, SCHOOL SPIRIT, and COMMUNITY-BUILDING TEAMWORK. When we return from the holidays, we'll be kicking into high gear to make this year's Auction a success! The auction is a parent-sponsored event, and **EVERYONE is asked to participate in FIVE WAYS:**

- **Securing three donations for the Live and/or Silent Auctions**
- **Donating an item for your student's grade-level basket (see next page for details)**
- **Working on an Auction committee with other parents (see next page for details)**
- **Purchasing your Auction tickets and selling a few others**
- **Attending the Auction with your family**

Watch for details in a separate mailing in early January. THANKS!

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WE'RE AIMING HIGH:
HELP US REACH
100% PARENT
PARTICIPATION IN
ANNUAL GIVING!

We appreciate the generous Annual Giving donations that have been arriving since the annual appeal went out in late fall. THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR DONATION TO BENEFIT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR'S STUDENTS! Beginning next month, we'll publish names of donors as we work toward our goal of 100% parent participation. Tax-deductible donations may be sent directly to Anacapa or made online via the school's Web site (www.anacapaschool.org). There is no fee for donating online. Gifts of all sizes are important to us. We appreciate knowing that ALL Anacapa parents ARE WORKING WITH US on this important endeavor.

A DIRECTORY UPDATE
IS ENCLOSED

Enclosed in this month's *Notables* is a directory update with recent changes. Please staple this update into your Anacapa directory. We'll issue more updates as the need arises. Please remember to let the office know if you have any changes in your contact information!

STARTING IN JANUARY:
WE WILL BE
COLLECTING ITEMS
FOR THE AUCTION
GRADE-LEVEL
BASKETS

Watch your mailbox for a notice about one of our popular auction items—theme baskets put together by each grade. The notice will include details about which basket(s) your grade(s) will be assembling for this year's auction. When we return from break, there will be boxes on campus to receive donations for the grade-level baskets, so please drop yours off in early January. Please be sure to label your donated item with your student's name, so the auction committee can check you off. Thanks to all for your support! Questions? E-mail or call parent Julia Alcerro at heydr.rey@hotmail.com or 967-0771.

PARENTS, HAVE YOU
SIGNED UP FOR
YOUR AUCTION
COMMITTEE YET?

Thanks to all of you who signed up for auction committees at Parent Academic Morning in October and at the Family Math Fair in November! **Remember, all parents are asked to serve on at least one auction committee.** It's a fun way to meet other parents as we all support this important fund-raising endeavor to benefit our great Anacapa students! We have "experienced" committee chairs – now we need the "worker bees." If you haven't signed up yet for a committee, you may do so by calling Julia Alcerro at 967-0771. Please call us before we call you! Julia will be glad to help you find a committee assignment that will match your interests and availability!

SENIOR PARENTS:
RSVP FOR
FINANCIAL AID
WORKSHOP

A representative from the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara will conduct a financial aid workshop for senior parents from 5:30 to 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 8. **Please email or call the school office by January 6 to let us know whether or not you plan to attend.** We need a FIRM count beforehand. Thanks!

ANOTHER STUDENT
LEADERSHIP
OPPORTUNITY

Our first semester senators and tribune have done a great job! We appreciate their positive energy, enthusiasm, and leadership! We're sure the students elected to serve second semester will carry on the tradition. Nominations for senate and tribune will take place during our first week back from break. Elections will then be held during the Thursday "Club period" on January 16. Please encourage your student to run for office if he or she is interested in this leadership opportunity to serve!

GRASSROOTS
THEATER PRESENTS
MOTOWN MAGIC

Please join us at Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo at 7:30pm on Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11 for our annual Grassroots Theater production. This year's not-to-be-missed performance is a collaborative effort by the Performing Arts and Ensemble Music classes. *MOTOWN MAGIC* will be an entertaining evening you won't want to miss because everyone loves the Motown music, the glamorous costumes, and those fabulous dance moves! Come celebrate the MAGIC of the music called MOTOWN as Anacapa performs the greatest hits from The Supremes, Smokey Robinson, the Jackson 5, The Temptations, and more! (Check out this month's *Faculty Corner* from Salli Eve and Hugo Macario for additional information.)

Tickets for Anacapa students are free when students show their school ID at the box office. Other tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Center Stage box office or online at www.centerstagetheater.org.

PARENTS,
DO U TXT?

Parents, we need your help! Please refrain from texting your student during school hours. The "beep" or vibration that signals an incoming text message on your student's phone is a distraction in class, and it's a rare student who can ignore the signal and not take a quick look, which becomes another distraction. Your support will greatly enhance the educational environment for all our students and teachers. Thank you!

OPEN HOUSE FOR
PROSPECTIVE
STUDENTS:
MONDAY, JANUARY 13



We wouldn't be surprised if you and your family are at Anacapa because another family told you about us. Word-of-mouth is the most effective "advertising" tool we have. That's why it's so important that YOU talk about the "Anacapa experience" whenever you get the chance! We can't emphasize enough the important role our wonderful students and parents play in the whole enterprise of finding more great students and parents for next year.

Anacapa's Open Houses are also a crucial part of our recruitment efforts. Our next Open House is scheduled to take place on campus on Monday, January 13. Campus tours will be held from 5:00 to 5:30 followed by a one-hour program beginning at 5:30. Let the school office know if you would like us to send an invitation to anyone! Better yet – invite a prospective family to the Open House and bring them along with you. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

IT'S ALMOST TIME
TO SELECT
2ND SEMESTER
AFTERNOON
ELECTIVES

In mid-January, you will receive a mailing regarding afternoon elective classes for second semester. (You probably remember receiving a similar mailing last summer for first semester afternoon electives.) When you receive this mailing, please discuss the course offerings with your student and help them make informed choices. Then return the form with your student's first-, second-, and third-choice preferences. We'll do our best to match students' preferences with the available openings! For students who did not take a P.E. class first semester, the school expects that at least one of your second semester electives will be a P.E. class.

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FINAL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 17, 21-23

The final exam schedule is enclosed in this mailing. Please note that exams will take place on Friday, January 17 and Tuesday-Thursday, January 21-23, with two morning exam periods scheduled for each of those days. Please note the following:

- Students come to school only during their scheduled exams.
- Students who have an 8 a.m. exam should report to school at 7:50 for Breakfast Club.
- Work/Study students will do their scholarship work from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. only on days when they have a 10:30-12:30 final.
- There are no afternoon classes or activities on these exam days.
- Friday, January 24 is a semester break for students and a grading day for teachers. There will be no school that day.

MLK, JR. DAY

Please note that school will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

SYNTHESIS UNIT “DISCOVERING WORLD RELIGIONS: EXPLORING LIFE’S BIG QUESTIONS”

Anacapa's annual three-day Synthesis Unit is our premier tool for developing critical thinking skills. The 2013-2014 Synthesis Unit—*Discovering World Religions: Exploring Life's Big Questions*—will take place Monday-Wednesday, January 27-29, and will include visits to at least 10 different places of worship. There will also be an all-day field trip to the Los Angeles area on Friday, January 31. Please remember that student attendance is mandatory and that students will receive 2.5 units of academic credit and a grade based on their attendance and their participation during the Unit and afterward with their work on the Synthesis Unit “product.” Details, including the schedule, will be sent to parents after we return from Winter Break.

THE STUDENT TALENT SHOW IS COMING SOON!

The much-anticipated annual student talent show will take place on Friday afternoon, February 7. The student Senate will be planning and producing this event. It's always a ton of fun, so encourage your student to share a talent or even a “talent” with us!

LOOKING AHEAD...

Please note the following dates for your family calendar:

Fri, Feb 14	Early Dismissal (12:25pm) & Work/Study (12:30-1:00pm)
Feb 15-23	Presidents' Week Break – No School
Mon, Feb 24	Classes Resume
Wed. Feb. 26	Open House for Prospective Students (5-6:30pm)
Fri, Feb 28	Mardi Gras Party (8-11pm)
Sun, Mar 16	AUCTION: Fiesta Anacapa