

# SEPTEMBER 2014 NOTABLES



## WELCOME TO THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome to the 2014-2015 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 Tuesday, September 2. 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 WARM WELCOME TO A NEW TEACHER AND A NEW STAFF MEMBER THIS YEAR!

As we go to press, we are pleased to welcome Liggy Chien to our faculty. Liggy will be teaching Geometry and Calculus now that John Luca has taken a full-time job teaching math at Santa Barbara High School. Liggy has ten years of experience teaching high school mathematics in a school just north of Chicago. She and her husband, a psychology professor at UCSB, live in Goleta with their two children. Welcome, Liggy!

With Bekah Rogers moving to the Bay Area at the end of the summer, we look forward to having Amy Kaminski join our administrative staff on September 8. Amy, a Midwesterner, graduated from the Berklee College of Music in Boston. She has considerable administrative and proofreading / editing experience, and she's looking forward to bringing those skills to Anacapa's front office. Welcome, Amy!

## AND A SPECIAL ANACAPA WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW 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, China, England, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, and Vietnam. This fall, we welcome two new international students to Anacapa:

- Yuwen Chen (10<sup>th</sup> grade) from China
- Dean Wang (11<sup>th</sup> grade) from China

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

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SEPT. 4 & 5 ORIENTATION:

**GETTING TO KNOW  
EACH OTHER**

School opens on Thursday, September 4 with a two-day orientation for students. Families are invited to join us at Leadbetter Beach for our annual family potluck picnic on Thursday evening, September 4. (PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PICNIC IS ON THURSDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, THIS YEAR!) See below for information about the picnic, including food assignments by student last name.

The second day of orientation, Friday, September 5, we'll have an all-school morning session of get-acquainted beach activities. PARENTS ARE ASKED TO DROP OFF STUDENTS AT LEADBETTER BEACH AT 8:00 AM. We'll have teachers there by 7:30 for parents who need an earlier drop-off time that day. Students will be transported back to campus at noon and will be available for pick-up at Anacapa at 12:30 OR at 1:30 if they are attending the 12:30 meeting for NEW Work/Study students and ALL faculty and student supervisors (see below).

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](http://www.anacapaschool.org).

**CLASS SCHEDULES**

Students will receive their morning class schedules at orientation on Thursday, September 4, 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 Monday, September 8; during that first full week, we'll be spending the afternoons preparing for the Beginning-of-the-Year Trip. Afternoon electives will then begin the week after the trip.

**JOIN US FOR THE  
ANNUAL FAMILY  
POTLUCK PICNIC AT  
LEADBETTER BEACH  
THURSDAY, SEPT. 4  
(PLEASE: NO PETS!)**

Please join us for the all-school potluck picnic at Leadbetter Beach from 5:30 to 7:30 on Thursday evening, September 4. 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-J** please bring a **MAIN DISH** to serve 10-12 AND your drinks  
**K-ROB** please bring a **SALAD or VEGGIES** to serve 10-12 AND your drinks  
**ROD-Z** please bring a **DESSERT** to serve 10-12 AND your drinks

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

**CALLING ALL  
NEW WORK/STUDY  
STUDENTS AND  
SUPERVISORS**

Students who will be new to the school's Work/Study program, as well as all faculty and student Work/Study supervisors, will have a brief meeting on campus on Friday, September 5 at 12:30pm (after we return to campus by bus from our beach session that day). We'll have a quick pizza lunch, provided by the school, and then get started with our meeting. Students who attend the meeting will be available for pick-up at 1:30pm.

## 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 Monday, September 8:

- LOWER SCHOOL Students – *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
- UPPER SCHOOL Students – *I Am Malala*
- ADDITIONAL for AP Literature – *Siddhartha*

## WORK/STUDY BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

All Work/Study students are asked to bring a sack lunch on Monday, September 8, 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 9

The school will host an orientation meeting for new parents at 5:30 on Tuesday evening, September 9. 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 SANTA CRUZ ISLAND TRIP IN A SEPARATE MAILING. PLEASE READ IT SOONER RATHER THAN LATER BECAUSE IT WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

**Soon you will receive information about our Beginning-of-the-Year Trip to Santa Cruz Island. Please be sure to look at the equipment list right away when it arrives in the mail, so you are well prepared for this trip.** It's coming up soon!

Trip information, including the equipment list, will also be 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 (\$340) is due by Thursday, September 11. The trip price includes the boat ride out to the island as well as professional guides for kayaking and snorkeling activities with Channel Island Outfitters.
- Medications to be taken on the trip must also be turned in, along with instructions, to the school office by Thursday, September 11.
- Students should arrive on campus with their gear at 5:30am on Monday, September 15 for our early departure.
- We are scheduled to return to campus at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 18.
- Trip Recovery Day will be Friday, September 19—no school!
- Classes resume on Monday, September 22.

## 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 22.** Sales end on Monday, October 6; that's the final day to turn in money and/or unused Axxess booklets. Thanks for your support!

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## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

First semester student senate elections are scheduled for the “Club” period on Thursday, September 25. 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.

## BRING YOUR BEST SMILE... SCHOOL PHOTOS ON SEPTEMBER 26

Both individual portraits and our traditional all-school photo will be taken on campus on Friday afternoon, September 26. 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 23. Checks should be made payable to Emily Hart-Roberts Photography.**

## STUDENTS TO SET THEIR GOALS

On Monday, September 29, 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](http://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!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS!

It's an exciting time for the Class of 2015 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 2015 will have lunch with Gordon at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, September 2.
- After the lunch, seniors will meet with Suzie at 2:00 pm to prepare for orientation.
- College counselor Lynn Hamilton will meet with seniors on campus at 3:30 pm on Tuesday, September 2—right after their meeting with Suzie.
- Please note that seniors will be on campus for both the Lower and Upper School orientation sessions on Thursday, September 4 and the all-school beach activities session at Leadbetter Beach on Friday, September 5. We always appreciate the key role our senior class plays in helping us launch the new school year during orientation!
- Friday, September 12 is the registration deadline for the October SAT, and Thursday, October 9 is the deadline to register for the November SAT. For details, go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://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 7. Teachers and seniors attend this event. Seniors are asked to gather on campus at 4:00 so teachers can drive them to the dinner. **Seniors, please let us know right away if your class or work schedule conflicts with this important event.**
- College Counselor Lynn Hamilton will meet with seniors AND their parents on campus at 5:30 pm, Tuesday, October 14.

## 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. 1         | Trip Slideshow and Dessert Potluck   |
| • 4pm, Tues., Oct. 7        | Senior Dinner at the Sichis' Home  |
| • Afternoon, Fri., Oct. 10  | Lower School Social at Zodo's  |
| • 9am-12noon, Sat., Oct. 11 | Parent Academic Morning (a chance for parents to follow an abbreviated form of their student's daily schedule) |
| • 12-3 pm, Wed., Oct. 15    | PSAT for Grades 10-11  |
| • 2-5pm, Sun., Oct. 19      | GRAPE STOMP: Family Event at Fess Parker Winery to Benefit Anacapa School                                      |