OCTOBER 2014 NOTABLES











SHARE THE TRIP **FUN AT OUR SLIDE** SHOW & FAMILY DESSERT POTLUCK We're sure you've heard some of the stories about our Santa Cruz Island 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 1 for this popular event. Families are asked to bring a small dessert (to serve 6) to share that evening. See you there!

AXXESS CARD SALES END OCTOBER 6

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

GRAPE STOMP 2014



EXCLUSIVE EARLY BIRD OFFER GIVES ANACAPA PARENTS DISCOUNTED **TICKETS FOR THIS FUN FAMILY EVENT** ON SUNDAY. OCTOBER 19!

OFFER EXPIRES SOON SO GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AND PAY \$40 INSTEAD OF \$65!

The Grape Stomp at Fess Parker Winery in Los Olivos from 2 to 5pm on Sunday afternoon, October 19, is an event for the whole family! Attendees can participate in a real, live, roll-up-your-pant-legs, barefoot grape stomp! Guests will also enjoy a Santa Maria-style BBQ, Fess Parker wines, and live music by The Lowdown Dudes. Santa Barbara's own legendary John Palminteri will be the master of ceremonies for the day. which will include a drawing of fabulous prizes such as a stay at the Fess Parker Wine Country Inn, brunch at the Biltmore, a charter jet flight, spa packages, and more!

Anacapa families may take advantage of an "early bird" offer available only to Anacapa parents and only until 11:30pm, Sunday, October 12 to purchase up to TWO DISCOUNTED tickets online via the school Web site at http://www.anacapaschool.org/2014/06/18/grape-stomp-2014/. To purchase your discounted Anacapa parent tickets, please enter the word "parents" (without the quotation marks) in the promotional code field.

Regular Grape Stomp 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 3rd Annual Grape Stomp:

- Alta Orthopaedics.
- **Sol Wave Water**
- **Bill Terry Insurance Agency**

Thanks to the generosity of Anacapa parent Eli Parker and the Fess Parker Winery's amazing donation of the venue, food, and wine, Grape Stomp proceeds will benefit the school's scholarship program created in memory of former Anacapa board member and parent Barney Berglund.

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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 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, <u>plus</u> 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 7. Teachers will drive seniors to the event at 4pm and back to campus at its conclusion.

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 <u>returning</u> student ambassadors will take place on Thursday, October 9. We're also signing up <u>new</u> Anacapa student ambassadors for the 2014-2015 school year. They will have a training session at lunch on Tuesday, October 14. If you think this volunteer activity is something your student would enjoy, please encourage him or her to sign up.

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

The Lower School (grades 7 and 8) will have lunch at Rusty's in Goleta followed by a stop at Zodo's Bowling and Beyond on Friday afternoon, October 10. Anacapa teachers will provide transportation and supervision. The group will make every effort to return to campus by 3pm. A flyer with details is included in this mailing for Lower School families. Please note:

- Your student's \$18 payment is due by Wednesday, October 8.
- Your student should wear or bring SOCKS.

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 11. 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.

MID-QUARTER NOTICES: **KEEPING PARENTS** IN THE LOOP

Mid-quarter notices will be mailed to parents between October 10 and October 15. 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 14. Please bring your calendars and questions!

GRADES 10 & 11 TO TAKE PSAT OCTOBER 15

The PSAT will be administered on campus to sophomores and juniors on Wednesday afternoon, October 15. The school has taken care of registrations. Sophomores and juniors will have a PSAT preparation session on campus on Friday, October 10.

CLASS FUN COMING UP!

The October 23 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.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY. OCTOBER 31!

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.













HEADS-UP TO THE SENIOR CLASS

Seniors, please note the following important dates this month:

- The Senior Dinner at Gordon and Suzie's home is scheduled for 4:30pm on Tuesday, October 7. Teachers will drive students to and from the event, so seniors should be on campus and ready to go at 4pm that afternoon.
- The registration deadline for the November SAT is October 9.
- Seniors will have a college application workshop with college counselor Lynn Hamilton on Friday afternoon, October 10.
- Lvnn is scheduled to meet with seniors AND THEIR PARENTS on campus at 5:30pm, Tuesday, October 14. See details elsewhere in this issue of Notables.

FACULTY CORNER **HIGHLIGHTS** HISTORY

In this month's Faculty Corner, you can learn more about Anacapa's history program from teachers Gordon Sichi and Dillon Yuhasz Check out their Faculty Corner!

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

EASY E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR TEACHERS / STAFF

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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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.

<u>Cell Phone Usage</u>: 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 (<u>including text messaging</u>) to <u>designated</u> areas on campus during <u>non-class</u> 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."

<u>Dress Code</u>: 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** <u>at the end of this issue of *Notables*, 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.</u>

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

HELP US SET THE MENU FOR THE 2014-2015 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 Amy 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 2014-2015 school directory will be ready later 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:

• 5:00pm, Wed., Nov. 5 Open House for

Prospective Students and

Their Families

7:30-9pm, Mon., Nov. 24Family Math Fair

Mon., Dec. 8 and Tues., Dec. 9
 Parent /Student /Advisor

Conferences (afternoon)

Sun., March 15
 Anacapa School AUCTION

See the back side of this page for a quick review of the school's dress code guidelines... $\label{eq:condition}$



Personal Appearance

(excerpted from the 2014-2015 Anacapa School Handbook, pages 20-21)

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, extreme braids, 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).
- Strapless tops.
- 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.

A student who violates the school's dress code will receive a warning. If, however, the student is uncooperative and/or repeats the violation, a Yellow Book write-up will be given.

From time to time, the school may issue specific personal appearance guidelines which have the same status as the rules in this handbook. However, the headmaster's judgment about the appropriateness of a student's appearance shall be final whether or not the apparel is described in the handbook or in supplemental guidelines.