

# DECEMBER 2014 NOTABLES



## ANNUAL GIVING:

**ANACAPA NEEDS  
EVERYONE'S HELP  
TO KEEP THE  
BALL ROLLING...**

As you know, Anacapa School makes an appeal each year for cash donations from parents, grandparents, alumni, parents of alumni, faculty, staff, board members, and other friends of the school. You recently received Anacapa's Annual Giving solicitation card with our students' group photo taken on the beach during our September trip to Santa Cruz Island. Before we mailed that card, 100% of our faculty/staff and 100% of our Board of Trustees had already made their donations, and we are gratified to have that kind of solidarity within these two constituencies. NOW, we're working toward our goal of 100% participation among our parents, and we know we can do it! We came super-close last year to that 100% mark, and we are sure that, with YOUR help, it's an attainable goal this year. Your tax-deductible donation may be made online via our school Web site ([www.anacapaschool.org](http://www.anacapaschool.org)) or by regular mail. Either way, we'd like to see your name on our list of donors to thank! We appreciate your support of the 2014-2015 Annual Giving Campaign!

**IN THIS SEASON OF  
GIVING, YOU CAN  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN SOMEONE'S LIFE...**

We'll be collecting canned foods for two weeks this month, beginning Wednesday, December 3, in support of The Unity Shoppe's community outreach. We are hoping that EVERY student will participate! Please bring your cans (no glass or cardboard, please) and put them in the Unity Shoppe box. The last day of our canned food drive will be Wednesday, December 17. Thanks for your generous support!

**SO, JUST WHAT IS  
SECRET SANTA AND  
WHAT DO WE DO  
AFTER WE'VE  
DRAWN A NAME?**



This non-denominational Anacapa tradition goes back a long way and was originally the product for a Synthesis Unit on communication. Students of all faiths participate in this activity, which seeks to celebrate the uniqueness of each member of the school community. On Friday, December 5, each student, teacher, and staff member (the "Secret Santa") will draw the name of another student, teacher, or staff member (their "Secret Santee"). Then, the Secret Santa will find out about the Secret Santee's interests, accomplishments, hobbies, successes—the qualities that make that person unique! Secret Santas may do their sleuthing by observing their Secret Santee, talking to friends and teachers, or calling parents, siblings, or spouse. During this time, they also send anonymous secret notes and treats to their Secret Santee.

On December 15, everyone will give Hugo Macario or Megan Nesland a neatly written or typed paragraph with information and anecdotes about their Secret Santee. This paragraph (called a *Gift of Appreciation*) will be included in the 2014 Secret Santa booklet. At our annual Secret Santa celebration on Thursday afternoon, December 18, we'll each read our *Gift of Appreciation* and give our Secret Santee a small gift.

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8-11 PM, DECEMBER 6

## DIG OUT YOUR BEST VERSION OF THE UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER FOR THE DECEMBER DANCE!



PARENTS WANTED—  
AND GREATLY  
APPRECIATED!  
CAN YOU HELP?

DECEMBER 8 & 9  
AFTERNOON  
CONFERENCES  
ARE FOR PARENTS  
AND STUDENTS

ERB TESTING  
CONCLUDES THIS  
MONTH WITH MATH

WINTER BREAK  
IS DEC. 19 – JAN. 4

SAVE THE DATE!  
COME ROCK OUT TO  
THE “OLDIES” WHEN  
ANACAPA PRESENTS  
“SOCK HOP—A TRIBUTE TO  
EARLY ROCK AND ROLL”



Cool decorations, refreshments, and lots of music and dancing – we’ll have it all at the December dance. The dance committee has chosen *Ugly Christmas Sweater* as this year’s humorous theme and they’re hoping everyone will dress accordingly! The dance will be held on campus from 8 until 11 on Saturday evening, December 6. Tickets for the dance will cost \$7 in advance, \$9 at the door. 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*.

We are looking for some parent volunteers who can swoop in at the end of the evening to assist the student dance committee with clean-up after the dance on December 6. Last year’s clean-up crew finished about midnight (and even had fun!) soooooo if you’re a night owl (or if you just want to help), give the school office a call and let us know we can expect you when the dance ends at 11 pm. Thanks a million!

There will be no afternoon classes on the days of Monday and Tuesday, December 8 and 9 so that **parents AND students** can meet with their advisors. On those two days, students will be dismissed at 12:25, Work-Study will take place from 12:30 to 1, and individual twenty-minute conferences will take place by appointment that afternoon. Thanks for making time in your busy day for this important “team” meeting. **If you haven’t scheduled your family’s conference yet, please call Amy in the Anacapa office (965-0228) right away!**

Students in grades 7-11 will take the Math portion of the ERB standardized test during part of the morning on Wednesday and Friday, December 10 and 12. ERB test results from last month’s Language section and this month’s Math section will be mailed to parents later this school year. Please note that during the testing periods on December 10 and 12, seniors will have final working sessions with college counselor Lynn Hamilton.

Winter Break begins on FRIDAY, December 19. We’ll have our traditional Secret Santa celebration from 1:10 to 3 pm on Thursday, December 18, and then we’ll close for some R & R and family time. School will re-open on Monday, January 5. ENJOY!

Anacapa School’s Performing Arts and Ensemble Music classes are joining together to present “Sock Hop—A Tribute to Early Rock and Roll” at Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo for two performances at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10. Come and enjoy rocking out with our students to “oldies” by Dion and the Belmonts, Danny and the Juniors, the Marcels, Jerry Lee Lewis, and more!

Tickets for Anacapa students are free when they show their school ID at the box office. Other tickets are \$13 for adults, \$8 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Center Stage Theater box office or online at [www.centerstagetheater.org](http://www.centerstagetheater.org).

## FACULTY CORNER: SCIENCE AT ANACAPA

In this month's Faculty Corner, you'll learn more about Anacapa's science program from teachers Megan Nesland (Marine Biology and Lower School Life Science), Ernest Freund (Physics), and Bryan Anderson (Robotics). Check out what they have to say about this important part of our academic curriculum.

## HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club is a well-oiled machine with Dillon Yuhasz doing a great job as the faculty monitor! There were 112 visits to Homework Club during the first quarter! Held in Lassen Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:45, Homework Club provides a quiet spot on campus for students to focus and get started on their homework. Your student might want to check it out!

## AUCTION PACKETS COMING IN JANUARY

As we move into the new year, Anacapa's Parent Leadership Team (PLT) will be revving up for our annual Auction. We'll be asking everyone to gear up for this all-important fundraiser scheduled for Sunday, March 15. Watch your mailbox for the auction packet being mailed to all parents in January.

## LOOKING AHEAD...

Some dates for your calendar – more details next month:

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| • Mon., Jan. 5             | Classes Resume   |
| • Fri.-Sat., Jan. 9-10     | Grassroots Theater at Center Stage Theater, Paseo Nuevo (7:30pm):<br>"SOCK HOP—A TRIBUTE TO EARLY ROCK AND ROLL" |
| • Wed., Jan. 14            | SENIOR PARENTS: College Financial Aid Workshop on Campus (5:30pm)  |
| • Fri., Jan. 16            | History & American Society Final Exams   |
| • Mon., Jan. 19            | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (NO School)  |
| • Tues.-Thurs., Jan. 20-22 | Final Exams  |
| • Fri., Jan. 23            | Semester Break and Grading Day (NO School)   |

*Wishing You And Your Family The Happiest of Holidays!*

