

ENCLOSURE: FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE!

# JANUARY 2015 NOTABLES

WELCOME BACK --  
CLASSES RESUME  
ON MONDAY, JAN. 5

**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 5**. See you at Breakfast Club at 7:50 a.m. in Elliott Hall!

THANKS TO OUR  
"EARLY BIRD"  
PARENTS WHO HAVE  
ALREADY DONATED  
TO ANNUAL GIVING!  
WE'RE AIMING FOR  
100% PARENT  
PARTICIPATION, AND  
WE KNOW WE CAN  
DO IT THIS YEAR!

We appreciate the generous Annual Giving donations that have been arriving since the annual appeal went out in late fall. We are pleased to note that 100% of our Faculty / Staff and 100% of our Board of Trustees have already supported this campaign. Now we're working on our goal of 100% participation from our PARENTS. It's a goal we almost met last year, and we know that—with YOUR help—we CAN reach it this year!

As we go to press, we'd like to THANK the following parents who have already donated to the Annual Giving Campaign!

**Peter Artusio & Sonja Winter, Matthew & Debby Brooke, Lauren Emma, Danna English, Modesto & Teresa Gonzalez, Ali Ironside, Rick Knowles & Erin Eamer, Avanthi & Colin Masthoff, Carol & Bart Millar, Susannah O'Dea, Lisa Pedersen, Juli & George Powell, Megan & Marty Robertson, Maria Rodriguez, Seungsoo Roe & Kyungson Kwon, Henry Rousso, Lanny & Holly Sherwin, Alison & Tom Strellich, and Zoraida (Toshiko) Yoneyama.**

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.**

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



**SURF'S UP,  
ANACAPA!**

The theme of this year's auction, to be held on the Anacapa campus on Sunday, March 15, is ***Surf's Up, Anacapa!*** The auction will feature delicious 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**
- **Working on an Auction committee with other parents**
- **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!

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

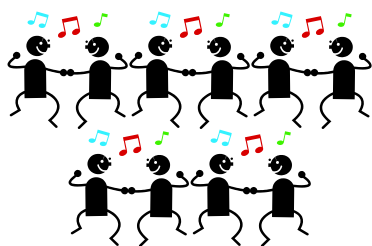
Watch your home mailbox for a notice about one of our popular auction items—theme baskets put together by each grade:

**Grades 7-8 = Baby Boy    Grade 9 = A Taste of SB    Grade 10 = Teen Girl  
Grade 11 = Baby Girl    Grade 12 = Teen Boy**

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](mailto:heydr.rey@hotmail.com) or 967-0771.

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GRASSROOTS  
THEATER PRESENTS  
**SOCK HOP:  
A TRIBUTE TO  
EARLY ROCK & ROLL**



Please join us at Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo at 7:30pm on Friday, January 9 and Saturday, January 10 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. *SOCK HOP: A TRIBUTE TO EARLY ROCK & ROLL* will be an entertaining evening you won't want to miss because everyone loves the energetic music, the retro look, and the fabulous dance moves of those bygone days! Come and enjoy rocking out with our students to "oldies" by Dion and the Belmonts, Danny and the Juniors, the Marcells, 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).

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

Thanks to all of you who signed up for auction committees at the Family Math Fair in November and Parent/Student/Advisor Conferences in December! **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 parent Julia Alcerro at 967-0771. She will be glad to help you find a committee assignment that will match your interests and availability! Please call us before we call you!

SENIOR PARENTS:  
WE NEED AN RSVP  
FOR THE 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 14. **Please email or call the school office by January 7 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 15. Please encourage your student to run for office if he or she is interested in this leadership opportunity to serve!

IT'S ALMOST TIME  
TO SELECT  
2<sup>ND</sup> 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!

REMINDER: 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.

## FINAL EXAMS WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 16, 20-22

The final exam schedule is enclosed in this mailing. Please note that exams will take place on Friday, January 16 and Tuesday-Thursday, January 20-22, 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 23 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 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## SYNTHESIS UNIT BEYOND BORDERS: CULTURES AND CONFLICTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Anacapa's annual three-day Synthesis Unit is our premier tool for developing critical thinking skills. The 2014-2015 Synthesis Unit—*Beyond Borders: Cultures and Conflicts in the Middle East*—will take place Monday-Wednesday, January 26-28. We will be hearing from an impressive array of speakers who will share their varied perspectives on some of the aspects of this very timely topic. 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 6. 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:

Thurs., Feb. 5	Open House for Prospective Students (5-6:30pm)
Feb. 9-12	Peabody Sixth Grade Camp
Fri., Feb. 13	Early Dismissal (12:25pm) & Work/Study (12:30-1pm)
Feb. 14-22	Presidents' Week Break – No School
Mon., Feb. 23	Classes Resume
Fri., Mar. 6	Mardi Gras Party (8-11pm)
Sun., Mar. 15	AUCTION: Surf's Up, Anacapa!