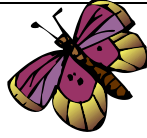


# MAY 2015 NOTABLES



## WELCOMING NATALIE MILLS TO THE ANACAPA STAFF

Natalie Mills started at Anacapa in mid-April as a new member of our administrative staff. She comes on board in a newly created position as part-time Business Coordinator, and we're delighted to have her. Please join us in giving Natalie a warm Anacapa welcome!

## HEADS UP, ANACAPANS! COMMENCEMENT AND ALL-SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY ARE MOVING TO A NEW VENUE!

Originally constructed in the early 1800's, the historic Casa De La Guerra will be the site of this year's Commencement and All-School Awards Ceremony on Friday, June 12! We're looking forward to hosting this event in our very own neighborhood—and in a locale with so much character and history. The old Spanish architecture and rustic-tiled walkways capture the essence of old Santa Barbara.

The courtyard reception will start at 5:30 pm—followed at 6:30 pm by all-school awards and the Commencement ceremony honoring the Class of 2015. Depending on the weather, we recommend a light jacket, sweater, or wrap for the outdoor reception and ceremony. Parking will be available in downtown City parking lots and, by special arrangement with the Trust for Historic Preservation, in the parking lot at Anacapa and Canon Perdido streets. Watch for your invitation, including parking information, coming in the mail this month. In the meantime, though, please make note of our **NEW VENUE**—we don't want any of you showing up at our former site and missing the celebration!

## AND AN IMPORTANT NOTE FOR SENIORS AND JUNIORS!

ON ANOTHER NOTE: Seniors are reminded that they will go to Casa De La Guerra **with the junior class** at 12 noon on Friday, June 12 to have lunch and rehearse before that evening's Commencement ceremony. **Seniors and juniors should not make other plans until after 2:30 that very important day.** Thanks!

## CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION AND A FIELD TRIP ON FRIDAY, MAY 1

For our May 1 Friday afternoon activity, we'll enjoy a slightly abbreviated version of our traditional Cinco De Mayo lunch and celebration (12-1pm) followed, this year, by an all-school field trip (1-3pm) to the airport to see three of the most famous World War II bomber and fighter aircraft, which are visiting Santa Barbara as part of the Wings of Freedom tour. We plan to be back on campus for a regular 3pm dismissal.

## GOOD LUCK ON AP EXAMS!

Good luck to the Upper School students who have signed up to take AP exams this month! Exams will be administered on campus as follows:

- Monday, May 4                      AP Environmental Science Exam
- Wednesday, May 6                AP Literature and Composition Exam
- Friday, May 8                        AP U.S. History Exam

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WE'RE COUNTING ON  
EVERYONE DOING  
THEIR PART FOR  
ANNUAL GIVING AS  
WE MOVE TOWARD

**100%**  
PARTICIPATION!

ATTENTION,  
CLASS OF 2015!

MUS CABIN LEADER  
LUNCH ON MAY 8

PERFORMING ARTS  
CLASS PRESENTS



LOWER SCHOOL TO  
VISIT REAGAN  
MUSEUM MAY 11

COLLEGE  
COUNSELOR TO  
MEET WITH JUNIORS  
AND THEIR PARENTS

FACULTY CORNER:  
FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Our school community's support of the recent auction was awesome. The success of our Annual Giving campaign is also crucial to keeping Anacapa strong. **The school appreciates – and our budget relies on – Annual Giving donations from ALL of our families.** You recently received a letter requesting that you help us reach our goal on this budgeted line item. **Gifts of ALL sizes are valued greatly.** With all of us doing the best we can, together we will help Anacapa continue to improve the lives and futures of students. We have not yet reached our goal of 100% parent participation. By this time next month, we hope to see the gap closed on that goal, and **we'd like to see YOUR name on our June list of much-appreciated parent donors.** We can do it!

It's an Anacapa tradition that every senior speaks at graduation, and now it's time for seniors to begin working on their individual talks. To help seniors get started, we've scheduled a special session with English teachers Peggy Lauer and Alison Strelch during the Club period on Thursday, May 7. Final drafts of talks are due to Peggy and Alison on Wednesday, June 3.

Montecito Union School's sixth grade families will host a lunch for their Anacapa Cabin Leaders on Friday, May 8 in Lower Manning Park. The Cabin Leaders will be transported to and from the lunch by an Anacapa teacher or staff member.

Anacapa School's Performing Arts class will present performances of *Once on This Island* at 7:30 pm on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9 at Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo. A captivating legend of romance between a peasant girl and a rich city boy whom she saves from death, this calypso-flavored musical opens on a Caribbean island where villagers comfort a little girl with the story of the orphan Ti Moune, destined to love too much for the human heart to bear. *Once on This Island* delivers melody, love, and joy in tropical abundance!

**TICKETS:** \$9.50 adults, \$6.50 students, and FREE for Anacapa students with ID. Advance tickets are available online at [www.centerstagetheater.org](http://www.centerstagetheater.org) or by calling the Center Stage Theater at (805) 963-0408. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on an as-available basis; seating is limited.

In conjunction with their studies in Gordon's Lower School American Society class, seventh and eighth graders will be visiting the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley on Monday, May 11. As we go to press, some details are still pending. We'll send an email to Lower School parents once everything is confirmed. Stay tuned!

College counselor Lynn Hamilton has been meeting on campus with juniors to start the conversation about their post-Anacapa plans. This month, Lynn will meet with the junior class AND their parents on campus at 5:30pm, Thursday, May 14 to continue that important dialog. Hope to see junior families then!

Be sure to check out this month's *Faculty Corner* from Italian teacher Suzie Sichi and Spanish teacher Hugo Macario.

**ANOTHER NEW DATE!**

**ON-CAMPUS  
JUNIOR DINNER  
RE-SCHEDULED  
FOR MAY 19**

In response to student requests, the annual Junior Dinner has once again been re-scheduled. It will now take place on campus at 5:45pm, Tuesday evening, May 19. This event provides a time for juniors to begin a conversation with the faculty about their post-secondary plans. After sharing some of their hopes, dreams, and questions about the college application process, the Class of 2016 will join their teachers to feast on Gordon's homemade lasagna – and other goodies! Juniors, please plan your schedules so you can join us that evening!

**MAY 20 IS  
A LATE START DAY!**

The faculty will be having an early-morning meeting on campus on Wednesday, May 20 from 7:30 to 8:50 am. School will start at 9:00 that morning. Students may be dropped off earlier if parents' schedules do not allow for a later drop-off.

**BRING THE  
WHOLE FAMILY  
– AND PROSPECTIVE  
ANACAPA FAMILIES –  
TO ENJOY OUR  
STUDENT ART SHOW  
AND CONCERT  
AT 5 PM MAY 20**

Our talented student artists and writers will display their work, and our fabulous Ensemble Music class will perform on campus at 5 pm on Wednesday, May 20. We invite you to bring the whole family and join us! Paula Campanelli, Suzie Sichi, Alison Strelch, and Peggy Lauer have assembled students' art and writing; and Hugo Macario is rehearsing his musicians. All YOU need to do is come and enjoy some tasty treats, a glass of wine, and our students' art and music! You'll be amazed at their abundant talent and creativity!

We also encourage you to bring along grandparents as well as friends, neighbors, or families who might be interested in Anacapa for their student. This will be a great way to introduce them to our lovely campus and our friendly school community—and to see the fruits of our students' artistic endeavors!

**WE'LL NEED SOME  
DRIVERS FOR THE  
SWIM PARTY**

Our end-of-the-year swim party will take place at Hidden Oaks Club (courtesy of Candi Corbani) from 12:30 to 3pm on Friday, May 22. In addition to the usual fun in the pool, the Physics class and their teacher, Ernest Freund, are planning the "First Annual Boat Competition." (That should provide some fun dinner conversation that evening!) The Senate will supply the lunch – so there is no need for students to bring food. They just need to bring a swimsuit, sun screen, and towel! If you can help with the driving for this activity, please call Amy in the school office

**COME SEE OUR  
SQUARE AT THE  
*I MADONNARI*  
CHALK ART FESTIVAL**

Anacapa student artists will once again participate in the *I Madonnari* chalk painting festival over Memorial Day weekend. We hope many of our families will stop by to watch our artists work at the Santa Barbara Mission on Saturday, May 23 or to check out their completed masterpiece on Sunday, May 24 or Monday, May 25. (Look for the HUB Insurance square. We are grateful to HUB for sponsoring our block once again!)

**THE LAST DAY  
OF CLASSES AND  
FINAL EXAMS**

Thursday, May 28 is the last day of regular classes before final exams and the whirlwind of our end-of-the-year activities. Exams begin with finals for Gordon's Upper and Lower School classes on Friday, May 29. Exams for other classes will be scheduled Monday-Wednesday, June 1-3. **The final exam schedule will be sent to you and posted online later this month.**

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LOOKING AHEAD TO  
(CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?)

JUNE...

Here's a heads-up on what's happening as we close out the school year:

- June 1-3 Final Exams Continue... (They begin on May 29.)
- June 4 Grading Day and Trip Prep. (No School)
- June 5 Lower School: Promotion / Potluck Salad Lunch (12 noon)  
Upper School: No School But You're Welcome to Attend!
- June 7-10 All-School End-of-the-Year Trip to San Francisco  
(Trip details to be mailed later...)
- June 11 Trip Recovery Day (No School)
- June 12 Last Day of School for ALL Students (9 am-12 noon)  
Rehearsal for Seniors and Juniors (12 noon-2:30pm)  
Graduation Reception (5:30pm)  
ALL-SCHOOL Awards and Graduation Ceremony (6:30pm)

**AT ANACAPA, GRADUATION IS NOT JUST FOR SENIORS!**  
**We appreciate having ALL of our students and their families in attendance at this very special event. Please make plans to join us at CASA DE LA GUERRA on Friday evening, June 12. Please note the NEW VENUE (15 East De La Guerra) this year!**

### PRELIMINARY CALENDAR

LOOKING AHEAD  
To 2015-2016

As soon as we nail down a few more dates, we'll send you a copy of the Anacapa School calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. In the meantime, please note that we'll continue our practice of starting school on the Thursday after Labor Day, so our **first day** next fall will be **THURSDAY, September 10**. That's when we'll have our first day of orientation on campus followed by Anacapa's traditional family picnic at Leadbetter Beach later in the day. (Please note that the family potluck will once again be on THURSDAY.)

Our **second day of orientation** (kayaking and team-building activities at the beach) is scheduled for **Friday, September 11**.

**Classes will begin on Monday, September 14.**

As always, next year's seniors will play a crucial leadership role as we welcome new students and launch the new school year. That means **the Class of 2016 will be meeting sometime before September 10** to partake in some special activities and to organize the orientation. Suzie will be in touch with rising seniors this summer with specific dates and times, but **the Class of 2016 will please need to be available by September 8 (the day after Labor Day).**

And some of you have been asking about...

**...the Beginning-of-the-Year Trip!** We have reservations for four nights at Big Sur beginning Sunday, September 27. We plan to return on Thursday, October 1, and Trip Recovery Day (no school) will be Friday, October 2.

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!

