OCTOBER 2015 NOTABLES











BIG SUR TRIP RETURN SET FOR 3PM, OCTOBER 1 By the time you receive this mailing, our students and teachers will be enjoying some "Anacapa bonding" at breathtakingly beautiful Big Sur during the Beginning-of-the-Year Trip. The campers are scheduled to return to campus at 3pm on Thursday, October 1. Parents are reminded to please leave the school loading zone free so the bus has plenty of room to pull up and safely unload its precious cargo.

No School On October 2 There will be NO SCHOOL on Trip Recovery Day—Friday, October 2—as students and teachers catch up on sleep and reunite with their families. Classes resume on Monday, October 5.

NEWS FLASH ... GRAPE STOMP 2015



EXCLUSIVE EARLY-BIRD OFFER GIVES
ANACAPA PARENTS

DISCOUNTED
TICKETS FOR THIS
FUN FAMILY EVENT
ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 11!
OFFER EXPIRES
SOON SO GET
YOUR TICKETS
NOW AND PAY \$40

INSTEAD OF \$65!

Anacapa School and Fess Parker Winery will host the school's fourth annual Purple Toes Grape Stomp scholarship fundraiser at Fess Parker Winery in Los Olivos from 12 noon to 3pm on Sunday, October 11. Bring the WHOLE FAMILY to enjoy lots of Anacapa fun, a Santa Maria-style BBQ, Fess Parker wines, and live music—all under the majestic oak trees on the beautiful grounds of the winery. Santa Barbara's own legendary John Palminteri will be the master of ceremonies for the day, which will include a drawing of fabulous prizes!

This year, the Barney Berglund Memorial Ride will be held in conjunction with the Grape Stomp. Participants who choose to ride will have a choice of two routes through Santa Ynez Valley. The Tepusquet ride (starting at 8:30am) will follow a rigorous 50-mile route up Foxen Canyon and Tepusquet Roads, then back. The Sisquoc ride (starting at 9:30am) is a shorter 30-mile route up Foxen Canyon Road and back. Both rides begin and end at the winery.

Anacapa families may take advantage of a special offer available only to Anacapa parents to purchase up to TWO DISCOUNTED TICKETS online at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-grape-stomp-fess-parker-winery-tickets-18239395523

To purchase your Anacapa parent tickets at the discounted price of \$40 each, please enter the code word PARENTS (all caps) in the promotional code field. Don't delay purchasing your discounted parent tickets because THIS EARLY-BIRD OFFER EXPIRES AT 11:30PM ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6.

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!

Thanks to the generosity of Anacapa alumni 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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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! All students will be asked to sell Axxess Cards to raise money for student activities sponsored by Anacapa's student Senate AND to support our 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, October 5. Sales will end on Monday, October 19; that's the final day to turn in money and/or unused Axxess booklets. Thanks for your support!

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!

GOOD KIDS BRING
GOOD KIDS...
THAT'S WHY WE
HAVE STUDENT
AMBASSADORS!

Gordon always says, "Good kids bring good kids!" And we have 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 Wednesday, October 7. We're also signing up <u>new</u> Anacapa student ambassadors for the 2015-2016 school year. They will have a training session at lunch on Tuesday, October 13. 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 and a round of miniature golf at Golf & Stuff in Oxnard on Friday afternoon, October 9. Anacapa teachers will provide transportation and supervision. The group will make every effort to return to campus by 3pm. A flyer with details is enclosed in this mailing for Lower School families. Please note:

- Your student's \$20 payment is due by Wednesday, October 7.
- Sunscreen and a hat are advised.

GRADES 10 & 11
TO TAKE PSAT
OCTOBER 14

The PSAT will be administered on campus to sophomores and juniors on Wednesday afternoon, October 14. The school has taken care of registrations. Sophomores and juniors will have a PSAT preparation session on campus on Friday, October 9.

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*).

SLIDESHOW AT PARENT
ACADEMIC MORNING
COME SHARE
THE TRIP FUN!

We're sure you will hear some of the stories about our Big Sur trip! You'll also have a chance to see the photos from the trip at Parent Academic Morning on Saturday, October 17! We'll start the morning with refreshments and schedule distribution at 8:30 and then gather in Elliott Hall at 8:45 to watch the trip slideshow before moving into the rest of the morning program (see below). We look forward to seeing you there!

PARENT ACADEMIC
MORNING—IT'S
JUST FOR PARENTS!



Parent Academic Morning gives parents an opportunity to follow an abbreviated form of their student's class schedule. You'll meet your student's teachers, find out about expectations, and learn what is in store for your student in each class. Please join us for Parent Academic Morning on Saturday, October 17. We'll have refreshments and schedule distribution at 8:30, and then we'll move in to Elliott Hall to see the slideshow from the Big Sur trip. After the slideshow and announcements, parents will follow their student's schedule, spending some time in each class to meet the teacher and hear what's planned for the year. 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!

<u>PARKING</u>: Weekend parking is often available in the large SB School District parking lot on the corner of Santa Barbara and De La Guerra streets.

SENIOR DINNER: It's A TRADITION!

The Senior Dinner at Gordon and Suzie's home is scheduled for 4:00pm on Tuesday, October 20. Teachers will drive seniors to the event at 3:45pm and return them to campus at its conclusion.

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 Thursday, October 22. Please bring your calendars and questions!

INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS TO
TALK ABOUT HOME

Students and teachers look forward to hearing from our international students at Breakfast Club on Friday, October 23. That's when Yuwen Chen (China), Anna Nesterenko (Ukraine), and Pica Zhuang (China) will each give a brief presentation about their home countries and families.

CLASS FUN COMING UP!

The October 29 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 30!

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 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 9.
- The Senior Dinner at Gordon and Suzie's home is scheduled for 4pm on Tuesday, October 20. Teachers will drive students to and from the event, so seniors should be on campus and ready to go at 3:45pm that afternoon.
- Lynn is scheduled to meet with seniors AND THEIR PARENTS on campus at 5:30pm, Thursday, October 22. See details elsewhere in this issue of *Notables*.

FACULTY CORNER VOLUNTEERING AT ANACAPA!

In this month's *Faculty Corner*, you can learn more about Anacapa's volunteer program from teachers Emily Regan and Hugo Macario. We've already been out and about volunteering in the community, and there will be many more service opportunities this year. Check out *Faculty Corner!*

HELP US SET THE MENU FOR THE 2015-2016 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 contact 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!

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!

SCHOOL DIRECTORY AVAILABLE LATER THIS MONTH

The 2015-2016 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.

EASY E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR TEACHERS / STAFF

Anacapa teachers and staff all have easy-to-remember school e-mail addresses. For most of us, just type in the teacher or staff member's FIRST NAME followed by @anacapaschool.org. As you will note below, we have two Emilys, so their email addresses include their last names. The school directory will be published later this month, but here is a list of e-mail addresses for you to use in the meantime:

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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.

SAVE-THE-DATE

Please save the dates and mark your calendars now for the following:

5:00pm, Thurs., Nov. 12 Open House for

Prospective Students and

Their Families

7:30-9pm, Mon., Nov. 23
 Family Math Fair

Wed., Dec. 9 and Thurs., Dec. 10 Parent /Student /Advisor

Conferences (afternoon)

Sun., March 13
 Anacapa School AUCTION

Anacapa School

Student Fundraiser October 5-19, 2015 Here's what's happening...













Fall 2015

TO:

Anacapa Parents

FROM:

Bryan Anderson and the Anacapa Student Senate

RE:

Axxess Card Sales

The Anacapa School Senate has led the fundraising with Santa Barbara Axxess for the past **nine** years, and we look forward to another productive year of earning over \$1,000 for the Senate. The funds raised will go toward:

- Senate-sponsored donations to local and international charities (including our sponsorship of two Tibetan refugee students)
- Student dance expenses
- Friday afternoon activities for students

This is a fantastic way to raise money that we can use throughout the year, and we appreciate your support of our students in this effort!

At Anacapa, we ask our students to participate in only two fundraisers during the year:

- Selling these Axxess cards in the fall
- Selling raffle tickets for the annual Auction in March

Both of these fundraisers are critical to the school, and we appreciate your help and enthusiasm to make them successful. Let's kick off the year with Axxess sales!

At Breakfast Club on Monday, October 5, each Anacapa student will be given an Axxess book/card and a flyer describing what an Axxess card is as well as instructions for selling these cards that provide discounts at over 300 local merchants. If you don't see this packet on the 5th, ask your student to dig it out of that backpack so you can take a look! The Senate will make \$10 for every \$30 card sold, and you'll soon make that amount back in discounts when you use the card a few times. It's WIN-WIN!

Sales begin Monday, October 5. Money and any leftover, unsold Axxess books/cards are due back at school on Monday, October 19. If you have any questions, call the school office and ask for me or e-mail me at bryan@anacapaschool.com.

Thanks so much for your support!

Anacapa Lower School Social Fun and Food at Golf 'N' Stuff Friday, October 9, 2015

11:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

It's time for our annual Lower School Social – an afternoon of off-campus fun for seventh and eighth graders and some of their teachers! On Friday, October 9, we'll drive in school vans to Golf 'N' Stuff in Ventura, where students will play mini golf and other games and have a pizza lunch. We plan to return to campus by 3 p.m. (traffic permitting).

The cost of the Lower School Social is \$20.00, which includes a game of mini golf, some arcade tokens, and a pizza lunch. Students may bring their own money if they would like to purchase extra food.

Payment for this event is due <u>no later than Wednesday, October 7</u>. If you are paying with a check, please make it payable to Anacapa School. Thanks!









QUESTIONS?? Call the school office at 965-0228. We look forward to a great Lower School afternoon of fun!