

DECEMBER 2015 NOTABLES



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

Each year, Anacapa School makes an appeal 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 at Hearst Castle during our September trip to Big Sur and San Simeon. Once again, we're working toward the goal of 100% participation among our parents, and we know we can do it! Your tax-deductible donation may be made online via our school website (www.anacapaschool.org) or by regular mail. We appreciate your support of the 2015-2016 Annual Giving Campaign! Thank you.

35 PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE 35 YEARS OF ANACAPA! BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 4

As a lead-up to our 35th anniversary next fall, Anacapa has committed to completing 35 volunteer service projects by the time we celebrate this milestone. As part of that endeavor, students who choose to do so will have the opportunity to participate in a Blood Drive at United Blood Services on State Street on Friday, December 4, as part of the afternoon activity that day.

Please talk with your student to see if donating blood might be of interest. Many people do not donate out of fear or not understanding the process. Students must be 16 years or older to donate. Students ages 16-17 MUST have a signed permission slip in order to participate in the Blood Drive. Students will have the opportunity to sign up beginning November 30 and additional information (including permission slips) will be emailed to parents and distributed at Breakfast Club. For more information, please see the attached flyer from teacher Emily Regan, who has organized this opportunity.

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 4, 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 14, everyone will give Hugo Macario or Paula Campanelli 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 2015 Secret Santa booklet. At our annual Secret Santa celebration on Friday afternoon, December 18, we'll each read our *Gift of Appreciation* and give our Secret Santee a small gift.

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IN THIS SEASON OF
GIVING, YOU CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN OUR COMMUNITY

We'll be collecting canned foods for two weeks this month, beginning Monday, December 7, 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 Thursday, December 17. Thanks for your generous support!

ERB MATH TESTS DECEMBER 7-10

Grades 7-11 will take the Math ERB standardized test during a portion of each morning Monday through Thursday, December 7-10. (Special activities are being planned for seniors during the testing periods.) ERB test results will be mailed to parents later this school year. As always, it's a good idea to get a good night's rest and eat for prolonged energy before exams.

8-11 PM, DECEMBER 12 THE DECEMBER DANCE THEME IS "MONOCHROME WONDERLAND"



Cool decorations, refreshments, and lots of music and dancing – we'll have it all at the December dance. The dance committee has chosen *Monochrome Wonderland* as this year's theme! The dance will be held on campus from 8 until 11 on Saturday evening, December 12. Please note that 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*. The student dance committee will determine the price of admission once plans have been finalized. Stay tuned!

CALLING ALL PARENTS! PARENT HELP WANTED & GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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 12. 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!

DECEMBER 9 & 10 AFTERNOON CONFERENCES ARE FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

There will be no afternoon classes on the days of Wednesday and Thursday, December 9 and 10 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!**

WINTER BREAK IS DEC. 19 – JAN. 3

Winter Break begins on Saturday, December 19. We'll have our traditional Secret Santa celebration from 1:10 to 3 pm on Friday, December 18, and then we'll close for some R & R and family time. School will re-open on Monday, January 4. ENJOY!

FACULTY CORNER: SCIENCE AND ROBOTICS

In this month's Faculty Corner, you'll hear from teachers Bryan Anderson (Robotics) and Emily de Moor (Science). We think you'll enjoy hearing about some interesting upcoming projects and what students are up to and learning in their classes.

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 13. Watch your mailbox for the auction packet being mailed to all parents in January.

SAVE THE DATE! PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTATION OF "ANACAPA SHORTS" WILL BE ON CAMPUS NEXT MONTH

Anacapa School's Performing Arts students are presenting their annual Grassroots Theater performance at 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9. Come and enjoy "Anacapa Shorts." It's sure to be a great show, under the direction of Performing Arts teacher Dillon Yuhasz. And don't forget: the performance is ON CAMPUS in Elliott Hall this year! Let's pack the house for our talented students!

LOOKING AHEAD...

Some dates for your calendar – more details next month:

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| • Mon., Jan. 4 | Classes Resume |
| • Fri.-Sat., Jan. 8-9 | Anacapa Performing Arts Class
Performance of "Anacapa Shorts"
(7:30pm, ON CAMPUS) |
| • Thurs. Jan. 14 | SENIOR PARENTS: College Financial
Aid Workshop on Campus (5:30pm) |
| • Fri., Jan. 15 and
Tues.-Thurs., Jan. 19-21 | Final Exams (exam schedule to be
mailed next month) |
| • Mon., Jan. 18 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (NO School) |
| • Fri., Jan. 22 | Semester Break and Grading Day
(NO School) |

Wishing You and Your Family The Happiest of Holidays!

