### JANUARY 2016 NOTABLES

WELCOME BACK! CLASSES RESUME ON MONDAY, JAN. 4



We hope your family is enjoying a healthy, relaxing, and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday**, **January 4**. See you at Breakfast Club at 7:50 am in Elliott Hall!

PLEASE REMEMBER ANACAPA IN YOUR YEAR-END GIVING!

WE ARE AIMING FOR

100% PARENT

PARTICIPATION!

WE CAN DO IT!

We appreciate the generous Annual Giving donations that have been arriving in the mail and online from alumni, past and current parents, grandparents, school faculty and staff, and friends of the school since the annual appeal went out in the fall.

Please remember Anacapa in your year-end giving this year. Gifts of <u>all sizes</u> are important to us. To make your donation, you can mail in the form sent to you this fall, or your tax-deductible donations may be made online at <a href="https://www.anacapaschool.org">www.anacapaschool.org</a>.

We look forward to updating you on our progress early in the new year!

GET READY! GET SET!

LET THE AUCTION

COUNTDOWN

BEGIN!



The theme of this year's auction, to be held on the Anacapa campus on Sunday, March 13, is *II Carnevale di Anacapa*. The auction will feature delicious food, fun entertainment, great company, and fabulous donations available for bidding! 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 home-run for Anacapa! 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 <u>committee</u> 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. THANK YOU!

STARTING IN

JANUARY:

WE WILL BE

COLLECTING ITEMS

FOR THE AUCTION

GRADE-LEVEL

BASKETS

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

Grades 7 & 9 A Teen Girl Basket
 Grades 8 & 10 A Teen Boy Basket

Grade 11 A Rustic Italian Picnic Basket

• Grade 12 A Dog Basket

When we return from break, there will be boxes on campus to receive donations for grade-level baskets, so please drop your themed donation off in early January. Please be sure to <u>label your donated item with your student's name</u>, 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 or 967-0771.

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PARENTS, HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR YOUR AUCTION COMMITTEE YET? Thanks to all of you who signed up for auction committees earlier this year! 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 fundraising endeavor to benefit our great Anacapa students! We have our courageous and generous committee chairs — now we need the "worker bees." There is something for everyone to do! If you haven't signed up for a committee yet, 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!

JANUARY 8 & 9
ANACAPA
PERFORMING
ARTS PRESENTS:
3 ANACAPA SHORTS

You will not want to miss out on the fun to be had at 7:30 pm on Friday, January 8 and Saturday, January 9 when Anacapa's Performing Arts presents "3 Anacapa Shorts" on campus this year.

Anacapa students will perform three short comedies, each a complete play, guaranteed to make you laugh. They are apparently so funny you might want to book your calendars for BOTH Friday and Saturday night.

Donations will be gratefully accepted, but admission is FREE this year and, unlike in years past, the performances will take place on the Anacapa campus.

So come early for good seats, get some freshly popped popcorn, and enjoy the show Friday, January 8 and Saturday, January 9!

SENIOR PARENTS: WE NEED AN RSVP By January 11 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 Thursday, January 14. Please email or call the school office by January 11 to let us know whether or not you plan to attend. We need a FIRM count beforehand. Thanks!

JANUARY 13 OPEN HOUSE

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TELL A FRIEND!

Anacapa's admissions season is off to a great start this year! Please help us spread the word about Anacapa and Anacapa's upcoming Open House for prospective students and families to be held on campus on **Wednesday, January 13**.

Student-led tours will take place from 5:00 pm-5:30 pm and a presentation featuring Anacapa student speakers will take place from 5:30-6:30 pm. Tell a friend!

FEBRUARY 5
HEADS UP!
APPLICATIONS DUE

There has been a change in our admission process, and we want to make sure you are aware of it. We are now asking applicants to submit their applications by February 5 to be considered for priority consideration. After February 5, applicants will be considered on a rolling basis and if space is available.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



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 this great start. 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 14. Please encourage your student to run for office if he or she is interested in this leadership opportunity!

## TO SELECT 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER 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 please return the form with your student's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-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.

### JANUARY 15 & 19-21 FINAL EXAMS TAKE PLACE

The final exam schedule is enclosed in this mailing. Please note that exams will take place on Friday, January 15 and Tuesday-Thursday, January 19-21, 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 only on the days when they have a final that ends just before the Work//Study period. Please refer to the final exam schedule for details.
- There are no afternoon classes or activities on these exam days.
- Friday, January 22 is a semester break for students and a grading day for teachers. There will be no school that day.

### JANUARY 18 MLK, JR. DAY

Please note that **school will be closed on Monday, January 18** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

# JANUARY 25-27 SYNTHESIS UNIT: HUMAN MIGRATION: THE SEARCH FOR A BETTER LIFE

Anacapa's annual three-day Synthesis Unit is our premier tool for developing critical thinking skills. The 2015-2016 Synthesis Unit—
Human Migration: The Search for a Better Life—will take place Monday-Wednesday, January 25-27. 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 in January.

### THE STUDENT TALENT SHOW IS COMING SOON!

The much-anticipated annual student talent show will take place on Friday afternoon, February 5. 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 with us!

### HAPPY RETIREMENT, SHERYN!

Sheryn Sears, Anacapa's Executive Administrator for 23 wonderful years, will be retiring at the end of January. We all wish her the best for a happy retirement.

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#### LOOKING AHEAD...

Please note the following dates for your family calendar:

Fri., Feb. 12 Early Dismissal (12:25 pm) & Work/Study (12:30-1:00 pm)

Feb.13-21 Presidents' Week Break – No School

Mon., Feb. 22 Classes Resume

Sun., Mar. 13 AUCTION: Il Carnevale di Anacapa

Mar. 26-Apr. 3 Spring Break

### ANACAPA IN THE NEWS

Anacapa has been in the news a lot of late for its unique learning opportunities for students. Here are links to recent stories in case you missed them:

http://www.noozhawk.com/article/anacapa\_school\_photography\_students\_learn\_from\_renown\_photojournalist\_santi

http://www.noozhawk.com/article/anacapa school students steve bucci national security world war 20151122

http://www.noozhawk.com/article/world\_war\_ii\_veteran\_william\_livingstone\_speaks\_to\_anacapa\_school\_breakfast

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