

FEBRUARY 2016 NOTABLES



THIS MONTH, OUR
COLLEGE COUNSELOR WILL
MEET WITH GRADES 9-11

Believe it or not, it's not too soon for 9-11 students to start thinking about college. Anacapa's College counselor, Lynn Hamilton, will meet with Anacapa students several times this month. She will be on campus at 12:45 pm on Thursday, February 4 to meet with all juniors and February 25 to meet with freshman and sophomores. Students are asked to bring their lunches and their questions for these meetings with Lynn!

THE STUDENT TALENT SHOW!



To help kick off the second semester, the much-anticipated annual talent show will take place on Friday afternoon, **February 5 from 1:10-3:00 pm**. Anacapa's Student Senate plans and produces this event. It's always a ton of fun to discover new talent in our student body. We hope you will come and enjoy the show and your student will have fun sharing a talent with us!

REPORT CARDS &
TEACHERS' COMMENTS:
PLEASE SHARE THESE WITH
YOUR STUDENT

We expect to mail first semester report cards and teachers' written comments to parents sometime during the second week of February. When you receive these, please sit down with your student to review them together. Teachers invest a great deal of care, thought, and time in writing their comments, and we think they are a valuable tool in helping students sharpen their study skills and enhance their academic performance. Students do not see their comments before they meet with their advisors, so we count on parents to share them with their student at home. Thank you!

SEND A SPECIAL
VALENTINE
MESSAGE!



To help raise money for the Tibetan refugee students Anacapa has sponsored for many years, the Student Senate will once again sell candy-grams for Valentine's Day. Candy-grams will be sold for 25 cents each and will go on sale February 1st. What a great way to help a good cause. To order candy-grams for your student or Valentine, please contact Senate through the School Office.

DIRECTORY UPDATES



Along with this month's Notables are a few directory updates. Please add the enclosed update to your current directory. If you have any changes to your contact information, be sure to let the School Office know.

ANOTHER FUN WAY YOU
CAN HELP
THE AUCTION



Do you enjoy crafts and working with your hands? If so, there is one more way you can help the Auction this year! Every Monday, this year's Auction Committee Décor Chair, Maria Rodriguez, will be dropping off Carnevale themed crafts to the school office to be taken home, worked on over the course of the week, and brought back to the School Office the following Friday once completed. If interested in helping in this way, please check in with Amy in the Office.

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE
AUCTION DONATIONS
BEFORE BREAK!

RAFFLE TICKETS
COMING SOON!



HAVE YOU SELECTED YOUR
AUCTION COMMITTEE YET?
CALL US BEFORE
WE CALL YOU!

FEBRUARY 22
IS THE LAST DAY TO ADD TO
YOUR GRADE'S AUCTION
THEME BASKET



IT'S AUCTION
PROGRAM AD TIME:
SHARE A MESSAGE OR
ADVERTISE YOUR
BUSINESS



Auction donations have started to come in, so we know many of you have been out in the community soliciting items. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Please, keep up the good work! Although the last day to turn in donations is Monday, February 22, please don't wait until the last minute. **We'd love to have as many donations as possible before Break so we can catalog them during the break! It makes the Auction Committee's job so much easier! Thank you.**

Watch for raffle tickets coming home with your student soon! For the last ten years, the student body has played a very important role in boosting the bottom line for our auction fundraising efforts, making the last ten auctions some of the most successful ever! We're hoping for a repeat this year. Once again, students will be asked to sell auction raffle tickets for some great prizes. The Parent Leadership Team (PLT) plans to distribute the tickets to students before the Presidents' Week break. **Raffle ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets must be returned to school no later than Thursday, March 10.**

Parents who haven't signed up yet for an auction committee are asked to call parent Julia Alcerro (805) 570-4881 ASAP to let her know which committee you'd like to work with. (We still have openings on some of the auction committees.) If we haven't heard from you soon, we'll give you a ring to let you know what's still available.

Thank you to all of you who have already dropped off a donation for your grade's basket for the auction! The baskets are looking great, and we'd like to wrap them up soon, so **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 WILL BE THE FINAL DAY** to turn in a donation to your student's grade-level theme basket (see themes below). Please remember to include a name on your donation so we can check your student off the list.

- **Grade 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**

If you have a question or need a suggestion for your grade's basket, you can call Julia Alcerro or e-mail her at heydr.rey@hotmail.com.

Anacapa's Auction Program is a great place to advertise a business or service. If you—or anyone you know—is interested in having an ad in our program, please let us know. Camera-ready artwork and payments are due in the school office **by Tuesday, February 23**. Here are the rates:

- Business Card (horizontal or vertical) \$35
- Half Page (4½ x 3½ inches) \$55
- Full Page (4½ x 7½ inches) \$75

The next time you're out and about in town, ask if the people you normally do business with would like to run an ad in our program. Or if you have a business yourself, consider promoting it with our auction guests—you can't beat the price AND the targeted audience! Some ideas for inspiration:

- **A thank-you to someone special**
- **A "message" to your son or daughter or to a teacher(s)**
- **Insert your own idea here...**
- **A congratulatory note to the Class of 2015**

WE ♥ VALENTINE'S DAY AT ANACAPA

EARLY DISMISSAL FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 12

PRESIDENTS' WEEK
BREAK:
FEBRUARY 13-21



STUDENTS TO MEET
WITH ADVISORS
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 24

FIRST SEMESTER
BOOK BILLS

AUCTION INVITATIONS:
IT'S TIME TO INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO A
GREAT PARTY:

***IL CARNEVALE
DI ANACAPA!***



NEED SOME
MORE AUCTION
DONATION
IDEAS?



On campus Friday, February 12, we'll enjoy a low-key celebration of Valentine's Day. Bags will be available for students and teachers to decorate for our annual Valentine exchange.

An Important Reminder: Students will be dismissed at 12:25 pm (after morning academic classes) on Friday, February 12. Please note that Work Study will take place from 12:30 to 1:00 pm that day.

As is the case with many independent schools, Anacapa takes a week break for the Presidents' holiday in February. This year, school will be closed from Saturday, February 13 through Sunday, February 21. We do this to give students a full week to visit colleges, take family vacations, go skiing or snowboarding, or just catch their breath. We look forward to having everyone back on campus Monday morning, February 22!

Students will meet individually with their academic advisors on Wednesday afternoon, February 24 to review semester grades, goals, etc. These advisor meetings are for students and their advisors. If a parent would like to talk to an advisor (or any other teacher), please email the teacher directly (teachers' email addresses are listed in the school directory) OR call the school office to leave a message so arrangements can be made.

First semester book bills will be mailed to parents this month, and we appreciate your prompt payment. Please contact Natalie in the school office if you have any questions. Thank you!

In addition to securing donations and serving on an auction committee, we all need to be sure there are plenty of enthusiastic bidders in the audience on Auction Day. Please start spreading the word among your friends and relatives that Anacapa will be hosting a fabulous auction on campus on Sunday afternoon, March 13.

The Auction Committee will mail auction invitations to all parents soon. **Each family is asked to buy or sell six tickets.** Adult admission is \$40 through February 29. After that date, the price goes up to \$50, so make your reservations early and save \$10.

Because we encourage you to bring the WHOLE FAMILY for this event, we are offering a reduced rate of \$15 for those who are 18 or younger, and Anacapa students who sign up to work at the auction will be admitted free.

Getting donations for our auction is easier than you may think. The next time you're at the cleaners, eating dinner at your favorite restaurant, having a haircut, or working out at the gym, ask them if they'll support your school! Don't forget: we're the school auction that tries to appeal to everyone's tastes, pocketbooks, and interests! We want and need big and small items, goods, and services for both the live and silent auctions.

Each donation needs to be accompanied by a donation form.

These forms were mailed to all families in early January, and an additional copy is enclosed for your convenience in this mailing. The form may also be downloaded from the school Website at the following link: <http://www.anacapaschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Auction-Donor-Info-for-Website.pdf>

**IT'S A BUSY TIME, BUT
PLEASE DON'T FORGET
THE ANNUAL FUND!**

ANACAPA ADMISSIONS UPDATE



ANACAPA IN THE NEWS...



**A BIG ANACAPA WELCOME
TO OUR NEW CODING &
PROGRAMMING TEACHER:**

FRANCIS COSWORTH

Thank you, parents, for all your help in making the auction a success!

We appreciate knowing that all Anacapa parents ARE WORKING WITH US ON ANNUAL GIVING. A critical part of Anacapa's operating budget, the Annual Fund is essential to the school's fiscal health. If you haven't made your donation yet, please do so soon and help us reach **100% parent participation** this year! Tax-deductible donations may be made online at www.anacapaschool.org or sent directly to the school. **Gifts of all sizes are important to us.**

Attendance at both the November and January Open Houses was strong and the school has been receiving a lot of interest in queries for fall admissions. A big thank you to our students and parent speakers for being welcoming, informative ambassadors for the school.

Anacapa's inclusive and welcoming environment is a hallmark of the school. Let's make sure this reputation continues by offering a warm Anacapa welcome to all the students who will be visiting in early February, too! As mentioned in Notables last month, **the new deadline for priority consideration is now February 5, 2016.**

Remember: The very best way to get great students to consider Anacapa is through our *current* students and families. Please help us reach the people we want to reach by talking to your friends about Anacapa. If you have a friend you think might be a good fit at the school, please let Natalie Mills in Admissions know. We will be hosting several shadow days in February and would love to include students our own families and students recommend.

Anacapa School and Anacapa students have been in the news! In case you missed them, here are a few recent stories:

- [A Season of Giving: Anacapa Students Mark 35th Anniversary With 35 Volunteer Activities](#)
- [Las Cumbres Observatory Global Telescope Network's Nikolaus Volgenau Visits Anacapa School](#)
- [Anacapa Announces 2016 Synthesis Unit, 'Human Migration: The Search for a Better Life](#)

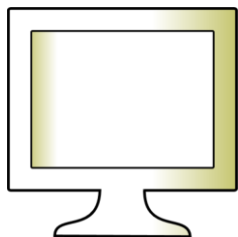
To share these stories with your friends and family easily, click on one of the social media icons at the top of each story.

Francis Cosworth will be joining Anacapa's teaching team this month. He will be teaching a Coding and Programming afternoon elective which is already drawing a lot of interest from students. To help you get to know Francis and see why we are excited to welcome him, we include his bio in this month's Notables:

Francis has an unusual skill set as a visual artist, writer and programmer. He has experience as a fine artist, designer, photographer, desktop publisher, and multimedia artist. In addition to his position at Anacapa School, he is now in his third year as a Computer Technology Specialist teacher at The Montessori Center School in Goleta.

Originally from a farming town outside of Philadelphia, Francis was admitted to The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts at age 16, and was the youngest student to be admitted to the University of Pennsylvania's coordinated program with the Academy. Francis then

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ANACAPA'S MARDI GRAS DANCE SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27



moved to Maui, where he lived and worked for a decade as a freelance artist and entrepreneur designing modern aloha shirts. In 1997, he discovered Santa Barbara City College and moved to Santa Barbara to study film and animation. At SBCC he realized that programming was an essential skill that many artists did not have in the new digital world so he studied computer science and later used those skills as a visual effects artist for feature films.

Well-traveled, Francis speaks a few foreign languages- French fluently- and likes to garden, sail, play tennis, and snowboard. His current passion is producing educational media, which he does as a professional consultant, and plans to begin graduate study in Educational Technology in 2016-2017.

Anacapa's annual Mardi Gras Dance is an event that many students look forward to every year. This year Anacapa has an extended invitation to Midland School in the Santa Ynez Valley. The dance is scheduled to take place from 8:00- 11:00 pm. Please remind your students that they need to stay on campus until they are picked up and are not allowed to leave the dance and return.

SOCIAL MEDIA SMARTS

These days it is important for schools to communicate in a number of ways. Social media is a great tool for schools to use to reach people who already know the school as well as those who don't. To stay up to date on what is happening at Anacapa, share the things students do here, and help Anacapa expand its social media connections, like us on Facebook by following [this link](#) and clicking the like button.