

# MAY 2012 NOTABLES



FAMILIES ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO  
VISIT THE NATIONAL  
COLLEGE FAIR IN  
VENTURA

Enclosed in this mailing is a flyer about the May 1 National College Fair held from 5:30 to 8:30pm at the Ventura County Fairgrounds (Seaside Park) in Ventura. Representatives from colleges and universities from across the country will be on hand to answer questions and distribute information about their respective programs. Students who attended this event in the past found it quite helpful, and we encourage families to take advantage of this “one-stop shopping” experience. It’s a great way to start a family dialogue about post-secondary hopes and dreams—and to start exploring the many options available!

WE’RE COLLECTING  
YEARBOOK PAGES  
THIS MONTH:  
PARENTS, PLEASE  
HELP YOUR  
STUDENT PREPARE!

The 2011-2012 yearbook will go to press this month, so please remind your student that personal yearbook pages from each student are due on Tuesday, May 15. There are many creative approaches to this Anacapa tradition, and it’s time for students to give some thought to their half-page design (a full page for seniors). Megan Nesland and her yearbook class will be using a Breakfast Club to explain what’s needed, especially for new students. As always, school guidelines prohibit the use of references to drugs, alcohol, sex, or violence. Keep it positive!

ATTENTION,  
CLASS OF 2012!

It’s time for seniors to begin working on their individual talks for this year’s graduation. To help seniors get started, we’ve scheduled a special session with Peggy Lauer while grades 7-11 work on their yearbook pages during the Club period on Wednesday, May 2. Final drafts of talks are due to Peggy the last day of finals—Thursday, May 31.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: Seniors are also reminded that they will go to the Santa Barbara Woman’s Club – Rockwood with the junior class at 12 noon on Friday, June 8 to have lunch and rehearse before that evening’s commencement ceremony. **Seniors and juniors should not make other plans from noon to 2:30 that very important day.** Thanks!

**FIRST THURSDAY**  
**BREAKFAST CLUB**  
**SERIES CONTINUES**  
**THIS MONTH WITH**  
**WORLD-RENOWNED**  
**SCULPTOR**  
**BUD BOTTOMS**

Anacapa’s Breakfast Club speakers bring high-level critical-thinking opportunities to our students. Our First Thursday Open Breakfast Club series is open to prospective parents and their students to see first-hand how a Breakfast Club works. This month’s First Thursday speaker on May 3 will be a local Santa Barbara treasure, the sculptor Bud Bottoms. His works range from small bronzes to large public monuments and memorials. Of course, one of his most famous installations is the Dolphin Family Fountain at the entrance to Stearns Wharf. Bud’s admiration for the intelligence and beauty of dolphins and whales inspires his work, and his unique artistry captures their playful spirit in everlasting bronze.

Anacapa parents are encouraged to bring prospective parents (and their students) to First Thursday, but – of course – you are also welcome to come on your own. Breakfast Club will run from 7:50 to 8:30. Guests are invited to stay afterward for coffee with the speaker.

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## LUNCH FOR MUS CABIN LEADERS

To show their appreciation, the Montecito Union School (MUS) sixth grade will host their Anacapa Cabin Leaders for lunch on Thursday, May 3. Sixth grade parents will provide the food for the potluck to be held at Lower Manning Park.

## GOOD LUCK ON AP EXAMS

Good luck to the Upper School students who have signed up to take this year's AP exams. Please refer to the enclosed May calendar for dates and times.

## WE'RE COUNTING ON EVERYONE DOING THEIR PART FOR ANNUAL GIVING!

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. Soon, you will be receiving 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—even in these challenging economic times.

As we go to press, we have raised \$20,475 toward our \$40,000 goal. By this time next month, we hope to see the gap closed and we hope YOUR name will be included in our list of much-appreciated parent donors. Thank you one and all!

## A TASTY AND FUN CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION FRIDAY, MAY 4

We plan to get a head start on Cinco de Mayo this year! Our May 4 Friday afternoon activity will be our traditional Cinco De Mayo lunch and celebration complete with fabulous food, music, and a very festive atmosphere. Special thanks to teacher Hugo Macario for once again organizing this fun event

7:30 PM, MAY 11 & 12  
CENTER STAGE THEATER  
IN PASEO NUEVO  
**CARNIVAL!**



The Anacapa School Performing Arts Department will present a musical stage performance of **CARNIVAL!** at 7:30pm on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12 at Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo. Anacapa students have been hard at work this semester perfecting their carnival acts, which include a magician, unicyclists, hula-hooper, sword swallower, snake charmer, and palm reader, among others.

Based on the 1953 film "Lili," **CARNIVAL!** tells the story of a young girl who joins a run-down traveling carnival called Grand Imperial Cirque du Paris. With music and lyrics by Bob Merrill and a book by Michael Stewart, **CARNIVAL!** won two Broadway Tony Awards—best actress and best set design.

Advance tickets are available at [www.centerstagetheater.org](http://www.centerstagetheater.org) or by calling Center Stage Theater at 805.963.0408. **TICKETS:** \$12 general admission, \$5 students, FREE for Anacapa students with ID. All seating is general admission. All ticket sales are final. No refunds or exchanges.

## SOFTBALL GAME AND BBQ—THE TRADITION LIVES ON!

It's the game we've all been waiting for! The Friday afternoon activity for May 18 will be our annual all-school spring BBQ and softball game. This game of Anacapa-style softball has become a tradition that's always fun and user-friendly. Bring your caps and mitts!

BRING THE  
WHOLE FAMILY  
– AND PROSPECTIVE  
ANACAPA FAMILIES –  
TO ENJOY OUR  
STUDENT ART SHOW  
AND CONCERT AT  
5PM MAY 21

Our fabulous student artists and writers will display their work, and our talented Ensemble Music class will perform on campus at 5pm Monday evening, May 21. We invite you to bring the whole family and join us! Paula Campanelli, Suzie Sichi, 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, friends, neighbors, or co-workers 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' labors!

THE LAST DAY  
OF CLASSES AND  
FINAL EXAMS

Thursday, May 24 is the last day of regular classes before final exams and the whirlwind of our end-of-the-year activities. Gordon will give final exams for his classes on Friday morning, May 25. Exams for other classes will be scheduled Tuesday, May 29-Thursday, May 31. **The final exam schedule will be sent to you later this month.**

ALL-SCHOOL  
SWIM PARTY

The traditional end-of-the-year swim party will take place at Hidden Oaks on Friday afternoon, May 25 (after Gordon's exams). We'll need some parent drivers, so please call Elizabeth in the school office if you can help! Students will be asked to bring refreshments to share. Watch for the Senate's postcard about what they'd like you to bring!

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 26 or to check out their completed masterpiece on Sunday, May 27 or Monday, May 28. (Look for the HUB Insurance square. Our thanks to HUB for sponsoring our block once again!)

COME JUNE, WE'LL  
BE HEADING TO THE  
SACRAMENTO AREA!

We're looking forward to celebrating what has been a great school year on our End-of-the-Year Trip (Sunday, June 3 - Wednesday, June 6). We're going to Sacramento, where we'll visit the State Capitol, meet with budget officials as a follow-up to last year's Synthesis Unit, and spend a day rafting on the American River. Watch for a separate trip mailing later.

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 Grading Day and Trip Prep. (No Regular School)  
Lower School: Promotion /Potluck Salad Lunch (12 noon)  
Upper School: No School But You're Welcome to Come!
- June 3-6 End-of-the-Year Trip: Sacramento Area  
(Details to come later – ALSO: See note above.)
- June 7 Trip Recovery Day (No School)
- June 8 Last Day of School for ALL Students (9 am-12 noon)  
Rehearsal for Seniors and Juniors (12 noon-2:30pm)  
Graduation Reception (5:30pm)  
Graduation Ceremony / ALL-SCHOOL Awards (6:30pm)

**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 Santa Barbara Woman's Club – Rockwood on Friday evening, June 8.**

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FACULTY CORNER:  
FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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

**PRELIMINARY DATES**  
**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**To 2012-2013**

The following 2012-2013 dates were included in last month's *Notables*, but we thought you might appreciate seeing them again:

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| September 6           | First Day of School   |
| September 11-15       | Beginning-of-the-Year Trip  |
| September 17          | Trip Recovery Day (No School)                                       |
| December 21-January 6 | Winter Break  |
| January 7             | Classes Resume  |
| January 18, 22-24     | First Semester Final Exams  |
| February 16-24        | Presidents Week Break   |
| March 23-31           | Spring Break  |
| April 1               | Classes Resume  |
| May 31 / June 3-5     | Second Semester Final Exams   |
| June 7                | Lower School Promotion  |
| June 9-12             | End-of-the-Year Trip  |
| June 13               | Trip Recovery Day (No School)                                       |
| June 14               | Last Day of School / Commencement and<br>All-School Awards Ceremony |