

SEPTEMBER 2012 NOTABLES



WELCOME TO THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year! We're delighted that you and your family will be a part of this Anacapa adventure! We're looking forward to having our returning students and their families back for another great school year, and we extend a warm WELCOME to our NEW students and their families! We're thrilled to be opening school with our enrollment back in the mid-60's for the first time in a few years.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR THREE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Anacapa is an excellent choice for international students who want a high-quality college-preparatory education in a supportive school community. Over the years, we have been fortunate to have had students from all over the world, including Brazil, England, Ethiopia, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, and Vietnam. This fall, we welcome three international students to Anacapa:

- Jae Heun (Jack) Roe: a tenth grader from South Korea, who will be staying with the Robertson family
- Paulina Tietze: a tenth grader from Germany, who will be staying with the Kostruba family (longtime family friends) first quarter
- Allen Zhang: an eleventh grader from China, who will be living with an Anacapa alum parent

We know our Anacapa families will make these three students feel welcome and supported as they embark on their personal journeys in a new country. We have much to learn from each other!

SEPT. 6-7 ORIENTATION: GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

School opens on Thursday, September 6 with a two-day orientation for students. Families are invited to join us at Leadbetter Beach for our annual family potluck picnic on Friday evening, September 7.

Our orientation program gives us a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones as we enjoy some Anacapa-style bonding. Our goals are to make all students and teachers feel welcome, to introduce everyone, to take care of some "business," and to celebrate who and what we are! Orientation schedules were mailed to you earlier, and copies are posted on the school Web site – www.anacapaschool.org. Please note specific times for the separate Lower and Upper School sessions on both Thursday and Friday.

CLASS SCHEDULES

Students will receive their morning class schedules at orientation on Thursday, September 6, and will meet briefly with each teacher in a quick run-through of the morning academic schedule. If you haven't already done so, please return the yellow postcard with your student's afternoon elective preferences as soon as possible. Classes will begin on Tuesday, September 18, after the trip to the Big Pine area.

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CALLING ALL NEW WORK-STUDY STUDENTS

Students who will be new to the school's Work-Study program will have a brief meeting on campus on Friday, September 7 at 12:30 (between the Lower School and Upper School beach sessions that day). Students are asked to bring a sack lunch to the meeting. We'll finish by 1:30 pm.

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC AT LEADBETTER BEACH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 (PLEASE: NO PETS!)

Please join us for the all-school potluck picnic at Leadbetter Beach from 5:30 to 7:30 on Friday evening, September 7. The school will provide bread, paper plates, and utensils. Families should bring their own non-alcoholic beverages and food items as noted below:

STUDENT last names beginning with:

A-G please bring a **SALAD or VEGGIES** to serve 10-12 AND your drinks

H-Q please bring a **MAIN DISH** to serve 10-12 AND your drinks

R-Z please bring a **DESSERT** to serve 10-12 AND your drinks

If you have TWO Anacapa students, please DOUBLE your dish.

OUR TRIP TO THE BIG PINE AREA WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!

You recently received a mailing with information about our upcoming Beginning-of-the-Year Trip. Please be sure to look at the equipment list now, so you are well prepared for this trip. It's coming up soon!

Trip information, including the equipment list, is also posted on the school website (see "For Your Information" in the right sidebar of the home page). Of special note are the following:

- Payment (\$260) is due by the first day of school—Thursday, September 6.
- Medications to be taken on the trip must be turned in, along with instructions, to the school office by Thursday, September 6.
- We'll be in session for regular school hours (7:50 am-3:00 pm) on Monday, September 10 for trip prep. activities on campus.
- Students should arrive on campus with their gear at 6:30 am on Tuesday, September 11 for our early departure.
- We are scheduled to return to campus at 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 15.
- Trip Recovery Day will be Monday, September 17—no school!

CLASSES TO BEGIN AFTER OUR TRIP

Right after our trip to the Big Pine area, we'll be hitting the books! Classes, including afternoon electives, are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, September 18.

HOW'S YOUR SUMMER READING COMING ALONG?

Literature teacher Peggy Lauer reminds students to complete their assigned summer reading book(s) before classes begin on Tuesday, September 18:

- Lower School – *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
- Upper School – *The Chosen*
- AP Literature – *The Chosen* AND *The Color Purple*

WORK-STUDY BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

All Work-Study students are asked to bring a sack lunch on Tuesday, September 18, as they will be meeting with faculty supervisors during the school's lunch period (12:25-1:10 pm). Work-Study students will start their after-school work that afternoon. Once we get into the swing of things, these students will usually be finished with their chores about 3:30. For the first couple of weeks, however, it will probably take us a little longer. Please bear with us as we all settle into our new routines!

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION ON SEPTEMBER 18

The school will host an orientation meeting for new parents at 5:30 on Tuesday evening, September 18. Please note that students do not attend this meeting; it is for parents only. This is one of the ways we try to help parents settle in at Anacapa! Of course, you'll also have a chance to meet other new parents. No need to RSVP – just come! The event will last about an hour.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS

First semester student senate elections are scheduled for the “Club” period on Thursday, September 20. If your student is interested in this leadership opportunity, encourage her or him to run. The senators and the tribune (the head of the student senate) meet once a week—usually at lunch on Mondays—to plan student activities.

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! Students will be selling Axxess Cards to raise money for student activities sponsored by the Senate AND to support 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 Friday, September 21. Sales end on Friday, October 5; that's the final day to turn in money and/or unused Axxess booklets. Thanks!

BRING YOUR BEST SMILE... SCHOOL PHOTOS ON SEPTEMBER 21

Both individual portraits and our traditional all-school photo will be taken on campus on Friday afternoon, September 21. We're looking forward to working with photographer Emily Hart-Roberts once again. **An order form is enclosed in this mailing. Order forms and payments are due in the school office by Wednesday, September 19.** Checks should be made payable to Emily Hart-Roberts Photography.

STUDENTS TO SET GOALS AND MEET THEIR ADVISORS

On Monday, September 24, students will write three personal goals (two of which should be academic goals) for the year. Students will then meet with their assigned academic advisors on Friday afternoon, September 28. These activities can provide some good conversation opportunities at home, so ask your student about them!

AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB IS COMING SOON— 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 as their efforts are acknowledged by teachers and peers. The Homework Club is one part of the support system that helps students achieve success. Beginning on Tuesday, September 25, Lassen Hall will be open from 3:30 to 4:45 pm on most Tuesdays and Thursdays for a study hall that we call *Homework Club*. This is an opportunity for students to have a quiet place to work, plus some academically strong Upper School students will be available to assist in most subject areas. In previous years, students have benefited from this organized quiet space and time with other motivated students, so please encourage your student(s) to attend!

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SHARE THE TRIP FUN AT OUR SLIDE SHOW & FAMILY DESSERT POTLUCK

We're sure you'll hear some of the stories about our trip to the Big Pine area as soon as your student steps off the bus! You'll also have a chance to see the photos from the trip at our family dessert potluck and trip slide show! Please bring the whole family and join us on campus at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 26 for this popular event. Families are asked to bring a small dessert (to serve 6) to share. See you there!

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Notables, our monthly mailing to families and teachers, provides information about upcoming school events and activities. We rely on this notice to keep you informed. Please keep this mailer and calendar handy for reference throughout the month. *Notables* and the calendar are also posted on our Web site (www.anacapaschool.org) each month. For quick access, look for the link toward the bottom of the right-hand sidebar on the home page.

IF E-MAIL IS YOUR THING, YOU CAN HELP US SAVE TIME, PAPER, AND POSTAGE

If e-mail is part of your daily routine, we'd love to send electronic copies of this monthly mailing and other notices to you. Last year, the school was able to save a substantial amount of time, paper, and postage because so many of our parents requested electronic mail. While not all mailings will be sent electronically, many will be. We are mailing this first issue of *Notables* to everyone via regular mail, but we will send later issues via e-mail to families who have asked us to do that. If you haven't already done so, please let the office know your preference—e-mail or regular mail. **WE ARE HAPPY TO DO EITHER. THE IMPORTANT THING FOR US IS KEEPING YOU INFORMED.** Thanks!

LOADING ZONE: SAFETY FIRST AND FOREMOST

The white passenger loading zone on Santa Barbara Street is to be used only for dropping off and picking up students. Please be very careful and move forward as traffic allows and do not linger in the passenger loading zone. We all need to work together to provide a **SAFE** loading area. By law, parking is not allowed in that zone, and the City does issue tickets from time to time to cars left unattended in the loading zone.

JAYWALKING REMINDER

Parents, we need your help! Please observe Anacapa's very strict **NO JAYWALKING** rule at **ALL** times—even when you're attending a social event on campus and especially when you're picking up your student after a trip. Students are less likely to be tempted to jaywalk if parents use the crosswalks and cross with the lights. We appreciate your help!

PARKING LOT IS OFF LIMITS

Parents and students are reminded not to use the parking lot behind the school at any time (including evenings and weekends). We have only eight parking spaces in that area that "belong" to Anacapa. The rest belong to our neighbor. Thank you for your continued help in this important area of school operations and good neighborly relations!

A GOOD WAY TO HELP ANACAPA ALL YEAR LONG...

If you know a family with a student who would be a good addition to Anacapa, please invite them to give us a call or stop by campus to find out more about our program—or, better yet, come along with them, show them around campus, and introduce them to us at our November 13 Open House! **Positive word-of-mouth is one of the most important ways families find out about our gem of a school.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS!

It's an exciting time for the Class of 2013 as they begin their senior year! We all hope it's the best year ever for each one of them! Enclosed for senior parents is a list of important senior dates, including the following:

- College counselor Lynn Hamilton will meet with seniors on campus at 11:45 am on Tuesday, September 4.
- The Class of 2013 will then have lunch with Gordon at 12:30 pm.
- After lunch that day, the seniors will meet with Suzie at 2:00 pm to prepare for orientation. (Please note that seniors will be on campus for both the Lower and Upper School orientation sessions on Thursday, September 6 and Friday, September 7, including the family potluck picnic that evening.) We always appreciate the key role our senior class plays in helping us launch the new school year during orientation.
- Friday, September 7 is the registration deadline for the October SAT, and Thursday, October 4 is the deadline to register for the November SAT. For details, go to www.collegeboard.com or check out the SAT information in the Computer Room at school.
- The Senior Dinner at Gordon and Suzie's home will be at 4:30 pm, Monday, October 1. Teachers and seniors attend this event. Seniors are asked to gather on campus at 4:00 so teachers can drive them to the dinner.
- College Counselor Lynn Hamilton will meet with seniors AND their parents on campus at 5:30 pm, Wednesday, October 10.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SOME IMPORTANT OCTOBER DATES!

We'll tell you more in October *Notables*, but please note these dates::

- 4:00 pm, Mon., Oct. 1 Senior Dinner at the Sichis' Home
- Afternoon, Fri., Oct. 5 Lower School Social at Zodo's
- 9 am-12 noon, Sat., Oct. 13 Parent Academic Morning (a chance for parents to follow an abbreviated form of their student's daily schedule)
- 12-3 pm, Wed., Oct. 17 PSAT for Grades 10-11
- Fri., Oct. 19 EARLY Dismissal (12:25 pm) and EARLY Work/Study (12:30-1 pm) for a WASC Faculty Meeting
- Afternoon, Sun., Oct. 21 Family Event at Fess Parker Winery to Benefit Anacapa School (Details later!)