

The Facts About Bishop High

Ready for College, Ready for Life...



BISHOP
GARCIA
DIEGO
HIGH SCHOOL

Est. 1959



History

Bishop Garcia Diego High School combines the rich heritage of two predecessor schools, Dolores School, which opened in 1932, and Catholic High School, which opened in 1940. Both schools were on Micheltorena Street and were operated by Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, under the Jesuit Fathers and the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B.V.M.). The original campus is now home to Notre Dame School.

In 1959 the Archdiocese of Los Angeles assumed sponsorship of the school, moving it to the present site on La Colina Road and taking California's first bishop, Bishop Francisco Garcia Diego y Moreno, as its patron.

On July 1, 2005, Bishop became an independent Catholic high school serving the needs of the broader community. Under the direction of a Board of Trustees, capital improvements along with strategies to preserve the affordability of a Bishop High education are integrated into both short and long term features of the Master Plan - it's a blue print for Bishop High's longevity - the big picture and essential details. Thanks to generous donors, several capital needs were addressed as Bishop High completed construction and facility improvements in excess of \$4.6 million dollars. We invite you to explore and discover Bishop Garcia Diego High!

Mission Statement

Bishop Garcia Diego High School is an independent Catholic co-educational secondary school that welcomes students of all faiths and provides them with the spiritual, personal, and intellectual knowledge to meet the enduring challenge of realizing their God-given potential in a multi-cultural society.



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The Facts About a Bishop High Education

The young men and women who attend Bishop tell us it is the high-caliber of our academic and athletic programs as well as the school's sense of community that motivates them to apply for admission. The school not only promises a solid college-prep education, but delivers in its commitment to ensure a school community in which all students, teachers, staff and families are respected and valued.

- *Our highly qualified and dedicated faculty offer individualized attention - Teacher Student Ratio 1:18*
- *Since 2002, 100 percent of our students have been admitted to colleges and universities nationwide.*
- *2008 SAT Scores: On average, Bishop students achieved a score of 1748 on the SAT while the State of California average is 1512 and the national average is 1511.*
- *Graduates of Bishop exceed the a-g requirements necessary to be considered for admission by the UC/CSU systems.*

Graduation Requirements

English	4 years	Social Studies	3 years
Theology	4 years	(US Government/Economics required)	
Mathematics	4 years	Fine Arts	1 year
(Algebra II required)		Physical Education	1 year
Foreign Language	2 years	Health	1 semester
Science (lab)	2 years	Technology	1 semester

Including elective courses, Bishop students complete the units required for graduation.

Student Achievement is reflected through our Cardinal Standards:

Faith, Service, Thought, Expression, Self-Reliance and Action

Commitment to Excellence In Education

“It’s HERE”: Higher Education, the Right Experience

- Guidance & Counseling Program, College Counseling Center
- Individualized college planning and application, financial aid and scholarship support
- Goal setting and career exploration
- Parent evenings focused on college planning
- Opportunities to meet college recruiters on the Bishop campus and visit college campuses

The Bishop Scholars Academy

The Academy was developed for gifted students to pursue the highest level coursework possible based on their individual needs and college goals. Participation in the Academy is by invitation only and the process is directed by the Dean of Studies. The Dean collaborates with our college and academic counselors and parents to determine the appropriate course of study for Academy students, including courses at UCSB and SBCC.

Students meet the following criteria:

- *Test scores (HSPT/PSAT/SAT) in the 90th percentile (compared to their own grade level) in either Math or English*
- *4.0 GPA*
- *Receive approval from Curriculum Committee based on specified criteria*

Dual Enrollment provides the opportunity for able and motivated students to earn both high school and college level course credits at Santa Barbara City College in select classes, prior to high school graduation.

Resource Program

- Bishop Garcia Diego High School is committed to meeting the individual academic needs of all students. Students with documented learning disabilities are eligible to receive services under the direction of the Learning Resource Specialist.



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Well-Rounded Student Life

At Bishop Garcia Diego High School we place a significant value on the physical, psychological and social benefits high school students gain from active participation in athletics. Bishop supports a diverse slate of sports programs designed to meet the interests and skill levels of our student athletes. Our programming and facilities have been designed to assist students in building their personal development in mind/body awareness. This development of our student athletes includes physical conditioning, skill building and the cultivation of the competitive spirit as it relates to the development of important social skills and values applicable to life beyond their high school years.

Athletics ~ 20 sports represented by 27 teams

Baseball • Basketball • Cheer • Cross Country • Football • Golf • Soccer
Softball • Swim • Tennis • Track & Field • Volleyball

Bishop High is about potential. We are a small school with big accomplishments. Students are encouraged to explore their interests and become involved in the school community through participation in a variety of clubs and activities. In this manner, students build on the richness of diverse experiences and learn new avenues of shared commitment. Campus life encourages students to be life-long learners as they develop leadership skills that will enable them to adopt productive roles within their families and their community at large.

Clubs & Organizations

Ambassadors • Anime • Art • Computer • CSF – California Scholarship Federation
European Culture • Jewish Culture • Kids for Christ • MeCHA •
Mu Alpha Theta – Mathematics Honor Society • Newspaper • NHS – National Honor Society
Photography • Ping Pong • Pure Love Club • Science • Surf

The Bishop Community – Special Traditions & Events

Welcome Week • Freshman Parent Potluck • Back to School Night
Clubs Fair • Cardinal Event • Grandparent Luncheon • Academic Awards Banquet
Evening of the Arts • Gala Dinner & Auction • Bob Morelli Memorial Golf Tournament
Dances – Casual, Semi-formal & Formal • Spirit Week – Celebrate Homecoming
Alumni Tailgate Party • Senior Ropes Course • Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Retreats
Junior Ring Mass • Senior Mothers' Mass & Senior Fathers' Mass
Sports Banquets – Fall, Winter & Spring • Band Concert – Winter & Spring
Christmas Fair • Open House • Valentine's Day Celebration
Spring Fever Week & Spring Fling Dance • Bowling Bonanza
Field Research Projects for freshmen, sophomores & juniors
Senior Retreat • Class Elections • Talent Show • Spring Musical • Prom
Senior Twilight Retreat • Graduate Luncheon • Baccalaureate Mass • Commencement

Events are supported and orchestrated by various school constituencies: The Alumni Association, Bishop's Advancement Group, Faculty, Parent Advisory Board, Cardinal Club, and Student Government. These organizations support and produce school events which enrich the Bishop experience.

The School Facilities

The 16-acre site is near the foothills of Santa Barbara's mountains, with easy access to Highway 154 and 101. Addressing a full spectrum of student needs, the campus includes a college counseling center, art studio, band center, chapel, library, video production studio, sports fields, an athletic training center with two gymnasiums, state of the art weight room, two science labs and dual computer technology centers with internet access in all classrooms.



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RECENT BISHOP GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO LEADING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NATIONWIDE: Boston University, Brown University, Bryn Mawr College, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Chapman University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Gonzaga University, Johns Hopkins University, Loyola Marymount University, Marquette University, Mills College, Mount Saint Mary's College, New York University, Northwestern University, Occidental College, Pepperdine University, Santa Clara University, Scripps College, Stanford University, United States Naval Academy, UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, University of Arizona, University of Colorado, University of Notre Dame, University of San Diego, University of San Francisco, University of Southern California, University of Washington, Vanderbilt University, Westmont College and more...

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