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BISHOP TEACHER, PILOT, AND ALUMNA TO LAND ON THE ATHLETIC FIELD OF BISHOP GARCIA DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL

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As part of Science week at Bishop Garcia Diego High School, we are devoting time to the field of aviation.

Dan Peeters '87
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On Wednesday, March 14, Mrs. Beverly Van Wingerden, and Mr. James Duffy, licensed helicopter pilots with Ocean Air Helicopters of Santa Barbara will fly in and land a helicopter on the school athletic field at 12:15 p.m. at BGDHS, 4000 La Colina Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110. Mrs. Van Wingerden is not only the pilot; she is also the Band Director at Bishop and a graduate of the Class of '69.

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Once the pilots have landed, students will have the opportunity to come inspect the helicopter close up.

The last time a helicopter landed on campus was May 10, 1972 when Ronald Reagan, the Governor of California, visited the campus. According to the school newspaper at the time, Governor Reagan addressed the "student assembly on the importance of an informed electorate, encouraging those students who would be voting to study the issues and vote wisely."

Mr. Hahn's science classes are working on projects dealing aerodynamic forces and all science classes will attend an aviation presentation on Tuesday, March 13. Speakers will be Mrs. Van Wingerden and Mr. Bill Sener, alumnus of the BGDHS Class of 1972. Mr. Sener, a retired US Air Force Pilot and current commercial airline pilot for Delta started flying when he was a junior at Bishop high school.

We hope you will join us for this event.

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