Wow, Bishop Parents! You have really made that mercury rise! Your support for *The Fund for Bishop Diego* has been amazing! The seniors have pulled to within TWO percentage points of the lead, just behind the sophomores! The freshmen are also not far behind and it is still anyone's game! Which class will have bragging rights?

Be sure to spread the word with your fellow parents who have not yet donated by text, email, or in-person! Their support could be the difference needed to win and even one donation has a huge impact on the numbers! If your family has already donated to *The Fund for Bishop Diego*, we thank you and your participation is reflected below! While we would love for you to donate again if you are so inclined, each family's participation can only be counted once. If you are not sure if you have donated, just give us a call!

Here are the current standings:

- **Freshmen – Class of 2022:** 30.7% (Let's go, Freshmen!)
- **Sophomores – Class of 2021:** 35.8% (Come on, Sophomores!)
- **Juniors – Class of 2020:** 27.3% (You're still in the game!)
- **Seniors – Class of 2019:** 33.3% (Wow! You are almost in the lead!)

**Freshmen, Sophomore, & Junior Parents:** The winner of the competition will receive the gift of **a day off from school** in the fall along with a few other perks like being the first class to try lunch in the new café, the first class to be dismissed from assemblies for the entire year, and a School Day of Fun next year that includes choosing the PA music during breaks and passing periods, an ice cream sundae bar at lunch, a pie eating contest, and more – JUST for their class!

**Senior Parents:** If our current senior families end up with the highest percentage of participation, the Class of 2019 gets to plan a day of shenanigans for the fall. Example: Justin Bieber music played over the PA during passing periods and breaks for one week and even a prank on their favorite teacher. Or how about redesigning a classroom and turning it into a petting zoo? The administration is open to ideas! The seniors would also win the VIP treatment at the 2019 Homecoming football game including free entry, reserved seating in the all-new
Cardinal’s Nest, spirit packs, and more! In addition, every graduating senior would receive an all-season sports pass for 2019/20!

As we prepare to close out the fiscal year, we are down to the last 35 days to reach our goal of 100% family participation in support of *The Fund for Bishop Diego*, an annual fund dedicated to bridging the gap between what is charged for tuition and what it actually costs to provide a Bishop Diego education. Currently, that gap exceeds $5,000 per student. If we can raise $50,000 by the end of June, we can also unlock a $50,000 matching gift. $35,831 has been raised so far, which means we are 72% of the way there!

Remember - it’s not about how much you give; it is all about participation! No matter the size of your gift, whether it is $5 or $500, your donation will count towards Luke's "family-class" participation and will boost their chances of winning a day off from school next year along with many other perks! Families with students in multiple grades will impact all of their students with one gift.

Family participation in the annual fund tells donors and foundations how invested our families are in Bishop Diego. When we say that 100% of our community has given to *The Fund for Bishop Diego*, it speaks volumes. If you believe in our students, others will too!

To make an impact, feel free to go to www.bishopdiego.org/support/online-giving or stop by the front office with your gift. All donations must be received by June 30th to be counted towards this competition and the winning class will be announced in July! Updated participation rates will be reported in the drop-off area and on Social Media (@BDHSCardinals on Instagram or @BishopDiegoHS on Facebook).

We thank you in advance for your support!

**Spring “Open House” Tours**

Do you know a family who has been on the fence about where to send their student for high school next year? One of the hardest things for a Catholic school is getting the word out about the special communities and learning environments we offer. It is often hard to express all of the amazing things that happen during a student’s four years at Bishop.

There are two primary ways for a family to come to know who we truly are:

1. Word of Mouth
2. Tours and Events
While we know that our students and parents are our best advertising, we also know that if we can get a new family and their student to visit our campus, 90% of the time they will choose Bishop Diego. I am asking for your help in reaching those families who think they know us, but who will be pleasantly surprised when they learn who we really are.

I ask that you assist us in bringing the fence sitters, naysayers, and even the curious to our campus for their very own private tour. What better way to learn about Bishop than to see it up close and in person? Have them reach out to me or I can even reach out to them to set up a date and time that works best. I am always excited to share the blessings of Bishop Diego High School!

Warmly,

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