

Athletics – *Mr. Mike Cano*

Come out and support our Fall Sports Teams:

Girls Volleyball is off to a great start in league play with a 2-0 record and face Santa Clara on Tuesday at Home in the Brickhouse!

Cross Country hosted their 1st meet vs Providence on Thursday and all performed well.

Girls Tennis, Girls Golf all begin there seasons soon and Water Polo has been in the pool working hard.

Football is playing well and is currently 2-1 going into Friday's game vs Nipomo. Our next home game is Friday September 20 vs Chicago Hope.

At times, the business of preparation masks the opportunities we have to connect and learn from each other and our opponents independent of any Final Score of a contest. Next week, we don't want to miss out on one special opportunity which occurs when we host Chicago Hope Academy. Here is a link regarding this high performing Christian college prep institution which serves the needs of a diverse student population and emphasizes development of their students using a value based mission similar to Bishop: <https://chicagohopeacademy.org/about-us/>. This school has been featured on national news for the life changing opportunities it has provided students and its reputation for academic and athletic excellence --- (also known for allowing then President Barack Obama to play a little basketball in their gym)!!

This game was arranged through the long time friendship of our very own Mick Luckhurst and Bob Muzikowski, the founder and CEO of Chicago Hope. Bob attended a couple of our games last year as Mick's guest and raised the possibility of connecting for a contest this season with his student-athletes traveling to us - an experience which, he relates, will involve many of his student-athletes flying on a plane and/or seeing the ocean for the very first time. Chicago Hope's travel party will fly into LAX on Wednesday evening and travel by bus here to Santa Barbara. With the JV game scheduled for Saturday morning, they will return

to Chicago on Sunday morning. We are so blessed by our Bishop Diego community and families as many will be hosting Chicago Hope players Friday and Saturday.

Based upon what we have learned about Chicago Hope's football program, we anticipate challenging and competitive V and JV contests that weekend. But we also appreciate that, more than just playing the games, the weekend of September 20 (Friday) and September 21 (Saturday) will present the opportunity for boys from both teams to interact within the context of friendship forged through competition and time together over that weekend. They are sure to find that they have more in common than they might think and, much like our Bishop kids experience daily, the values prized by both schools bridge any socioeconomic, religious, geographical or ethnic differences we might naively think of as obstacles.

Athletic Contests Week of September 16-21

Monday September 16

Girls Golf Home vs Foothill Tech 3:00p SB Golf Club EARLY RELEASE 2:14p

Tuesday September 17

Girls Volleyball Home vs Santa Clara Frosh/Soph 4:00P, JV 5:00p, Varsity 6:00p NO EARLY RELEASE

Wednesday September 18

Girls Golf Home vs La Reina 3:00p SB Golf Club EARLY RELEASE 2:14

Thursday September 19

Girls Volleyball @ Thacher JV 5:00p, Varsity 6:00p SCHOOL OUT 1:30

Friday September 20

Varsity Football Home vs Chicago Hope 7:30p SBCC NO EARLY RELEASE

Saturday September 21

JV Football Home vs Chicago Hope 11:00a TBD
Girls Varsity @ Cate Mixer Tournament ALL DAY

Go Cardinals!

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