Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter

SCHEDULES – Returning students are asked to print their schedule from PCR for use on the first day of school. Schedules may have shifted a bit during the summer, so please double check you have the most current version printed. The new schedule will also have locker information. If you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Anderson. The deadline to request a schedule change with Ms. Anderson is Wednesday, August 30th at 3:00pm.

NEW STAFF – We are proud to introduce three new members to the Counseling and Student Services Division:

Ms. Julianne Salcedo, joins our team as the Resource Teacher’s Assistant. She can be reached at jsalcedo@bishopdiego.org or ext. 201. Ms. Salcedo graduated from Bishop in 2013, and recently earned her Bachelor’s degree from Pepperdine University. This past year, Ms. Salcedo worked as a substitute teacher and tutor at Bishop. She has also served as a Confirmation Teacher with St. Raphael’s Church and is a valued member of our community.

We are also excited to welcome Mr. Philip Beach as Bishop’s part-time Personal Counselor. You can reach him at ext. 121 or pbeach@bishopdiego.org on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays between 9:30am-3:30pm. Mr. Beach was raised in Connecticut before coming to California to pursue his Bachelor’s degree at UCSB. Upon graduation, volunteer work with our community’s youth inspired Mr. Beach to pursue his Masters of Science in Counseling at the University of La Verne. He has served as a school counselor at Santa Barbara High School and Goleta Valley Junior High. He also holds a position as a Research Coordinator in the Psychological and Brain Sciences department at UCSB. In his free time, he can be
found surfing and bike riding. He also enjoys catching the first light of the day with his camera or on the beach with his dog.

Ms. Liv Gonzalez returns to Bishop in her position as Registrar. We are thrilled that she is also now the Counseling Office Assistant. Ms. Gonzalez can be reached via email at lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org, or ext. 119.

**TEST PREP** - Seniors interested in taking the SAT or ACT in September, October, or November may wish to register for our **SAT/ACT Bootcamp**. The cost is $299.00 and will take place September 14-16. This bootcamp is an excellent option for seniors looking to boost their score before going into the fall semester exams. Juniors who think they have a chance to score in the top tier on the PSAT may also wish to consider our bootcamp in gearing up for the PSAT exam this October. Register at: [http://tutorsacrossamerica.com/actcourse/](http://tutorsacrossamerica.com/actcourse/). The deadline to sign up is September 7.

**SAT/ACT EXAMS** - Seniors are encouraged to wrap up testing in November if at all possible. However, many colleges will take December exams. The key is to plan ahead, taking into consideration extra-curricular activities. It is the student's responsibility to know college test score deadlines and to order official test scores from the SAT or ACT agency directly.

SAT Dates - [sat.org/register](http://sat.org/register)

- September 7 deadline to register for October 6 exam
- October 5 deadline to register for November 3 exam

ACT Dates - [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

- September 28 deadline to register for October 27 exam
**CASE STUDIES EVENT AND MINI-COLLEGE FAIR:** Parents are invited to participate in an event on Wednesday, August 29 from 8:20am – 11:00am. All students will report to their Family Homeroom at the beginning of school this day. Parents are asked to RSVP to lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org no later than August 22 if they plan to attend this event. **RSVP is mandatory for parents only.**

**HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGE ADMISSION EVENT:** Save the date! All members of the Santa Barbara community and surrounding areas are invited to an event on Monday, October 15 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Presenters include Rob Schwartz of Premier College Guidance and Gary Clark, Director of Undergraduate Admission for UCLA. **RSVP is not required for this event, which will take place in the Main Gym.**

**SENIORS** - If you begin your Common App - make sure that you click the option that says Bishop **DOES NOT** use Naviance to upload letters of recommendation to Common App.

Further, we are making a transition away from Naviance, to utilize a program called SCOIR. That means that student accounts in Naviance will become inactive starting August 30. If you have saved college lists or other information in Naviance, be sure to make note of this information before the account becomes inactive. Students will be trained on SCOIR this fall. If you have questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Carpenter.

**SENIOR FAMILIES** - Mrs. Carpenter would love the opportunity to meet with seniors and their parents beginning in September. Please contact Ms. Gonzalez to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Carpenter to work on your college list, your essays or to review any college planning questions you have: lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org or ext 119.