Colleges Visiting Bishop:

**Hamilton College**
Monday, October 29
7:50am – before school
College Center

**Gonzaga University**
Monday, October 29
12:53pm – during lunch
College Center

**University of Oregon**
Tuesday, October 30
12:53pm – during lunch
College Center

**Point Loma Nazarene University, Simpson University and University of San Francisco**
Wednesday, October 31
7:50am – before school (New time)
College Center

**Concordia University of Irvine, and George Mason University**
Thursday, November 1
7:50am – before school
College Center and Library

**Chapman University, Colorado State University, Pacific University, University of San Diego, Pepperdine University, University of Connecticut, University of Missouri**
Thursday, November 1
1:20pm – at lunch
Quad

**Arizona State University**
Friday, November 2
12:53pm – at lunch
College Center

**Westmont College**
Friday, November 2
7:50am – before school
College Center
**College Admissions Tests:**

On Saturday, December 8, Bishop will offer a Mock ACT Exam for interested Juniors. Students must RSVP to Mrs. Carpenter no later than Friday, November 30th. The test is free. The sign-up sheet is outside Ms. Gonzalez’ office. Interested Sophomores may inquire if there is a spot available, but priority is reserved for Juniors.

The PSAT was given to all 10th & 11th grade students in October. Students will be given their PSAT scores and Mock ACT scores (if they take the December Mock ACT test) in person at the Scores Back Night, on Monday, January 7 at 5:00pm in the Bishop Library. Sophomore and Junior Parents, please save the date for this event.

**Academics for Grades 9-12:**

The end of first quarter was Friday, October 19. Your student was provided with an official progress report in PCR. Please review this document if you have not yet seen it. These are temporary grades meant to keep you well informed of student progress. Permanent grades will be issued at the end of the semester, December 19. Those grades will be available in PCR, in January.

If interested in Peer Tutoring or Cal-SOAP support, please have your student sign up in the Counseling Office, with Ms. Anderson.

Students interested in taking courses off campus (i.e. online programs, SBCC or UCSB) who wish to put the credit on a Bishop transcript toward graduation must get permission to take the course prior to signing up for the class. See Ms. Anderson to request an “Academic Petition” to take the course. The petition will not be granted if the class isn’t currently recognized as a UC/CSU/NCAA approved course. Ms. Anderson will help you decipher this information.
Parents of 9th Graders:

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00pm in the Library** for an informative evening covering the following topics:

- Graduation and college entrance requirements
- Bishop’s 4 Year Academic Plan
- Christian Service Hours Requirement & Opportunities
- Advanced Placement (AP) program & courses

Parents of 9th, 10th and 11th graders:

Mrs. Carpenter will lead a discussion about the Highly Selective College admission process. You are invited to join this meeting from 7:05pm-7:35pm on Wednesday, November 14 in the College and Career Center.

Parents of 10th and 11th graders:

Mrs. Carpenter will lead a discussion about NCAA and NAIA – the recruiting and college application process for high school athletes. Join us at 6:00pm in the College and Career Center on Wednesday, November 14.

Parents of 11th Graders:

Please visit Bishop’s College Counseling [webpage](https://bdhsmultimedia.org/college-entrance-exams.html) for detailed information regarding the SAT, ACT and SAT Subject Tests:

Ms. Gonzalez will be contacting 11th grade families in the near future to book individual college planning meetings. The meetings will start in January. Each session will take about 45 minutes.

Save the date for a College Information Night on Monday, January 7 in the Library at 6:00pm. Presenters will be from UC, CSU and a Private College, speaking about the educational opportunities and application requirements for each system of education.
Seniors & College Applications:

For many students, November is the busiest month for sending college applications. Please remember that students are encouraged to make an appointment with Mrs. Carpenter if they need support with this process. Students may also drop in for help during break, study hall, lunch or after school until 5:00pm.

Please remember to ask Mrs. Carpenter to proof read your CSU and UC applications before you hit the submit button. Completing the A-G sections is a little tricky, so let’s make sure applications are perfect.

SAT with Writing Registration Deadline
November 2 for December 1 Test
Register at [www.sat.collegeboard.org/register](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org/register)

ACT with Writing Registration Deadline
November 2 for December 8 Test
Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

If paying for an SAT/ACT exam presents financial hardship, please see Mrs. Carpenter, as financial assistance may be available for qualifying families.

Remember to log into the ACT.org or Collegeboard.org websites to order and pay for your test scores. You must send your official test scores to colleges on your application list, by their individual required deadlines. Contact Mrs. Carpenter if you have questions about this process.

If your student has a LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION deadline of:

November 15, the last day to request a letter of rec is November 1.
December 1, the last day to request a letter of rec is November 16.
December 15, the last day to request a letter of rec is December 3.
January 1, the last day to request a letter of rec is December 3.
January 15, the last day to request a letter of rec is January 1.
If a student has assigned Mrs. Carpenter as the Counselor in Common App (and verified with Mrs. Carpenter that his/her name has appeared in her account by asking her directly), she will submit her letter of rec, secondary school report and your student’s transcript by the required deadline. Students do not submit Bishop transcripts to common app schools; however, they should submit official SBCC, other high school or college transcripts to the Common App schools.

Remember that the UC and CSU Application deadline is November 30. Do not wait until the last minute to apply! Transcripts and letters of recommendation are not required for these schools.

For all other colleges, if your student needs an official transcript sent to a college, make sure they complete a transcript request form in the Registrar’s Office (Ms. Gonzalez). A pre-addressed envelope to the corresponding college is required. Return address should be: Bishop HS, 4000 La Colina, Santa Barbara CA 93110. 24 hour notice is required. Official transcripts from other high schools or colleges attended should also be submitted to these schools.

**Scholarships:** Bishop’s local scholarship directory is about 15 pages long. Don’t miss out on these opportunities. Some deadlines start in November and others in January. Visit bdhsmultimedia.org/scholarships.html for a copy of Bishop’s “Local Scholarship Directory”.

The CSS Profile may be required by some private institutions your student is applying to this year. Please visit: http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile to see if your student needs to fill out this form.

Remember to complete either the FAFSA or the Dream Act application by March 2nd. The deadline might be earlier for particular colleges or scholarship programs, so completing these forms sooner rather than later is recommended.

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara presented to seniors in class last month. While the main application deadline is January 15, the early deadline for the Honors & Art Scholarships is November 15. For more information visit: www.sbscholarship.org. Very important note: The main application requires completion of the FAFSA and a letter of recommendation.
Those things need to be handled before you are able to hit the submit button on January 15. So, be sure and get ahead of those requirements.

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