COLLEGES VISITING BISHOP:

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY
   · Monday, November 4 at 7:50am in the College and Career Center

BENINGTON COLLEGE
   · Tuesday, November 5 during 5th period in the College and Career Center

WILLAMETTE COLLEGE
   · Wednesday, November 6 at 7:50am in the College and Career Center

ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA
   · Wednesday, November 6 at 7:50am in the Library

MARYMOUNT CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY (Palos Verdes, CA)
   · Wednesday, November 6 at lunch in the Quad

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY (Oregon)
   · Wednesday, November 6 at lunch in the Quad

Attention Juniors:

On Saturday, December 7, from 8:00am-12:00pm, Bishop will offer a Mock ACT Exam for interested Juniors. Students must RSVP no later than Friday, November 22nd. 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 13 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 18. 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 20th. 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 13th 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 13 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 13.
Parents of 11th Graders:

Please visit Bishop’s Counseling webpage in BD Classroom 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 13 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.

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.

Application Workshop for Seniors:

- Monday, November 4 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- Tuesday, November 5 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- Thursday, November 7 during Cardinal Time (11:10am – 11:40am)
- Seniors and their Parents are encouraged to drop in with any questions

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SAT with Writing Registration Deadline
  · November 8 for December 7 Test
  · Register at www.sat.collegeboard.org/register

ACT with Writing Registration Deadline
  · November 8 for December 14 Test
  · Register at 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 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 the Counseling Website in BD Classroom 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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