ACADEMIC PLANNING: 9th-11th grade students should begin to think about their courses for next year. Ms. Anderson will first meet with students in March to discuss their teacher recommendations and interests for 2019-2020. After that time, Ms. Anderson will be available to meet individually with students and parents who wish to discuss course planning.

JUNIORS: Parents and students are encouraged to visit www.collegeboard.org and register as a user in order to start receiving information about SATs. Juniors should aim for completing one SAT by the June test date. For the May 4 SAT Exam you must register by April 5. For the June 1 SAT Exam (same day as Bishop Graduation ceremony) you must register by May 3.

Juniors should also aim to take one ACT exam by the June date. For the June 8 ACT Exam you must register by May 3 at www.act.org. You are encouraged to sign up for the ACT and SAT with writing, even though it is made optional. The writing section is not optional for many colleges.

SAT/ACT BOOTCAMP: To help students who are preparing to take the SAT or ACT exam this spring/summer, Bishop is offering a weekend bootcamp in collaboration with Tutors Across America. The camp will be at Bishop on Friday, April 5 from 4:00pm-8:30pm, Saturday, April 6 from 9:00am-6:00pm and Sunday, April 7 from 9:00am-6:00pm. The cost of this program is $299.00. The registration deadline is Friday, March 22. Register at: https://tutorsacrossamerica.com/actcourse/ - Scroll toward the bottom of the page to register for Bishop’s camp.

Thirty juniors have already signed up for College Seminar. I am now taking students on a waiting list. Please let me know if you have not yet signed up, but have interest in participating. This program is free and geared for the class of 2020, who will apply to four-year universities in the fall. Students who participate in College Seminar will learn essential information regarding the application process for CSUs, UCs and Private Colleges. College Seminar will take place June 3 and 4 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Those who signed up for UC
Personal Insight Question review will receive an appointment on June 5th between 10:00am-12:00pm.

Parents, please ask your 11th grader about the extra credit opportunity being made available in English class. Students are currently receiving training on how to write their college essays. They will then be given time in Family Homeroom to get working on these essays, which if done correctly and turned in by the deadline in May, will be eligible for extra credit!

**SENIORS:** Those planning to attend SBCC in the fall are required to participate in the SBCC orientation planned for March 7 at 1:45pm in Room 202.

Steve Cosgrove, Admission Counselor from CSU Channel Islands will be at Bishop March 27th from 7:50am-8:30am to meet with admitted students; answering questions and discussing next steps. Meeting location is the College Center.

Please remember to submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the **March 2nd deadline**, and log into your Webgrants Account to make certain everything is in order there: [https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp](https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp). If you think you should qualify for federal and state financial aid, this is a critical step.

Seniors should monitor their email and the individual college applicant portals. Keep an eye out for notice of missing documents, or additional requirements, like English or Math placement exams. Students who miss deadlines may have their applications withdrawn or their acceptances rescinded.

Seniors also need to keep their grades up. Grades below a C are typically unacceptable for college admission. Earning a D or F in 12th grade could result in a college rescinding their offer of acceptance.

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