**Grades:** Most students have been doing well this semester, but there are a few who need to get back to some serious studying. We previously sent out progress letters to parents of students with a D or F grade, which can impact co-curricular activities. If you received a letter, please feel free to contact teachers with questions you may have about your student’s academic difficulties. Our data shows that students who attend office hours with their teachers have been able to significantly improve their grades. Please encourage your student to attend office hours offered every morning 7:50am-8:15am. Quarter 3 ends March 8th marking the mid-semester grading period.

Students with Fs on their transcript will need to make a plan for retaking courses, and students with Ds on their transcript will need to make a plan for four-year college eligibility. Two main options for making up courses include college courses and online high school programs. BEFORE signing up for a class, students must get their course approved by Ms. Anderson, via Academic Petition, in order to ensure the course has been approved by UC/CSU for meeting admission requirements, and our BDHS graduation requirements.

**Schedules 2019-2020:** It’s time to begin thinking about the next school year and what courses your student will take. Students will be given their Course Selection Form on March 7th. Encourage your student to continue with a language other than English, or to take that next challenging math or science class. Colleges like to see students push themselves academically, and go BEYOND the minimum college entrance requirements. An “easy” schedule with few solid academic classes does not impress a college admission officer. If you or your student have any questions about the courses that have been recommended for them, please contact their current teacher in the specific subject area for more information.

Be certain to register on time for the 2019-2020 school year and have your student return the Course Selection Form to Ms. Anderson when she is scheduled to meet with students during Theology class. Priority course placement will be given to students based on date of paid registration for the 2019-2020 school year.
Ms. Anderson will meet with students to discuss individual course schedules as follows:

- March 11 & 12 – Juniors
- March 12, 13 & 14 – Sophomores
- March 13 & 15 – Freshmen

**FINANCIAL AID** – The college financial aid information session for 7th-11th grade parents that is planned for March 14 will not be taking place in the Library. Please RSVP to lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org for this event, and once the location is solidified, we will email you a confirmation.

**SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY CONTEST** - The Harvard Undergraduate Economics Association (HUEA), in collaboration with the Harvard Economics Review (HER), is delighted to announce the annual International Essay Competition. It is open to students ages 15 to 18 or in high/senior school (Grades 9 to 12, or Years 10 to 13). It is a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate an accomplished level of writing as well as to establish a well-argued essay. These skills are highly attractive on undergraduate applications to universities in the USA and UK.

Four questions have been posted on the HUEA website. The deadline for submitting the essay will be 11:59pm EST April 30th, 2019. There will be $1300 worth of prizes to be won, with further non-monetary awards available. Further details about the competition are available at their website here. The essays will be judged by the boards of the HUEA and HER, with the top 15 submissions adjudicated by esteemed Harvard economics professor and 2016 Nobel Prize Winner, Oliver Hart.

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT** - This summer, UCSB Recreation is looking to hire 12 to 15 high school students to join their team of water safety professionals. Here are some of the perks:

- Flexible schedules
- Competitive wages
- On going paid training
- Work outside
If interested, please contact:
Rick Van Hoorn
Manager
UCSB Aquatics Programs
805-451-5061

COLLEGE EXPLORATION: Interested in learning more about studying in Northern England? If so, join this webinar: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/study-uk-is-northern-england-the-perfect-match-registration-55576771620

The University of Rochester offers microscholarships through raise.me Visit: raise.me/join/Rochester to see how students can earn $340 for each A in a course, $380 for each leadership position, $500 for each honors course and $1,000 for each AP.

The University also offers exciting summer enrichment programs, like:
- Explorations in Pathology
- Mini Medical School
- Hajim Engineering
- Business Bootcamp
- The Art of a Short Film

Enrollment.rochester.edu/precollege

SAT SUBJECT TESTS are important for students looking at exceptionally competitive colleges and for selective majors at schools, like the University of California. Revolution Prep has created a 14-page guide and video on this topic.

The guide includes:
- Detailed information on the content covered in each exam & all eligible official test dates
Numerous tips for taking each test, including strategic guessing techniques, what questions to answer first, etc.
- Videos covering instruction on how to prepare for the most popular SAT Subject Tests, including sample questions
- 10% off coupon for all your SAT Subject Test prep needs

If you're interested in this guide, please visit https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/1327/.

I have also created a brief video about the SAT, ACT and SAT Subject Tests for ease of reference: http://bdhsmultimedia.org/videos.html. The video title is “College Entrance Exams”.

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.

SENIORS: Exit Interviews will take place on Thursday, April 11 at 1:45pm. This is a mandatory event, as it is part of our Core Values program and a graduation requirement. Seniors will receive information about this process in their Family Homeroom Class. Please SAVE THE DATE.

Those planning to attend SBCC in the fall are required to participate in the SBCC Registration and Orientation session planned for March 7 at 1:45pm in Room 202. Later, to assist seniors with the next steps for Academic Planning and Signing up for Classes, Bishop will host SBCC in Room 202 on June 5th at 9:00am. RSVP to rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org is required for the event on 6/5.

Please remember to submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the March 2nd deadline, and ALSO log into your Webgrants Account to make certain everything is in order there: https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp.
EVENT ADVERTISEMENT: Families are invited to watch the film premiere of *Unstoppable*, featuring professional surfer and inspirational speaker Bethany Hamilton.

*Unstoppable* is Bethany Hamilton’s complete and untold story that follows her journey from childhood into motherhood — the ups, downs and her powerful resilience against all odds to become one of the leading professional surfers of all time. From chasing her toddler to chasing the biggest waves, Bethany is continually rewriting the rules on being a fearless athlete.

Come out for a great cause and be inspired by Bethany's toughness and determination to charge some of the biggest waves worldwide. The event features a welcome concert, silent auction, marketplace, surfboard raffle, movie premiere, and the opportunity for a meet and greet after-party. Kathy Ireland will be the Master of Ceremonies and will interview Bethany on stage after the film. Here are the details:

**Sunday, April 14th @ 2:00 pm**
**Doors Open at 1:00 pm for welcome concert, marketplace and silent auction**
**After Party w/ Bethany 4:15-5:15 pm (must purchase VIP ticket)**
**Arlington Theatre, Santa Barbara**

They are offering students the best-priced tickets, at the link below. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the Arlington Box Office, but will not be discounted there.

https://betterunite.com/wonderfullymade-unstoppablemoviepremierewithbethanyhamilton

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