COLLEGES VISITING SANTA BARBARA:

Monday, September 30 at 7:50am
· Skidmore College in the Library
· Open to students and parents

Monday, September 30 at lunch
· Whittier College in the College and Career Center
· University of Florida in the Quad

Tuesday, October 1 at lunch
· Pacific Northwest College of Art in the Quad

Wednesday, October 2 at 6:30pm
· University of Chicago at Santa Barbara High School
· RSVP at: https://prospects.uchicago.edu/uchicagovisits/?id=afebb34c-f444-4fb9-8526-7743a53c41a2

Thursday, October 3 at 8:20am
· University of California (UC) Riverside in the College Center
· Open to students and parents; students must receive permission from 5th period teacher to attend

Monday, October 21 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
Christian College Fair – Main Gym, Bishop Garcia Diego HS

Wednesday, October 30 at 6:00pm
National College Fair at Dos Pueblos High School

Academics:
We are grateful to our hard working teachers for updating BD Classroom on a regular basis. This is no easy task, and we hope families have found the information useful. Should you have a question about your student’s progress in a particular class, please reach out to the teacher as a first course of action. If you find that additional support is needed, contact our Academic and Personal counselor, Jean Anderson for assistance: janderson@bishopdiego.org. If you are
experiencing any difficulties logging into your BD Classroom account, please contact Liv Gonzalez for assistance: lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org.

Parents of 9th Graders:

On October 16, your student is to report to the Main Gym by 8:20 a.m. and will stay with us until 11:45am for a day packed with academic, college and career exploration. Due to the PSAT, October 16 is a minimum day.

Please save the date: Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00pm, in the Library for a Freshman Parent Information session about graduation and college admissions requirements.

Parents of 10th Graders:

Your student will take the PSAT on October 16, with a start time of 8:20am SHARP and a release time of 11:45am. The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) is a short version of the SAT. It offers students the opportunity to gain experience taking standardized college admissions exams.

Please remind your student that cell phones are prohibited in the test room, and violation will result in a referral to the Dean. Students should bring a calculator, #2 pencil (not mechanical), snacks and water.

Parents of 11th Graders:

Your student will take the PSAT on October 16, with a start time of 8:20am SHARP and a release time of 11:45am. The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) is a short version of the SAT. It offers students the opportunity to gain experience taking standardized college admissions exams. For 11th graders, exceptionally high performance on this exam may qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship Program.
Please remind your student that cell phones are prohibited in the test room, and violation will result in a referral to the Dean. Students should bring a calculator, #2 pencil (not mechanical), snacks and water.

If you would like more information about the SAT, ACT and SAT Subject Tests. This information is in BD Classroom “Counseling Website” under “Modules”.

Info Sessions for all Bishop students and parents:

**NCAA, NAIA and Athletic Recruiting**
Wednesday, November 13 at 6:00pm in the College and Career Center
Mrs. Carpenter will present to anyone interested in learning more about NCAA and NAIA eligibility and the athletic recruiting process.

**Highly Selective College Admission Process**
Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00pm in the College and Career Center
Mrs. Carpenter will lead a discussion on the ‘Highly Selective College Admissions Process’ for anyone interested.

**Parents of 12th Graders:**
Mrs. Carpenter will host a series of college application workshops that students are encouraged to attend. Parents are also welcome to join us. We will have access to computers for these workshops. Students are welcome to bring their laptops if preferred.

**Saturday, October 5 from 4:00pm-6:00pm (drop-in)**
General College Application Workshop in Room 202
Bring your questions, or just come get started on any application…Common, UC, CSU, whatever!

**Wednesday, October 23 during Cardinal Time (11:17am – 11:40am)**
Common Application Workshop
College & Career Center

**Thursday, October 24 during Cardinal Time (11:10am – 11:40am)**
California State University (CSU) Application Workshop

**Thursday, November 7 during Cardinal Time (11:10am – 11:40am)**
University of California (UC) Application Workshop

Seniors have been advised of the process for requesting letters of recommendation (which are NOT accepted by UC/CSU schools, with the exception of Berkeley who might ask for a letter from certain applicants). Bishop requires two weeks’ notice in order to complete a letter
of recommendation or secondary school report. Many private school admission deadlines fall in January. Please do not wait to submit requests until mid-December, as we will not be writing letters over Christmas vacation. Most private colleges utilize www.commonapp.org for the application process. Students should submit letter of recommendation requests through the Common App website.

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Transcript Requests: UC/CSU schools do NOT want transcripts from students unless they specifically ask for one. In September, unofficial transcripts were provided to seniors. Please check your student’s transcript for accuracy. For Common App schools, official transcripts are automatically submitted by the person completing the secondary school report form (i.e. Mrs. Carpenter, IF the student has entered her email address correctly). For schools other than the Common App, UC & CSU’s, if a transcript is needed, please submit a transcript request with Ms. Gonzalez in the Registrar’s Office. The transcript request form is available outside of her office and 24 hour notice is required.

Official transcripts from COLLEGE and OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED are typically required when you apply to Common App schools, and case by case for other college systems. If you have taken online courses, college courses or attended a high school other than Bishop, it is your responsibility to order these transcripts directly from these institutions.
It is also the responsibility of seniors to order official SAT or ACT scores and have them sent to colleges BY THEIR INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES.

Each year, CollegeWise puts out a document with “practical tidbits of advice for students completing their apps woven in with broader, more thought-provoking considerations for them to consider, too. And all the language is rooted in the idea of students presenting a bold and honest version of themselves.” You are welcome to download this light reading by visiting: [http://go.collegewise.com/collegewise-guide-to-the-common-application](http://go.collegewise.com/collegewise-guide-to-the-common-application).

**Scholarship Opportunities:**

The Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation is offering the following opportunities:

- Honors Scholarship Program for high school seniors, with a minimum 4.2 GPA.
- Art Scholarship Program for high school seniors planning to major in art or an art related field in college.

Applications Available: October 15
Honors/Art Application Deadline: November 15.
General Scholarship Application Deadline: January 15
[https://sbscholarship.org](https://sbscholarship.org)

Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania offers the Eisenhower Scholarship—designed to recognize outstanding applicants who are positively transforming their communities. The College has a long history of civic engagement with students and alumni making a difference in their communities and around the world.

The Eisenhower Scholarship is Gettysburg College's most selective scholarship—$160,000 for four years of full-time study ($40,000 per year). More information about the Eisenhower Scholarship including application requirements and process is on their website.
For an extensive list of other scholarship opportunities visit BD Classroom, “Counseling Website”.

The CSS Profile is required by certain private schools if you will seek need-based financial aid. Please visit: https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/ to check on institution specific requirements and deadlines.

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