Academics:

We are grateful to our hard working teachers for updating PCR 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 PCR account, please contact Liv Gonzalez for assistance: lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org

Students enrolled in AP courses are required to commit to and pay for the exam no later than October 12. Those who miss the October 12 deadline may be removed from the AP course for the remainder of the year. Each exam costs $120.00, payable to Bishop, and submitted to Mrs. Bohnett. Requests for financial assistance go through Mrs. Carpenter.

Support Services:

Bishop Peer Tutoring has begun. Students will find peer tutors available in their classrooms during Office Hours, 7:50am-8:15am, or can request a peer tutor from their teachers. They can also sign up in the Counseling Office.

The Counseling Office also has a list of local private tutors for hire. For more information on private tutors who can work with your students after hours, please contact Jean Anderson: janderson@bishopdiego.org
Parents of 9th Graders:

On October 10, your student is to report to the Gym by 8:20 a.m. and will stay with us until 11:45am for a day packed with career and inspirational presentations. Due to the PSAT, October 10 is a minimum day.

Please save the date: Wednesday, November 14 at 6:00pm, in the Library for a parent information event on graduation and college admissions requirements.

Parents of 10th Graders:

Your student will take the PSAT on October 10, 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.

Students are to report to their Family Homeroom. Those with testing accommodations report to the Resource Room on that day.

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 10, 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.

Students are to report to their Family Homeroom. Those with testing accommodations report to the Resource Room on that day.
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.

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

Save the date for the Mock ACT Exam we have planned for students at Bishop: Saturday, December 8th from 8:00am-12:30pm. RSVP is mandatory to rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org. There is no charge for this test. Students will be invited to attend a scores review session on Monday, January 7 from 5:00pm-5:45pm. At this meeting, you can compare your student's PSAT results with the Mock ACT results to determine if you want to engage in test prep moving forward.

It is recommended that Juniors take the official ACT and SAT Exams toward the end of Spring Semester. To help prepare for those official tests, Bishop offers an ACT/SAT Bootcamp in collaboration with Tutors Across America. While it is early for 10th graders to engage in this sort of test prep, interested students are welcome to participate.

ACT Weekend Boot Camp, Bishop High School:
Fri. April 5: 4:00pm-8:30pm
Sat. April 6: 9:00am-6:00pm (lunch break from 1:00-2:00)
Sun. April 7: 9:00am-6:00pm (lunch break from 1:00-2:00)
Students in recent Weekend ACT Camps have averaged 5.5 pt. improvements
Cost: $299.00 – Deadline to register is March 29. You may register online directly with www.tutorsacrossamerica.com.

Fall semester is a time for the College Counselor, Mrs. Carpenter, to work closely with seniors completing college applications. Spring semester, focus will turn to juniors.
Thank you for your patience during this time. Mrs. Carpenter hopes to meet with each junior family individually starting in January/February. Please contact Ms. Gonzalez if you would like to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Carpenter for spring semester: lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org or 967-1266, ext. 119.

**Info Sessions for Grades 9-12**

**NCAA & NAIA and Athletic Recruiting**

Wednesday, November 14 at 6:00pm in the College and Career Center (adjacent to the library), 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 14 at 7:00pm in the College and Career Center, Mrs. Carpenter will lead a discussion on the ‘Highly Selective College Admissions Process’. Anyone is welcome to attend.

**National College Fair**

November 1st from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, at Santa Barbara High School

Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from 80 Colleges and Universities from around the nation, including the University of California and the California State University campuses. Trained Financial Aid professionals will be available to teach you how to apply for and secure scholarships, grants (federal and state aid), and loans for education.

**Parents of 12th Graders:**

Mrs. Carpenter will host a series of college application workshops that students and parents are encouraged to attend. We will meet in the College and Career Center, and will use computers there and in the Library for the workshop. Students are encouraged to bring their laptops if interested.
Common Application Workshop  
Wednesday, October 3 during Study Hall (9:40am-10:05am)

California State University (CSU) Application Workshop  
Wednesday, October 17 during Study Hall (9:40am-10:05am)

University of California (UC) Application Workshop  
Thursday, October 18 during Family Homeroom (9:40am-10:05am)

After school every day the week of October 22 – 26, Mrs. Carpenter will be available in the College & Career Center to help students working on their applications. Drop in for help!

3:15pm – 5:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday  
1:45pm – 3:45pm on Thursday

We strongly encourage students take the SAT or ACT twice. It is perfectly acceptable for seniors to take the October, November and sometimes December exams.

SAT with Writing Registration Deadlines (Bishop’s School Code is 053-245)  
October 5 for November 3 Test  
Register at [www.sat.collegeboard.org/register](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org/register)

ACT with Writing Registration Deadlines  
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.

Seniors have been advised of the process for requesting letters of recommendation (letters of recommendation 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](http://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 COLLEGE and OTHER HIGH SCHOOLS ATTENDED TRANSCRIPTS are required when you apply to Common App schools, and case by case for other college systems. If you have attended a high school other than Bishop and/or have taken college courses, it is your responsibility to order these transcripts directly from these institutions. For questions, please contact Mrs. Carpenter.

It is also the responsibility of seniors to order official SAT/ACT scores and have them sent to colleges **BY THEIR INDIVIDUAL COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINES**. See Mrs. Carpenter with questions.
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
Application Deadline: November 15. No late entries accepted [https://sbscholarship.org](https://sbscholarship.org)

General Scholarship Application Deadline: January 15
[https://sbscholarship.org](https://sbscholarship.org)

Please visit [http://bdhsmultimedia.org/scholarships.html](http://bdhsmultimedia.org/scholarships.html) for a copy of Bishop’s “Local Scholarship Directory”.

The CSS Profile is required by certain private schools if you will seek financial aid. Please visit [http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile](http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile) to check on institution specific requirements and deadlines.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You are encouraged to begin working on the FAFSA or Dream Act Application as of October 1. The earlier you apply the better. Please join us on October 3rd at 5:00pm for the FAFSA & Dream Act workshop. Assistance in English and Spanish will be available. Location: Room 202. Please come prepared with the following information:

• Student and parent social security number
• Student and parent W2 forms or income records for 2017
• 2017 bank statements
• Business records if applicable
• DACA card if you are a resident of California, but not a US Citizen. International students DO NOT complete the FAFSA, but AB540 students are encouraged to complete the Dream Act only, NOT the FAFSA
COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSIONS AT BISHOP THIS MONTH

University of Notre Dame  
Monday, October 1  
7:00pm – 8:00pm  
Library

University of California, Santa Barbara  
Tuesday, October 2  
7:50am-8:20am  
College and Career Center

Washington University in St. Louis  
Tuesday, October 2  
12:53pm – 1:20pm  
College and Career Center

Franciscan University of Steubenville  
Friday, October 5  
12:53pm – 1:20pm  
College and Career Center

Brown University  
Monday, October 8  
10:50am – 11:45am  
College and Career Center

Denison University  
Tuesday, October 9  
12:53pm – 1:20pm  
College and Career Center

Willamette University  
Thursday, October 11  
7:50am – 8:20am  
College and Career Center

UCLA – Presentation on Highly Selective Admissions  
Monday, October 15  
6:30pm – 8:00pm  
Main Gym (open to the public)
Occidental University
Wednesday, October 24
11:40am – 12:10pm
College and Career Center

Hamilton College
Monday, October 29
7:50am – 8:20am
College and Career Center

Gonzaga University
Monday, October 29
12:53pm – 1:20pm
College and Career Center

University of Oregon
Tuesday, October 30
12:53pm – 1:20pm
College and Career Center

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