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Report Cards
The 1st quarter ended on Friday, October 19th, and we will be verifying quarter grades early next week. When they are uploaded to the Parent and Student portals we will send out an email blast to let you know. These grades are a snapshot of student progress, but only semester grades appear on student transcripts.

STEAM service hour opportunity:
Dr. Shafer is looking for 8-10 volunteers to help with a middle school chemistry night. This year's theme is Chemistry is Out of this World. Volunteers are needed from 3:30-5:40 on Wednesday, October 24th. Volunteers will earn 2.5 STEAM service hours. The middle schoolers will be decorating and then launching Alka-Seltzer rockets from 4-5 and then eating pizza and astronaut ice cream from 5-5:30.

STEAM field trip to "Chemistry is Out of this World" conference
STEAM Society students registered for the "Chemistry is Out of this World" conference will be traveling to CalTech on Saturday, October 27th. Dr. Shafer will meet those students in the front Bishop lot at 6:20 a.m. for the journey.

I HEART STEM conference for the women of STEAM
UCSB is proud to announce our third-annual I HEART STEM conference on Saturday, November 10. Working alongside the Women's Center and Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE), we will feature a day-long series of hands-on workshops that will work to promote STEM-literacy to young women (in grades 9-12) in our community. Space is limited! Registration is $10* and includes breakfast, lunch, and an I HEART STEM t-shirt. Details can be found here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/i-heart-stem-2018-ucsb-tickets-47835296660. Bishop STEAM students register directly for this conference through the link above and must provide their own transportation.
The next STEAM Society meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5th from 7:45-8:15 a.m. We will be doing a hands-on engineering design challenge at this meeting. (Reminder - STEAM Society students must attend 7 of 10 monthly STEAM Society meetings.)

Round Up

Here are a few examples of what's going on in classrooms this week: We welcome Fanya Beck, a novice nun at the Santa Barbara Convent of the Vedanta Society, who will be speaking in World Religions classes on Monday, October 22nd. She is currently completing a doctoral degree in Anthropology at Stanford University. Mandarin students will be doing a weather forecast in Chinese on BDTV. Students in Spanish I & II are learning to speak in the past tense, and exploring the life and work of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. Entrepreneurship students are developing an original business plan. Intro to Multimedia classes are working with Photoshop. And some English 9 & 10 students will begin reading The Tragedy of Romeo & Juliet and A Tale of Two Cities, respectively.

Have a great week, Cardinals!

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