With every school year comes change, and we will be communicating home some important information in the next few weeks regarding **BD Classroom**, our new learning management system, through which parents will see their students' assignments, grades, etc.

First, though, we are excited to welcome new faculty members to our teaching staff:

**Tom Aijian, Class of 2013**, joins our Theology Department & Performing Arts Collaborative with a rich skill set and unique background. After graduating with a B.A. in Television Writing and Production from Chapman University's Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, Tom has worked for a variety of media companies. These stops include Apple, where he worked as a filmmaker, and Microsoft, where he worked on their Windows Virtual Reality technology.

**Leo Ibarra** also joins our Theology Department after teaching Theology and working as the Campus Minister at Bishop Mora Salesian High School in Los Angeles for the past 11 years. His wealth of knowledge and experience in all of the Theology course offerings and spiritual life make him a tremendous addition to our team. Leo did his undergraduate work in Religious Studies at UCSB, and obtained his M.A. in Education from Loyola Marymount.

**Connor Levoff** will be teaching a mix of Humanities classes, including A.P. Government. Connor earned his B.A. in Latin American & Iberian Studies at UCSB, and his M.A. in Teaching at UCLA. He joins the team after 3 years at Dos Pueblos High School, and will also serve as the new Aquatics Director on campus.

**Jackson Stevens** will be teaching Physics and Astronomy classes after obtaining his M.A. in Education from UCSB. Jackson earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Utah, and worked for several years as an engineer before enrolling at UCSB. This background will allow us to add some new elective options in science and engineering moving forward.
Grace Thorstad will join the Social Science Department, teaching AP U.S. History, CP U.S. History and Government/Economics. Grace earned a B.S. in Secondary Education and History from Marquette University, and has served for the past 6 years as an Officer in the United States Navy where she oversaw five ships, trained junior officers, and helped implement a high-visibility, 26 nation exercise.

Tim Flanagan
Director of Curriculum & Instruction
(805) 967-1266, ext. 115
tflanagan@bishopdiego.org