It is **Respect Life Week** here at Bishop and throughout the nation. It is our obligation as a Catholic school to bring awareness to our community about the sacredness of all life, from conception to natural death. Students will explore some of the current "life" issues in our society at some point during the week in their theology classes. The week's theme aligns perfectly with the core values of respect, compassion and perseverance that we work to instill in our students. It should lend itself to some meaningful discussion about how we treat one another on a daily basis as well. We hope that it will also lead to some healthy conversations around your dinner table!

In the spirit of Respect Life Week, we will hold a **Diaper Drive** this week. You and your students are encouraged to donate diapers of all sizes which will be given to Villa Majella a local organization that supports women (and men) facing unplanned pregnancies. Villa Majella has a surplus of size 1 diapers at this time but will greatly appreciate diapers for newborns, and sizes, 2, 3 and 4. Diapers can be dropped off in the library beginning Monday, January 14th. Thank you for your generous contributions!

Bishop will also participate in "**9 Days for Life**", a nation-wide prayer campaign. Our morning prayer over the PA will include intentions for the respect and protection of all human life. These prayers are written by our senior campus ministry team. Each morning the prayer will focus on a specific life issue. Here are the quotes we will also be reflecting on this week:

**Monday (the marginalized)** - No life is more valuable than another. ~Pope Francis

**Tuesday (the dying)** - Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person also extends to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God. ~Pope John Paul II
Wednesday (abortion) - We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life - the unborn - without diminishing the value of all human life. ~Ronald Reagan

Thursday (death penalty) - Every soul is beautiful and precious; worthy of dignity and respect, and deserving of peace, love and joy. ~Bryant McGill

Friday (immigration) - Any religion or philosophy which is not based on a respect for life is not a true religion or philosophy. Albert Schweitzer

Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching. We look forward to welcoming the students and faculty from Notre Dame, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Raphael schools to Bishop High School on Tuesday, January 29th for our annual Catholic Schools week K-12 Mass at 10:00am. Parents are welcome to join us!

Have a wonderful week!

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