Happy Advent! Such a special time and opportunity for reflection on the coming of our Savior!

During the season of Advent, each morning the Bishop community will reflect on a quote from Sacred Scripture to go along with our morning prayer. We will continue to pray for an increase of understanding and application of the values of respect, perseverance and compassion. Please pray with and for us.

Tuesday, December 4th is our Advent Penance Service. This will take place throughout the day during Theology classes. We are grateful for the many neighborhood priests who make time to be with our teens on this day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Friday December 7th we will celebrate our Advent Mass with special focus on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which is on the 8th. Fr. John Love '80 will be our presider. Parents are always welcome to join us!

Project Santa is underway! Bishop High School has adopted 13 families from Catholic Charities who are deserving of our assistance. Each grade will provide presents for 3 families and the faculty will take care of a family as well. It is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love to our neighbors. Here is how it works:

1. Students pull a tag from their class tree (located in the Mission Center) and report to Mrs. Winnewisser which tag was taken, so as to not duplicate or confuse the process.
2. Students okay the gift item with their parents (okay to trade tag in, just let Mrs. Winnewisser know)
3. Purchase the gift (hopefully with some funds from the students' own wallets)
4. Wrap the gift and include receipts for any shoes or clothing
5. Place originally pulled tag on the wrapped gift
6. Bring wrapped gift with tag attached to the Christmas tree in either the library or the Mission Center on or before December 11th.
7. Additionally, we would like to gift the families with various household items such as laundry detergent, family sized shampoos, bars of soap, toothpaste, etc. Non-perishable foods are also very much appreciated. Please do not wrap these donations.
**Project Santa Delivery Day!** The families will be expecting the delivery of the Christmas gifts on Saturday morning, December 15th between 9-noon. Bishop students are encouraged to come along! We will load onto the Santa Barbara Trolley with Santa Claus in tow. Be on the lookout for sign-ups and permission slips for this meaningful adventure. The trolley fills up quickly!

**Delivery Day drivers needed!** We will need to cart the packages from home to home. If you can take a load of presents and follow Santa's sleigh (trolley) on the 15th, please let Mrs. Winnewisser know.

Wishing you a blessed Advent journey!

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