Dear Cardinal Community,

One of the many highlights of working at Bishop Diego is being surrounded by young people full of promise and on the cusp of leaping into the throws of adulthood. As we watch and guide our students on their individual journeys, it is fulfilling to see the fruits of our shared labors come to life. Allow me to share with you a heartwarming story that exemplifies the core value of compassion and how I witnessed our students putting word into action.
As you all know, last February, Mrs. Rya Carpenter, our Director of our College Counseling and Student Services team, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Throughout the course of her treatment, our Bishop community rallied together to support Mrs. Carpenter and her family. It has been an absolute honor and inspiration to watch Mrs. Carpenter battle with grace and dignity. As she looks toward her final phases of treatment, I find it appropriate to share the impact her attitude and outlook has had on our students.

In recognition of October being Cancer Awareness Month, our Girl’s Varsity volleyball team approached me about ordering pink t-shirts to promote cancer awareness. As you know, cancer awareness has a special meaning here at Bishop given two of our own staff members are in the midst of battles with cancer – Mrs. Carpenter herself, and Reas Peeters, the son of Mr. Dan Peeters, our Athletic Director. The girls designed pink “Team Carpenter” shirts as a show of love, support, and solidarity with all those battling cancer. I have attached a few photos here for you to enjoy and am compelled to share the response from the parent of one of our young women; “Proud to be part of a school that recognizes what is important.”
This gesture is just one heartwarming example of how the core value of compassion is a lived Gospel value at Bishop Diego. I am so touched by and proud of our students and know that with fine young men and women such as our BDHS Cardinals, our future is in good hands.

In closing, please keep Mrs. Traci Callow and her family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Traci’s dad, Rino Filippin, who passed away on Wednesday. We pray for God’s perpetual light to shine upon Rino, and that the Callow family may find strength in His love and the promise of eternal life.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan

Head of School
Open House

Bishop Diego’s annual Open House is coming up on **Sunday, November 4th** from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. We love to have our current parents here to share their experiences with prospective parents and you can earn family service hours too! We are also grateful when you spread the word about the event to fellow parents! Please consider bringing friends or family with kids in grades 3-8 to come visit us at Open House! When they complete an [Online Inquiry](#) or [Online Application](#) to RSVP, they can indicate that you referred them and you will be entered to win a $100 gift card to the location of your choice! As Bishop grows, so do the opportunities we are able to offer our students. Please help us spread the word about Bishop by inviting everyone you know to Open House!

**Freshman for a Day – Tuesday, November 6th – ALL 8th graders welcome!**

Bishop Diego has taken the shadow day experience to a whole new level! Freshman for a Day is an opportunity for all 8th grade students to experience everything that Bishop Diego has to offer. Our guests will visit classes, enjoy a spirit rally, learn about activities, athletics, and spiritual life, have a fantastic catered lunch, and meet new friends. RSVPs are required and can be made by submitting an [Online Inquiry](#) or [Online Application](#).

**Important Fall Admissions and Advancement Dates:**

- Middle School Chemistry Night – Wednesday, October 24
- Open House – Sunday, November 4
- Freshman for a Day – Tuesday, November 6
- Middle School Wrap Party/Project Santa – Thursday, December 13

Warmly,

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Curriculum & Instruction:

**PCR Parent & Student Portals** changes were launched on Wednesday, October 10th. The new links are posted on the school website for you to use. We will be holding training sessions on October 17th from 8:00-9:00 am and 3:00-4:00 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Flanagan.

The first quarter of school ends on Friday, October 19th. Teachers will be submitting grades the following week. **Please note:** Report cards are not mailed out. You will be able to see your student’s Progress Report on PCR under the heading “Report Card”. These are progress grades and will not show up on your student’s transcript. Parents, however, will be notified if their student received a “C-” or lower grade.

Have a great week, all!

"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life"

Proverbs 4:13

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COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSIONS AT BISHOP THIS WEEK

**Highly Selective College Admissions**
– Discussion with the Director of Undergraduate Admission for UCLA
Monday, October 15
6:30pm – 8:00pm
Main Gym
Open to the Public

**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 can also bring their laptops if interested.

**Common Application Workshop**
Tuesday, October 16 at lunch (12:53pm-1:20pm)

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 after school (1:45am-2:45pm)

**General Application and College Planning Drop-in Sessions**
3:00pm – 5:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (October 16, 17 and 18)

Remember – Mrs. Carpenter will be out of the office October 23-29. So, if you need college application help before November 1, you can either request a meeting with her or attend one of these sessions.

SAT with Writing Registration Deadlines (Bishop’s School Code is 053-245)
November 2 for December 1 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)
**IMPORTANT UPDATE** regarding how to send official SAT and ACT scores to Cal State Universities. The Cal State application has been refined; now students can send test scores to just one CSU and the colleges a student applies to will share scores with one another. This is similar to what the UCs do. For all other colleges, you will have to order test scores individually. See Mrs. Carpenter with questions.

If you need a letter of recommendation for an early application, please make note of the deadlines below.

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**Spiritual Life – Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser**

**COMPASSION:**

The purpose of human Life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others  
~ Albert Schweitzer ~

The juniors had a fantastic experience on their Junior Retreat. We could not of done it without the wonderful parents that helped out in all aspects of the meals, the teachers who joined
us in this great experience and our dedicated Campus Ministry Team who put many hours into the preparation of this blessed event.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the Junior Ring Mass, which will be held November 1st, at 12:08 pm.

Have a blessed week!

Jennifer Winnewisser
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Athletics – Mr. Dan Peeters

Congrats to Girls Volleyball for advancing to the CIFSS playoffs for the 3rd consecutive season. We will learn who we play and where at 1PM on Saturday

Please come out to the football game on October 19th at 7PM at San Marcos High School against Moorpark. We will honor senior football players and cheerleaders prior to the game.

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Upcoming Athletic Events

Monday October 15
Girls Golf @ League Championships 2:00p River Ridge Golf Course EARLY DISMISSAL 11:45p
Girls Tennis @ Santa Clara 3:30p EARLY DISMISSAL EARLY RELEASE 1:27p
Tuesday October 16
Girls Tennis Home vs Villanova 3:30p SB Muni Courts EARLY RELEASE 2:14p

Wednesday October 17
Girls Golf @ League Championships 12:00p River Ridge Golf Course EARLY DISMISSAL 9:45a

Thursday October 18
JV Football Home vs Moorpark 3:30p SCHOOL OUT 1:30p
Girls Tennis @ Providence 3:30p SB Muni Courts SCHOOL OUT 1:30p
Girls Volleyball CIF Playoffs 1st Round TBD SCHOOL OUT 1:30p

Friday October 19
Varsity Football Home vs Moorpark 7:00p San Marcos High School

Dean of Students – Ms. Stacey Carr

Communication and Support.

Many ask, what does the Dean of Students do?? – besides imparting discipline. Certainly, evaluating and, if necessary, imposing consequences for inappropriate student conduct is one aspect of the job description. But, the more enjoyable part, and by far that part which takes up the majority of the time as a Dean, is seeking to utilize interaction with students – no matter whether it is interaction through referral, casual communication or requested intervention – as formational opportunities to help our young people grow in character, spirit, and maturity. And yes, indeed communication with students constantly about choices they have made, alternatives to consider, and ways they can simply “do better” but we also strive to connect those choices and actions to the formational objectives and core values of the school. By way of example, even simple choices, such as the decision when to have a phone out during class time or during a test or perhaps choice of attire, avails itself of the opportunity to enhance awareness of things like respecting the classroom environment and teacher, showing maturity in demonstrating focus while delaying gratification, and simply abiding by community standards…awareness that will hopefully help a student make appropriate decisions in the context of college or perhaps a future job.

And, so you know, teachers are encourage to let the Dean (and other school administration) know of situations where student choices perhaps give rise to those formational
opportunities, not to “punish” a student but, rather, be able to assist both the teacher and student, if need be, in the student’s formational process. Additionally, notifications by teachers allows us to track both positive and negative behaviors that are occurring which helps identify what intervention or consequences, if any, are appropriate (e.g. for a student’s repeated failure to show respect for example) as well as perhaps assist school leadership and faculty in identifying areas of student behavior where we need to focus or even clarify a policy or standard. Knowing the key role that you, the parents, play in this important process is also the reason we encourage teachers to communicate with parents seeking parental support and counsel in even what may seem like minor incidents. So, again please understand that we are often copied on those types of communications you may receive from a teacher for one of the reasons mentioned above, not because we are going to impose a consequence on a student.

Bishop Diego High School is here to guide your child through the school, and support you with any concerns you may have, as well. The school encourages you to contact us anytime you have a question.

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

10/14
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 7

10/15
6:30pm – 8:30pm Highly Selective College Admissions Event

10/17
BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4

10/18
BISHOP PLUS 5,6,7
Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

10/24
Middle School Chemistry Night
9:40am - Jostens Cap and Gown Presentation to Seniors

10/27
STEAM Society Field Trip to CalTech

10/31
Halloween fun

11/1
Jr. Ring Mass

11/4
12:00 pm Open House

11/5
7:45 am - STEAM society Group Meeting
12:53 pm - Orders Due to Jostens (Announcements, Cap and Gowns)

11/9
Freshman Retreat

11/13
Cal-SOAP field trip to CSUCI

11/18
Urban Plunge (11/18 thru 11/20)

11/19
Thanksgiving Break – no school