



Weekly Newsletter
For the Weeks of October 4, 2020 – October 10, 2020

Dear Cardinal Families,

As John writes to an early Christian community, “Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink, but I hope to come to see you and talk with you face to face, so that our joy may be complete” (2 John 1:12). With the news confirmed last Tuesday that Santa Barbara County has moved into the red tier of reopening, it is with both joy and optimism tempered by caution and love, that we look forward to **reopening for in-person instruction the week of October 13th**. We will still only be open for essential employees and students, with social distancing measures in place, but this is a step in the direction of reuniting all Bishop families - a day that will go a long way toward giving us the joy for which the Presbyter longs. Below you will find some key details about the plan for reopening. As before, please also continue checking the #cardinalscomeback2020 page on the school’s website for further details.

Adjusted Schedules for the Week of Reopening

In order to conduct orientations for staff and students, host the planned PSAT and SAT testing, and evaluate the effectiveness of various aspects of the plan for in-person instruction, here is the schedule for the week starting on October 12th:

Monday 10/12 - Teacher Orientation; students have independent work day.

Tuesday 10/13 - **Student Orientation by grade:**

Juniors on campus 8:15 - 9:45

Seniors on campus 10:00 - 11:30

Freshmen on campus 12:00 - 1:30

Sophomores on campus 1:45 - 3:15

Wednesday 10/14 - **Please see Counseling tab for details**

PSAT & SAT for those signed up

Freshmen Career Exploration Day

Thursday 10/15 - In-Person classes begin with Periods 1-4

Dismissal at 11:54am.

Friday 10/16 - In-Person classes for Periods 5-7

Welcome Mass at 11:15

Dismissal at 12:30pm.

Monday 10/19 - No School

Daily Schedules beginning Tuesday 10/20

Please see the links below for the daily schedules we will use for the rest of the semester.

This will be housed on the school website on the #cardinalscomeback2020 page.

<https://www.bishopdiego.org/cardinalscomeback2020>

Please note: we return to dismissal at 3:05 for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. On Thursdays, dismissal for students will be at 2:00pm in order to accommodate staff meetings and professional development training.

Further information on orientation, drop off, safety measures and more will be included in next week's newsletter, and can be found on the school website. I greatly look forward to safely welcoming the student body back to campus. Have a great week, and remember, God loves you, Bishop!

Yours in Christ,

Tim Flanagan

STEAM SOCIETY – *Dr. Shafer*

The first STEAM society meeting of the year will be held on Monday, October 5th during Cardinal Time from 11:30-11:50 am. All Bishop students are welcome to join the STEAM

Society. Dr. Shafer is looking forward to seeing all returning STEAM Society students and new members on October 5th. She will be talking about plans for the upcoming year and STEAM Society requirements.

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Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 – NON-INSTRUCTION DAY!

Freshmen will do a virtual activity with Ms. Anderson. Details will be emailed separately to 9th grade students and parents. If you do not receive this information, please contact janderson@bishopdiego.org.

Sophomores & Juniors have already signed up to take the PSAT in person, online or not at all. At this moment in time, students are not able to change registration plans. More details about test day will be emailed directly to families soon. In person testing questions to: lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org. Online testing questions to: rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org.

Seniors will take the SAT if already registered, or will spend the day catching up on college applications and homework.

SENIORS: Remember that you must give 2-weeks' notice when requesting a letter of recommendation. Be prepared to share your resume, brag sheet or letter of rec questionnaire with those writing your letters.

College/Scholarship App Deadline	Deadline to Request a Letter of Recommendation
November 1	October 16
November 15	November 2

December 1	November 10
December 15	December 1
January 1	December 9
January 15	January 5

SENIORS, FINANCIAL AID:

- Students and parents are invited to work on the FAFSA, October 15 from 4:30pm-7:30pm virtually. Support in English and Spanish will be available at this event. Spaces are limited: RSVP to rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org
- October 22 at 6:00pm, Premier College Guidance will give a presentation to parents of 12th graders about Financial Aid Planning and adjustments due to COVID. Zoom link to be provided as the date approaches.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE VISITS FOR BISHOP STUDENTS AND PARENTS ONLY:

Please make note of zoom meeting links below. If the link is missing, we will link provide an update when available. Please do not share these zoom links with folks outside the Bishop community.

Mon Oct 5 07:45AM - 08:10AM

University of Chicago (a Forbes Top 50 College)

<https://uchicago.zoom.us/j/98975428554?pwd=aUF4TG92QWFjZmVVMHhLTjQyL09WQT09#success>

Mon Oct 5 11:35AM – 11:50AM

Carleton College (a Forbes Top 50 College)

<https://carleton.zoom.us/j/9152022487#success>

Tue Oct 6 7:45AM – 8:10AM

University of Dallas

<https://zoom.us/j/96530375297?pwd=aDBpNERSMmlaSHdCajEvOXhmcGkxdz09#success>

Wed Oct 7 07:45AM - 08:10AM

EHL (Swiss University with American Accreditation for Hospitality Management)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88162878254?pwd=Wi9nNDE1UHZZd0YzWVY2ZEtQL21PQT09#success>

Wed Oct 7 11:35AM – 11:50AM

University of Houston

Thurs Oct 8 07:45AM – 08:10AM

High Point University

<https://hpu.webex.com/webappng/sites/hpu/meeting/download/84409e2bc47c4e3f8327a83e3dbaacae?siteurl=hpu&MTID=m46eb121d2b4dd13572e00e72dfd237e8>

Thurs Oct 8 11:35AM – 11:50AM

Mount Saint Mary's University (all girls school near UCLA, with co-ed nursing program)

<https://msmu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqumurTooH9LPnT03u6-tRhymXpF3XJQY>

Fri Oct 9 07:45AM – 08:10AM

Georgetown University (a Forbes Top 50 School)

Pre-registration required: <https://uapply.georgetown.edu/register/bishopgarcia2020>

Fri Oct 9 11:35AM – 11:50AM

Syracuse University

<https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/j/92130916929#success>

Mon Oct 12 11:35AM – 11:50AM

Holy Names University

<https://zoom.us/j/96272755967#success>

Tue Oct 13 11:35AM – 11:50AM

Grand Canyon University

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlkcuiorzwpGN0Y_XXJSTk4Ai48tpmpxBou

Tue Oct 13 4:00PM

University of Southern California (a Forbes Top 50 College)

This session is just for students at Laguna Blanca and Bishop Garcia Diego. Students can register here: <https://applyto.usc.edu/register/?id=a7823048-95d1-4471-97d6-5f39459b0522>

USC's full list of events is also available here: <https://applyto.usc.edu/portal/virtual>

Wed Oct 14 11:35AM – 11:50AM

University of Colorado at Boulder

<https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/98513775094#success>

Thu Oct 15 07:45AM – 08:10AM

University of Oregon

Thu Oct 15 11:35AM – 11:50AM

University of Rochester

<https://rochester.zoom.us/j/92645943925#success>

Fri Oct 16 07:45AM – 08:10AM

Marist College

Mon Oct 19 07:45AM - 08:10AM

Pitzer College (a Forbes Top 50 College)

<https://pitzer.zoom.us/j/92089735528?pwd=eUkyc09hUnAxajcvWFFQM01xaXNXdz09#success>

Tue Oct 20th, 2020 07:45AM - 08:10AM

Claremont McKenna College (a Forbes Top 50 College)

<https://cmc->

[its.zoom.us/j/98523203980?pwd=UXIJVm9PQU NmSnh2ekdVN3hWNERmdz09#success](https://zoom.us/j/98523203980?pwd=UXIJVm9PQU NmSnh2ekdVN3hWNERmdz09#success)

Wed Oct 21 07:45AM – 08:10AM

Haverford College (a Forbes Top 50 College)

Fri Oct 23 07:45AM – 08:10AM

University of Connecticut

<https://zoom.us/j/96684063259?pwd=QmNjZ3FrNVdmd2JOS0FZeHNnaDZlZz09#success>

Wed Oct 28, 2020 07:45AM – 08:10AM

Pepperdine University

Thu Oct 29, 2020 07:45AM - 08:10AM

Saint Mary's College of California

<https://stmarys-ca.zoom.us/j/6323703364#success>

[The ¡ALCANZA! College Fair](#)

Live Virtual Event | Thursday, October 22, 2020

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET

The Office of Admissions at George Mason University invites students to join the 20th annual [¡ALCANZA! College Fair](#), virtually! Each year George Mason University hosts **¡ALCANZA!** to promote higher education opportunities to more than 2,000 Latinx high school students.

Register here: <https://events.admissions.gmu.edu/alcanza/>

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Spiritual Life – *Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser*

RESPECT – Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ~
Romans 12:10

Such a great message from St. Paul! At Bishop we strive to learn and embrace this important value deep in our hearts and express it by the way we live our lives. We are reminded at the end of every day the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "For it is in giving that we receive." When we love and honor others and consider their needs above our own, the blessings are abundant!

We look forward with great anticipation to the return of our students to the Bishop campus!! On Friday, October 16th at 11:15am we will hold our **Welcome Mass** out on the athletic field. Students are encouraged to bring a beach towel to sit on, as we will be spread out around the field. Mass dress will not be required. It promises to be a GRAND celebration!

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Athletics – *Mr. Aaron Skinner*

News from Coach MeLinda for softball athletes and supporters:

Reaching out today to announce our fall softball program. Workouts will be from September 21st through November 18th. This voluntary program is designed for athletes interested in softball and is for all skill levels from never playing before to playing years of All-Stars.

We are taking all necessary precautions against COVID. Groups are limited to 16 including coaches. We will be sanitizing equipment between pods but girls within the same pod will be able to share bats and play catch with each other. We will be social distancing throughout practice but masks will be required on the field unless drinking water.

I've been informed pods are a weekly decision for the athlete. For example, if she's doing both volleyball and softball workouts this fall, she cannot attend both volleyball and softball in the same week. It is the choice of each athlete and her family which group she decides to work with each week.

Softball workouts will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Here is the schedule:

September & October:

- Mondays & Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:30 (defense mostly, some hitting)
- Tuesdays from 4:30 - 5:45 (pitching, catching & hitting)

November (Daylight Savings is 11/1):

- Mondays & Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:30
- Tuesdays from 4:00 - 5:15

An exercise band will be given to each athlete. She is to bring this to practice every day.

Items needed at practice:

- Bring your own mask
- Bring your own water x 2 (NO WATER FOUNTAINS AVAILABLE)
- Bring your own band
- Bring your own glove
- Bring your own batting gloves
- Bring your own helmet (if you do not have one, I will give to the athlete & she is not to share with her teammates)

Optional Items:

- Bring your own bat

We will be tracking attendance through the GameChanger App and will send an email with this information if your daughter will be participating in our fall softball program.

There are three documents required in order to participate:

- 1) **Athletic Clearance completed** -If you have not completed the Athletic Clearance process, this is required prior to participation. If you already have an account from previous years, simply login, update any information that needs to be changed, and eSign the documents. If you do not have an account, please create an account and go through the steps. Make sure that you select ALL SPORTS that you plan to participate in so that you show up on the correct Clearance rosters. Sports Physicals are not required at this time, but will be required when official practices begin in the coming months. If you have not scheduled a physical yet, I highly recommend that you do so. You can also go to places such as the Cottage Urgent Care Center, that you can walk in and get a Sports Physical in about 30 minutes.
 - 2) **COVID-19 Return to Play Form** - (Please email askinner@bishopdiego.org directly if you do not have a copy of this document. This has been sent out in previous communications during the summer.) Please read this form through and understand the rules and guidelines that will be in place. This needs to be signed and dated by both the student-athlete and a parent/guardian. *If you have already filled one out from another sport, and I have that copy, you do not need to do this again.* This form can be uploaded directly to the athletic clearance site under the COVID-19 form upload. This is the preferred way that it is returned to us. You can also email it back or bring it on Tuesday.
 - 3) **COVID-19 Health Self-Assessment** - This health self-assessment needs to be completed **within 24 hours** of the first workout you attend. To get to the health self-assessment, please go to the athletics page on the school website (www.bishopdiego.org/athletics). From there, in the menu, click on **Resources** and then **COVID-19 Self Assessment Form**.
- *Physical is not yet required but will be needed once official practice begins

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Dean of Students – *Ms. Stacey Carr*

Summer Service Hours

Summer service hours (**June – August**) must be turned in by **September 30** to be accepted. Please visit the website/Life at Bishop to download a service form. Completed forms may be scanned and emailed to Ms. Carr scarr@bishopdiego.org

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

10/6 – Half Day: School out at 12:30

Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

10/13 – Student Orientation by Grade Level

10/14 – PSAT Exam
SAT Exam for Seniors

1/16 – Welcome Mass: (No Mass Dress)

10/19 – No School (No Students)

10/20 – Full Day of classes, In-person School Resumes

10/27- School Pictures and Senior Portraits
Mass Dress for Pictures

10/29 – Admissions Event

11/3 – 1st Quarter Ends

11/4 – 2nd Quarter Begins

11/11 – No School (Veterans Day)

11/12 – Admissions Information Night

11/18 – 6:00 pm: Current Freshman Parent Information Night

11/23 through 11/27 – Thanksgiving Break

11/30 – School Resumes