Dear Parents,

As we are back in full swing this second semester, I would like to share with you two areas on which our faculty/staff/administration will be focusing in the coming months. Currently, Bishop García Diego High School is accredited by the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) through June of 2021. We will be working on our self-study this spring and next fall, with an anticipated accreditation visit in the spring of 2021. Our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Tim Flanagan, will be leading our faculty and students through the process, and as Head of School, I will be coordinating the administrative and governance efforts of the process all with common goal of continual school growth and improvement. Input from all constituents is critical to the self study and I thank you in advance for keeping this in mind as we send out future surveys and hold parent meetings seeking input and feedback.

We are about half way through the year with our iPad pilot program and I would like to update you on the progress we have made at this point in pilot. First of all, I would like to thank our Technology Committee, as well as Mr. Yokubaitis, Mr. Flanagan, and our two “pilot” teachers, Dr. Shafer and Mrs. Cortina, for their commitment to best practice in the integration of technology into the curriculum. This has been a huge undertaking and hours of work have gone into setting up our teachers and students for success in their teaching and learning. We have had time to evaluate the program from various invaluable perspectives gathered from surveying our faculty, staff, and administration, as well as parents, and students, including information gathered from classroom observation, and informal feedback.
Taking all factors into consideration, we will be adding a year to our pilot program in order to address some of the issues identified thus far in the pilot. The critical component that has been identified at the foundational level affecting potential success of the 1:1 program is the integration of our current Student Information System (PCR) with Canvas/BD Classroom. It is imperative that these two systems “talk” to each other effectively, as it has an effect on everything from scheduling and enrolling students into their classes, purchasing digital textbooks, ease of communication with parents, grade reporting and GPA calculation, as well as accurate attendance reporting, to name just a few of the necessary functions. Our administration and Technology Committee are considering the different Student Information Systems that can be integrated over the course of next school year to ensure our foundation for the program is on solid, efficient footing. Priority will be given to an SIS that integrates with BD Classroom given we have invested so much time and effort into this Learning Management System and have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from all stakeholders about its continued integration as we get further into the 1:1 program. I look forward to further updating you as these decisions are made and, as always, welcome your feedback.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan

Head of School

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**Admissions and Advancement – Dr. Cristy McNay**

**FACTS and Scholarship Applications Due**

**PERSONALIZED TUITION PLAN:**

Families intending to request a Personalized Tuition Plan for the 2020-21 school year MUST complete a FACTS application annually. Personalized Tuition Plans are **not** automatically
renewed. To ensure that your family is considered for the limited tuition subsidies available, please be sure to submit the online application no later than January 31, 2020. Supporting documents must be uploaded to FACTS no later than February 5th. After this date, tuition subsidies may no longer be available and families are encouraged to apply early. Please refer to Personalized Tuition page on Bishop’s website for complete details: 
https://www.bishopdiego.org/admissions/personalized-tuition-model

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Bishop Diego is blessed to have many different independent and internal scholarship awards available to both returning and new students and two new scholarships have been added this year. All scholarship applications are due by January 16, 2020. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please refer to the Independent Scholarship Awards page on Bishop’s website for complete details: https://www.bishopdiego.org/admissions/personalized-tuition-model/independent-scholarship-awards

Re-enrollment for 2020-21:

Attention all Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen families: Invitations to re-enroll for the next school year will arrive in your email in-box no later than February 28, 2020. To secure your student’s spot for the 2020-21 school year, online tuition contracts must be submitted along with the $1000 tuition deposit (or first installment of this deposit) no later than March 31, 2020. Please plan ahead for this payment in March, which can be paid in-full, in two payments (March & April), or in four payments (March, April, May & June). Enrollments received after March 31 will not qualify for the four payment plan.

Entrance Placement Testing January 18 & February 1

If you know a future Cardinal or someone who is considering Bishop for their high school journey, please be sure they know that applications are now being accepted online and all applicants for 9th grade must take the Entrance Placement Test on either January 18 or February 1. Families are encouraged not to wait as Bishop will hire teachers based upon the number of students enrolled as of March 31, 2020.
If you have any questions about FACTS, scholarships, re-enrollment, or admissions, please contact my office. We are here to help in any way that we can!

Warmly,

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**Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Tim Flanagan**

**BD Classroom:**

Welcome back!

As we open the second semester you may see that your dashboard in BD classroom does not show the classes you are expecting to see. This could be for multiple reasons all of which are a function of fall classes being separated from spring classes. If you click on “courses” then “all courses” you can highlight the star for any course you wish to appear on the dashboard. Meanwhile, teachers are busy updating rosters and publishing their Spring courses. Thank you for your patience as we all continue to learn how to use this excellent resource well. If you have any questions or issues please contact Tim or the individual teacher.

Happy New Year!

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Every year, Reed College seeks a class of intelligent, curious, community-minded students to join their distinctive liberal arts college in Portland, Oregon.

Students eligible to apply for the Junior Scholars Program are 11th graders, and are from a historically underrepresented racial or ethnic background. The Junior Scholars Program welcomes highly qualified students to:

- stay on campus in a residence hall;
- visit classes in any of their majors and programs;
- attend a Reed information session and tour;
- engage with faculty, staff, and current Reed students.

The Junior Scholars Program is all-expenses-paid, including travel. Students admitted to the program are able to visit between February 18 and March 19.

The application is live on our website and is due January 27. [https://www.reed.edu/apply/visit/juniorscholars.html?utm_source=College+Counselors+update+2018&utm_campaign=d2e73f5436-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_08_23_11_34_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ddda30c253-d2e73f5436-437654133](https://www.reed.edu/apply/visit/juniorscholars.html?utm_source=College+Counselors+update+2018&utm_campaign=d2e73f5436-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_08_23_11_34_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ddda30c253-d2e73f5436-437654133)

Please contact their program coordinator, Lilia Cohen, at flyin@reed.edu or 503-777-7511 with any questions you have regarding the program.

The Youth Mental Health First Aid training on January 11 was a success! If you missed this training there are several more workshops coming up that you may find of interest:

Mindful & Compassionate Listening Workshops

- **SPEAKER:** Dave Mochel
- **DATES:** 3 SUNDAYS IN 2020: **Jan 12, Apr 26, Aug 23**
- **TIME:** 3:00PM - 5:00PM
- **LOCATION:** Deckers Brands • 6601 Hollister Ave
- **RSVP:** [https://workshop-listening-jan.eventbrite.com](https://workshop-listening-jan.eventbrite.com)
RSVP IN ADVANCE & BE ENTERED IN A RAFFLE

CSF/NHS APPLICATIONS OPEN IN JANUARY:

10th, 11th and 12th grade students are encouraged to apply for CSF and NHS. California Scholarship Federation (CSF) is available to students with a minimum 3.5 GPA from the fall semester. National Honor Society (NHS) is available to students with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75. For continued participation, students must meet all requirements, dues and paperwork deadlines each semester. The deadline to apply is Friday, January 17 at 3:30pm. The application will become available on January 1 in BD Classroom, under “Counseling Website” and then under “Quizzes”.

Parents of Sophomores and Juniors: On Monday, January 13, you are invited to join us for a Scores Analysis session. At this event, we’ll help families interpret scores from the PSAT and the Mock ACT. Event starts at 5:00pm in the Library.

Following this program, we will have a presentation for all 11th grade parents. Presenters include Admission Counselors from UCSB, CSU Channel Islands and Westmont College. Together, we will review the admissions process for public universities in California and private colleges/universities around the country. Event starts at 6:00pm in the Library.

SENIORS – Those thinking of attending Santa Barbara City College in the fall are REQUIRED to attend an orientation session with SBCC Counselors at Bishop on Thursday, February 20th from 1:45pm-4:00pm in Room 202 (students only).

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara application deadline is January 15 and requires completion of the FAFSA and two letters of recommendation. The letters have to be submitted before students can turn in their application.

Remember to check your email and college portals for critical reminders from colleges you have applied to.

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**PERSEVERANCE:** The path from dreams to success does exist. May you have the vision to find it, the courage to get to it, and the perseverance to follow it. ~Kaplana Chawla

Friday the Junior class will come together for a mini-retreat on the Bishop campus during the day. We will be gathering for a prayer service, lunch and some retreat activities. Thank you to the junior parents for your help with lunch!

We will hold the Freshmen mini-retreat on February 7th and Sophomores will get together on March 20th. (note the switch)

Catholic Schools Week is coming up real soon! We look forward to a week of deliberate focus on the values we find in a Catholic school education. On Tuesday, January 28 will be our annual Catholic Schools Week Mass with students and faculty in kindergarten through eighth grade joining us from Notre Dame, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Raphael schools. Mass will begin at 10:00 am. It's always a grand celebration! Please join us!

Senior families...looking ahead:

- Thursday, February 13 - Senior Mother-Daughter Luncheon
- Thursday, February 20 - Senior Mother-Son Luncheon
- Thursday, February 27 - Seniors and Dads Luncheon

These lunches will take place on campus in the Mission Center from 11:10-12:10. Mark your calendars!

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Athletics – Mr. Mike Cano and Mr. Aaron Skinner

All female athletes are invited to attend 7 am Strength and Conditioning sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursday mornings from 7 am-7:50 am. If you plan to attend, please contact Coach Dillan Bennett at dbennett@bishopdiego.org at least the day before for planning purposes.

Athletic Contests Week of January 13-18

Monday January 13
Girls Soccer @ Villanova 3:15p EARLY RELEASE 1:00pm

Tuesday January 14
Boys Soccer Home vs Cate 3:15p EARLY RELEASE 2:14p
Girls Soccer @ Santa Clara 3:15p EARLY RELEASE 1:00p
Girls Basketball @ Fillmore JV 5:30p, Varsity 7:00p NO EARLY RELEASE

Wednesday January 15
Boys Basketball @ Villanova JV 5:30p, Varsity 7:00p NO EARLY RELEASE

Thursday January 16
Boys Soccer @ Santa Clara 3:15p EARLY RELEASE 1:00p
Girls Basketball Home vs Villanova 7:00p NO EARLY RELEASE

Friday January 17
Boys Basketball @ Foothill Tech Ventura College JV 5:30p, Varsity 7:00p NO EARLY RELEASE

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Work Permits

California Law states that no minor under eighteen (18) years of age and over sixteen (16) years of age who is required to attend school and no minor under sixteen (16) years of age may work without a permit.

If you would like to work you must have a work permit. The State of California enforces strict rules regarding the issuance of work permits. You can find this information from The State of California Department of Industrial Relations.

How to Get a Work Permit During the Academic Year:

• BDHS will issue a work permit during the regular school year.
• Pick up the instructions and application from the front office.
• Complete the work permit application in full to include the employer information and your parent or legal guardian's signature.
• Return the signed application along with the following required documents. It is not possible to issue a work permit without this information:
  • Social Security # is required
  • Original passport
  • Original birth certificate
  • California driver’s license
  • California issued identification card

AND one of the following:

Ready to Work:

• Your work permit application will be processed within three school days.
• Only the requesting student may pick up the official work permit as their signature is required for its release.
• Take the original work permit to your place of employment.
Teens on the Scene

CADA Teen Court is excited to have TOTS back again and has dedicated January Teens on the Scene month as all our high school groups will be peer jurors on Tuesdays throughout January. TOTS will be there Tuesday Jan 14th. Please meet at 4:30pm outside the court house at Santa Barbara Superior Court, 118 Figueroa Street, Santa Barbara 93101. You can find out more about Teen Court here: https://cadasb.org/youth/teen-court/ Please bring your volunteer form. If interested please contact President Thomas Coleman for more details tcoleman@bishopdiego.org

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others.

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

1/12
Sunday Obligation
Poker Tournament
Rotation 6

1/13
5:00 pm - PSAT and Mock ACT Scores Review Session
6:00 pm – Junior Parent College Information Night

1/14
5:30 pm – Admissions Information Night

1/15
BISHOP PLUS 1,2,4,3

1/16
BISHOP PLUS 6,7,5
Independent Scholarship Applications Due

1/18
Entrance Placement Tests and Personal Interview
1/20
No school – Martin Luther King Day

1/26
Catholic School’s Week Begins

1/28
Catholic School’s Week Mass

1/29
Day of Service

1/31
Admission Application Close Date
FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications Due

2/3
FACTS Applications Due
7:45 am – STEAM Society Group Meeting

2/13
Senior Mother/Daughter Luncheon

2/14
No School – Presidents’ Day Weekend

2/17
Presidents’ Day

2/20
Senior Mother/Son Luncheon

2/26
Ash Wednesday

2/27
Senior Father Lunch

3/2
7:45 am – STEAM Society Group Meeting

3/5
Course Selection Day (During Cardinal Time)

3/6
Offers of Admission Sent

3/7
Gala & Auction

3/11
Senior Retreat

3/12
Senior Retreat

3/15
Winter Sports Banquet

3/18
PCPA Theaterfest “Julius Ceasar” (H English 9 and AP Eng. Lit.)
Returning Students’ Registration Due

3/23
Spring Fever Week

3/27
Senior Parent Mass
3:30 pm – SAT/ACT Bootcamp

3/28
3:30 pm – SAT/ACT Bootcamp

3/29
6:30 pm – SAT/ACT Bootcamp

3/31
New Student Enrollment Due

4/1
Evening of Excellence

4/6
7:45 am – STEAM Society Group Meeting