Dear Bishop Community,

Today marks the beginning of National Catholic Schools Week, our annual celebration of what makes education at Bishop Diego High School outstanding. Please join us at our annual Catholic Schools Week mass on Tuesday at 10am in the Main Gym. This annual celebration of the four Catholic schools in Santa Barbara is an opportunity to show what our students are accomplishing and to celebrate the community we have built to educate tomorrow’s citizens and church leaders. On Wednesday, our entire Bishop Diego community will participate in our annual Day of Service. Thanks to the coordination efforts of our Dean of Students, Ms. Stacey Carr, all of our students, faculty, and staff will be participating in Looking Good Santa Barbara, beautifying our local parks. What better way to be good stewards of God’s creation than giving back to this beautiful place we call home?

The theme of our celebration is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” The theme encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

The theme also focuses on key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence and dedication to service. These elements set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education.
I am grateful every day for the teachers, staff, board members, parents and volunteers who make our school a success. National Catholic Schools Week is a good time for all of us to thank them for their dedication and service.

In Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

Admissions and Advancement – Dr. Cristy McNay

Re-enrollment for 2019/20

Parents of students in grades 9, 10 & 11 – be on the lookout for your online re-enrollment links coming before mid-February. We have moved to a completely online platform that will require a little extra input the first time, but will ultimately make everything much easier going forward! More information coming soon!

Save the Date for Bishop’s Annual Auction – March 9, 2019!

Family Fundraising Commitment

We are so very pleased to announce Bishop Garcia Diego High School’s annual gala will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019. All proceeds from the event will support Bishop Diego’s Adopt-A-Student program.

In honor of Father Tom Elewaut, this year’s theme is “Dare to Dream.” Father Tom Elewaut dared to dream that Bishop Diego could be a thriving and successful independent Catholic school and he helped build a strong foundation upon which the dreams of all Bishop Diego students can come true.

Each Bishop Family has made a commitment to join in the gala effort by donating an item or items with a total value of $100 or more. You may purchase items, donate cash, or seek donated items from the community (please see partial list of last year’s donors).
We also have a Wine Pull planned and bottles of wine valued at $35 or more count towards your family’s gala fundraising commitment. When you deliver your donation item to the front desk, please complete a Donation Form so that your donation can be tracked. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**Silent Auction items, wine, & donations are due by Friday, February 1st.**

Your generosity will help provide assistance to families who would not otherwise be able to attend our school and all families at Bishop come together to make this event a success. We are committed to making a Catholic education available to as many students as possible and we appreciate your generous donation.

**Save the Date for Bishop’s Annual Golf Tournament – May 3, 2019!**

Warmly,

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

No Bishop Plus next week due to Catholic Schools Week activities. Dismissal on Thursday is at 3:05.

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COLLEGE APPLICATIONS – Seniors, here is an update from Rutgers University in New Jersey: “While reviewing the current applicant pool, and through conversations with school counselors, we have noticed many students are only selecting one school for admissions consideration on the application. As a reminder, students may select up to three school choices and we recommend they do so in order to maximize admissions consideration at Rutgers. Plus, there is still time to apply. Seniors who have not yet applied but are interested in Rutgers, visit: [https://www.rutgers.edu/admissions](https://www.rutgers.edu/admissions)”

And, Prescott College is looking for students who want to make a difference in the world and is supporting these students with the Changemaker Scholarship, an award of $16,000 to new first-time college students who apply by February 1st.

Changemakers are students who:

- Demonstrate a passion and excitement for the mission and programs of Prescott College.
- Demonstrate the ability to achieve strong academic success based upon previous academic background, activities, and community leadership involvement.
- Demonstrate resilience and persistence in their lives, education, work, and community engagement.
- Are committed to using their degree to address the social, cultural, economic, educational, environmental, or health crises facing communities today.

Prescott College is an experiential, student-directed, liberal arts college focused on protecting the environment and fostering social justice. For more than 50 years, Prescott has educated leaders in the fields of environmental studies, adventure education, human development, education, and social justice. They are located in the central Highlands of Arizona, 90 minutes north of Phoenix. For more information, please visit [www.prescott.edu](http://www.prescott.edu).

SUMMER PLANS - The application for the Princeton Summer Journalism Program (PSJP), a free journalism and college preparatory program for current high school juniors from low-income backgrounds who are interested in careers in journalism, is now open!

The first part of the application along with an unofficial transcript is due on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 11:59 PM EST.
During their intensive 10-day summer program, students engage in workshops, lectures, and activities led by Princeton professors, professional journalists, and PSJP alumni. The program culminates in the publication of the student-produced *Princeton Summer Journal*. During the senior year, students are also matched with a volunteer college counselor, a professional journalist or program alum, who will guide them through the college application process.

To apply, students must be:
- Current high school juniors
- living in the United States
- with an unweighted GPA of 3.5/4.0
- who have an interest in journalism
- and the custodial parent(s)/guardian(s)’ combined income (including child support received) must not exceed $60,000 annually

**VISITING COLLEGES** – As you know, we won’t have school on February 15. This may be an excellent time to get out and visit colleges. For example, Pepperdine University is hosting a Junior Preview Day: [https://seaver.pepperdine.edu/about/visit/events/preview/](https://seaver.pepperdine.edu/about/visit/events/preview/).

**FREE WEBINAR**: Collegewise is hosting a webinar on February 13, 5 p.m. about: [School's Out: How to Make the Most of Your Summer Vacation](https://www.collegewise.com/webinar/schools-out-how-to-make-the-most-of-your-summer-vacation)

**FINANCIAL AID**: Excerpt continued from *College Admission: Application to Acceptance, Step-by-Step*, written by Robin Mamlet and Christine Vandevelde.

The following is written to the student…


2. **Not setting a budget.** Just as with cars and with houses—where the most expensive models can cost ten times as much as the least expensive—it’s important that you have some idea of how much you’re willing to spend for college. It doesn’t have to be too exact—a five to fifteen thousand dollar window can be appropriate, especially because it’s hard to determine at the outset what financial aid you might be getting—but you should have some idea of your upper limit. And, if you’re willing to take on debt, that is, student loans, to help pay for college, you should carefully think out how much debt you’ll be comfortable with…

3. **Thinking the sticker price is the price you’ll pay.** Some students are lucky enough to be able to pay the ‘rack rate’ for college (that is, the full list price) either because
their parents make big bucks or their grandparents or other benefactors have been socking away money for the last 18 years. But for more than 60 percent of students, financial aid is the way to go: the list price can be brought down by a half, two-thirds, or, in some cases, even more. Every college has a net price calculator on their website (though they can differ in length and depth from one college to another) that will give you a ballpark figure of what that college is going to cost you—use it for each of the colleges you’re considering. Also useful is the FAFSA4caster…which will give you an idea at least about what federal student aid you might qualify for.”

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**Spiritual Life – Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser**

**PERSEVERANCE:** I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship.

~Louisa May Alcott

This week is **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK.** What a beautiful gift we have here at Bishop Diego High School! We have a faith-based education where learning, service and leadership are emphasized and encouraged, giving all students the opportunity to reach their God-given potential. Tuesday, January 28th at 10am we will have kindergarten through 8th graders from Notre Dame, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Raphael schools join us for our annual K-12 Mass. We look forward to this grand celebration! Parents are welcome!

We are excited to share with you that on Wednesday, February 13th **Bishop Robert Barron** will be on campus to speak with the Juniors and Seniors. It’s a great honor to have the very-busy Bishop take time to visit with our students. Parents, you are most welcome to come! Lunch will be provided for all 11th and 12th graders on this day.
Senior mothers mark your calendars! Thursday, February 14th we will hold a luncheon for you and your senior students at 11:45am in the Mission Center (room 208). Be on the lookout for more information.

The Senior Retreat is often remembered as one of the greatest highlights of our students' high school career. Thank you for keeping the planning Team in your prayers as we work to create a meaningful experience for all. The retreat will take place Tuesday-Thursday, March 12-14.

CANNED FOOD DRIVE - In the spirit of Catholic Schools Week, we ask that each student bring in at least one canned food to be donated to the Catholic Charities food pantry. Each of the students from the visiting schools will be contributing to this drive as well. Please consider donating! Canned food can be brought to Theology classes. Thank you!

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Athletics – Mr. Dan Peeters

In the spring Bishop fields Track for both genders, Boys Golf, Boys Tennis, Boys Volleyball, Sand Volleyball, Softball and Baseball. Please encourage your son or daughter to participate in a spring sport!

Boys soccer is undefeated in league and is in great shape to win it’s first league championship since 1998! Good luck boys!

Go Cards

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Upcoming Athletic Events

**Monday January 28**
Girls Soccer Home vs Villanova 3:15p  EARLY DISMISSAL 2:14p

**Tuesday January 29**
Girls Basketball Home vs Villanova 5:30pm  NO EARLY DISMISSAL
Boys Soccer Home vs Thacher 3:15pm  EARLY DISMISSAL 2:14p

**Wednesday January 30**
Girls Soccer Home vs Cate 3:15p  DAY OF SERVICE DISMISSED AT 12:00p
Boys Basketball @ Santa Clara Frosh/Soph 4:00p, JV 5:30, Varsity 7:00p  DAY OF SERVICE DISMISSED AT 12:00p

**Thursday January 31**
Boys Soccer @ Thacher 3:15p  EARLY RELEASE 12:53p

**Saturday February 2**
Boys Baseball Home vs Muir (scrimmage) 12:00p

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**Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar**

1/27
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 7

1/28
Catholic Schools Week

1/29
K-12 Mass

1/30
All School Day of Service (Office Closed)

1/31
Catholic Schools Week

2/1
Catholic Schools Week
2/4
7:45 am STEAM Society Group Meeting
Arrive Alive Program on Campus

2/6
Chinese New Year Lunch

2/12
Morning Assembly Bell

2/14
Senior Mother/Daughter Luncheon

2/15
No School

2/18
No School

2/22
Junior Retreat Reunion

3/1
Returning student registration due

3/4
7:45 am STEAM Society group meeting

3/5
ASB applications available

3/6
Ash Wednesday

3/8
End of 3rd quarter

3/9
Gala Auction