Dear Bishop Community,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed time spent with family and friends and had a chance to rejuvenate as we begin 2020 and the second semester of the school year. With just 8 weeks until our annual Auction and Gala “Blue Jeans and Bubbly,” I would like to personally invite each and every school family to make a commitment to supporting our students through this annual event! There are numerous ways to get involved and we rely on EVERY family to participate.

This year, we honor the selflessness of those who make Bishop Diego such an amazing place for students to thrive and grow: Volunteers. We will officially announce our honorees shortly, but ask for your help in supporting the Auction and Gala so as to honor them appropriately.

At Bishop Diego, we are committed to making a Catholic education available to as many students as possible and award $1.6 million dollars in tuition subsidies annually. The proceeds from the annual Auction and Gala and its Adopt-A-Student paddle raise help provide assistance to families who would not otherwise be able to enroll a student at our school. An investment in our students is an investment in the future and in your legacy as Bishop graduates benefit from finding their God-given gifts and using them to change the world.

Wondering how to get involved in the Auction and Gala? There are quite a few ways. All families have committed to donate a new auction item valued at $100 or more to be bid on during the silent auction. This can be something you ask a local business to donate, something you purchase, or it can even be a donation of $100 or more for the committee to purchase an item. It can also be bottles of fine wine or whiskey that total $100 for our Wine & Whiskey Pull at
the auction! Additionally, we have numerous corporate sponsorship opportunities if your business or employer wants to help sponsor the event; this will count as your auction obligation and there are many perks available! Please contact Cristy McNay at cmcnay@bishopdiego.org for sponsorship details.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our Advancement Office and Auction Committee for their leadership in this year’s event. Many individuals have already put a tremendous amount of time into the event but need YOUR HELP to ensure the success of our annual Auction and Gala, all for the benefit of our students! There truly is no greater investment of time than in our students. Please check your Bishop Diego ParentSquare account for updated information on how you can help!

And please mark your calendar for March 7th as we honor the spirit of volunteerism in our Bishop Diego community. You won’t want to miss this event!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

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Blessing Bishop

Thanks to the generosity of our amazing Cardinal family, more than $5800 was raised during our year-end push for The Fund for Bishop Diego and achieving this goal unlocked a $25,000 match from another donor! To date, our generous families, friends, and alumni have helped to raise more than $225,000 for our 2019-20 annual fund! THANK YOU!
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,

Dr. Cristy McNay
Director of Admissions and Advancement
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cmcnay@bishopdiego.org

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Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Tim Flanagan

Please check your email to see your student’s first semester grades in PCR.

Tim Flanagan
Director of Curriculum & Instruction
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Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID is a certification class at Bishop for parents and staff on Saturday, January 11 from 8:00am-4:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

Participants will be charged a $10.00 fee; however, if this fee is cost prohibitive, please reach out to rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org for a fee waiver.

Space is limited. Please register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-mental-health-first-aid-training-registration-79743696543
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 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 – SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:

There is a list of scholarship opportunities provided in BD Classroom, under “Counseling Website”, then click on “Modules” and select “Scholarships”.

Remember that the deadline to ask for a letter of recommendation for the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara is January 1. Teachers have to upload their letters before you can submit you application, which is due on January 15. Do not delay in asking for your letter of recommendation.

If you have completed the FAFSA, and did not ‘opt-out’ of the Cal-Grant application, you may log into your WebGrant portal to check that everything is in order. If you have trouble logging in, or see that there is a problem, contact Mrs. Carpenter immediately. We can help troubleshoot, but waiting until March 2nd for this is not advised. To check your Cal-Grant status, visit: https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/ and create your WebGrants for Students Sign-In.
Please let Mrs. Carpenter know when you have been admitted to a college, including any Merit Scholarship offers. We love to celebrate your success!

Rya Carpenter
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College Counselor
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Athletics – *Mr. Mike Cano and Mr. Aaron Skinner*

Happy New Year!

**Athletic Contests Week of January 6-11**

Monday January 6:
- Girls Soccer Home vs Beacon Hill 3:30pm  **Early Release 2:14 pm**

Tuesday January 7:
- Boys Soccer Home vs Laguna Blanca 3:00pm  **Early Release 1:45 pm**
- Girls Basketball Home vs La Reina JV 5:30pm, Varsity 7:00pm  **No Early Release**

Wednesday January 8:
- Boys Basketball @ Santa Clara Frosh/Soph 4:00pm, JV 5:30, Varsity 7:00pm  **Early Release F/S only 1:45pm**

Thursday January 9:
- Girls Soccer @ Laguna Blanca 3:00pm  School Out 1:30pm
- Boys Soccer Home vs Foothill Tech 3:15pm  School out 1:30pm
- Girls Basketball @ Cate JV 5:30pm, Varsity 7:00pm  **No Early Release**
Friday January 10:
Boys Varsity Basketball vs Laguna Blanca 5:30 pm  No Early Release

Mike Cano
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Dean of Students – Ms. Stacey Carr

The start of a New Year brings many opportunities for those searching for improvement. It’s the time of the year we are given a “fresh start”, the proverbial “clean slate”. And with this new second semester at BDHS, the student body is also given a “fresh start” related to their efforts for better attendance and a reduction of tardies and absences. While we provide less leeway to those who had excessive attendance and tardy issues in the 1st Semester before notifying parents and intervening, we do start over in terms of counting absences and tardies with the commencement of the New Year. To facilitate our partnership in continually forming our young people, please continue to familiarize yourself with the Parent BD Classroom systems which allows you to have a direct visual record of your son's/daughter's academic classes, grades, attendance, tardies and more.

We know from past experience that many tardy issues arise from students being late to their 1st period class. To avoid this, we ask each Cardinal family to be diligent with ensuring your children arrive to school by 8:10am. This ten minute window allows the student to get acclimated to the school environment and schedule for the day, attend to their needs at their academic and/or athletic lockers, print that last minute assignment out in the library if need be, or maybe get one last morning snack or bathroom run before the start of their first period. Not surprisingly, it’s an uneasy feeling for the vast majority of students when they are dropped off with less than a minute to get to class. The student rushes in, feeling hurried, and with materials often scattered. Many times the student has to ask their teacher to leave the classroom to visit the locker for material needed or for other reasons. If the student is not prepared for class, this causes more difficulty on the student.
and the teacher. We like to use the following examples and reminders (or similar variations) with students regarding the importance of punctuality.

“*If this was a full time job, would they would be late? Would they be late if the consequence could possibly be a loss in employment?*”

“*Note that you (the student) are not the only one affected by being late. Your teacher and classmates are also impacted. Remember to be considerate to those who are waiting for you, their time is also valuable.*”

We look forward to a great second semester and thank you in advance for your continued support!!

*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**

1/5
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 5

1/6
School Resumes
7:45 am – STEAM society Group Meeting

1/7
12:53 pm - Presentation by Jack Kamps

1/8
**BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4**
1/9
BISHOP PLUS 5,6,7

1/11
7:30 am – YouthWell Training

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**Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...**

1/12
Poker Tournament

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

1/16
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