



Weekly Newsletter
For the Week of January 6, 2019 – January 12, 2019

Dear Bishop Community,

While I recognize you have all received this newsletter previously, I am repeating myself due to the nature of my request. To date, we have had 50 parents complete the Parent Survey. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to complete the survey. As parents, you have the ability to provide us with constructive feedback that can help us continue on our path to excellence.

We are constantly looking at how we can improve and how we can provide students with a learning environment that will best prepare them for college and life. A component that is critical to continuous growth and school improvement is feedback from all BDHS constituencies and stakeholders. I ask you to please take a few minutes to complete the attached Parent Satisfaction Survey. This survey will take only 6 minutes of your time. Please be thoughtful and specific in your answers as they provide invaluable feedback as we work on our strategic plan and the future of Bishop Diego High School. The survey will be available until Friday, January 11th; thank you in advance for your time.

Click here to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDPar18>

A separate student survey has been emailed to all BDHS students at their school gmail accounts. To date, only 27 students have completed the Student Survey. Please encourage your son or daughter to participate and provide constructive feedback about their experience. Thank you!

In Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan

Head of School

Admissions and Advancement – *Dr. Cristy McNay*

Tuition Assistance & Scholarship Applications – Due Date Change

Applications for Tuition Assistance and Scholarships are now open. EVERY Bishop family who would like to receive a Personalized Tuition Plan **MUST** reapply for Tuition Assistance through FACTS for the 2019/20 school year. **Tuition Assistance Applications are due by January 17, 2019.** In addition, many scholarships do not automatically renew and must be reapplied for each year. **Scholarship applications are also due by January 17, 2019.** Please visit Bishop's website and the Admissions/Personalized Tuition pages for more information.

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!

Admissions Info & Middle School Multimedia Night – January 15, 2019

Parents are invited to attend an Admissions information session and middle school students in grades 6 – 8 are invited to experience the Gherini Center for Multimedia Arts & Technology on Tuesday, January 15 beginning at 5:00 pm. While parents learn about Bishop Diego and the application process, their students will be doing hands-on activities in both the BDTV and Sound Studios. RSVPs are required for Multimedia Night and space is extremely limited. Please contact the Admissions Office to reserve your student's spot at info@bishopdiego.org or call 805-967-1266, ext. 114.

A 300% Increase in Admissions Applications!

To date, Bishop Diego has received 3 times as many applications as the same time last year. The Admissions Office encourages families of prospective students to submit their online applications EARLY! The deadline is January 31, 2019, but earlier is better!

Entrance Placement Testing – January 12 or 26, 2019

Entrance Placement Tests for all incoming freshman will be administered on Saturday, January 12 and Saturday, January 26, 2019. A completed online application and application fee

must be submitted in order to sit for the exam. Parents can choose the preferred date within the parent portal of the new online application system:

https://bishopdiego.schooladminonline.com/users/sign_in

Poker Tournament to Support Capital Improvements at Bishop

Bishop Diego is hosting its 2nd annual Poker Tournament on Sunday, January 20, 2019 in the Brick House. **Check-in starts at 12:00 pm. Tournament play begins at 1:00 pm.** Buy-in/reservation is \$75/person. Participants must be 21+ with valid photo ID. Additional buy-ins available at the event. **All AFC and NFC football games will be televised!** Cardinal Chili, snacks, mixed drinks, draft beer and more will be served! Prizes include:

- 52 inch Samsung TV
- Fess Parker gift certificate
- Bose headphones
- Third Window gift certificate
- Apple TV
- Via Maestra 42 gift certificate

For information, visit www.bishopdiego.org/support/major-events/poker-tournament to secure a spot. Contact Ms. Erika Van Wingerden at 805.967.1266, ext. 114 or evanwingerden@bishopdiego.org.

Warmly,

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Counseling Services – *Mrs. Rya Carpenter*

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 January 18 at 3:30pm. More details are

available at www.bdhsmultimedia.org/csf---nhs.html. The applications are available in the College and Career Center. They are also online: www.bdhsmultimedia.org/application-forms.html.

Parents of Sophomores and Juniors: On Monday, January 7, you are invited to join us for a Scores Analysis session. At this event, we'll have an expert from Tutors Across America on hand to 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.

Then, at 7:15pm in the Library we will have an Admissions Presentation from Columbia University. Anyone is welcome to attend!

Excerpt continued...**College Admission from Application to Acceptance, Step by Step** by Robin Mamlet and Christine Vandeveld

"9 Things Admission Officers Look for in an Application

9. True Distinction. It doesn't happen often, but once in a while a student really stands above the crowd in some pursuit. Some students are accomplished musicians, some have distinguished themselves in state or national math or science competitions, some have won writing prizes or have had material published, some have achieved great feats in one or another sport. If you're lucky enough to be one of these, make sure your accomplishment rises in high relief in your application: a mention in your personal essay or answer to some question, something you highlight and develop in an interview, or something you ask a teacher or high school counselor to incorporate into their letter. Whatever the case, make sure that the reader (who might have a stack of 100 applications to slog his or her way through) notices your special distinction. Don't be overly modest here...If you're applying for admission to an ultra-selective national university, you'll have your best shot if one or other of your achievements has national standing...Bonus Tip: You're not going to believe this, but some universities tell you on their website what they're looking for at their school. Do a Google search for what [name of university] looks for, and see what comes up. Then tailor your application accordingly. For two especially detailed and candid examples see <http://admissions.cornell.edu/apply/what-cornell-looks> and <https://college.harvard.edu/admissions/application-process/what-we-look> ."

I personally have a bias toward MIT and their admissions blogs. Here is one last link you may wish to consider reviewing if interested in highly selective institutions: <https://mitadmissions.org/apply/process/what-we-look-for/>.

Sophomore Parents:

Ms. Anderson will be spending some time with your students in January exploring a new program available to them called YouScience which involves aptitude tests, career exploration, and relevant college search information. This program is designed to help students with self-discovery in career and college education paths. If you'd like more information about this program, please feel free to explore the following link (you may need to copy and paste the link):

<https://www.youscience.com/about/>

A follow up to this activity is our Sophomore Academic Planning meeting ***with you and your child***. An email has been sent to all Sophomore parents/guardians to schedule a meeting with you and your child to discuss their academic plans for the next two years at Bishop Diego. Wednesday, January 23rd and Thursday, January 24th has been set aside to meet with families in groups of 4-5 families after school in the library to go over college entrance requirements, graduation requirements, and your child's academic path. Please make sure to check your email for details and available times for these important meetings.

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Begins on January 14!

**3:15pm - 4:00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
1:45pm - 4:00pm on Thursday**

After school, second semester, the College and Career Center will be set aside for the "homework club".

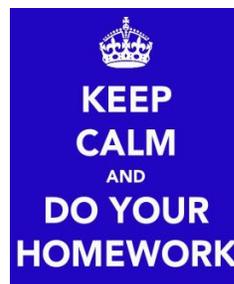
This space is meant to provide a quiet and comfortable environment to do homework before heading home. Anyone is welcome to participate.



The homework club teacher is there for supervision and support, not tutoring. However, if you would like to request a peer tutor, please contact Ms. Anderson: janderson@bishopdiego.org.

Homework club does NOT replace office hours. It is just a quiet space to do work. It's pretty straight forward stuff...Do you have homework due soon or something coming up that you want to study for? Join us!

We will take attendance in case a parent wants to know if their student is making use of this resource. If you have questions about homework club, please contact: rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org.



Spiritual Life – *Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser*

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

New Year blessings to all!

Coming up in Campus Ministry:

January 14-18 - *Respect Life Week*

January 28-February 1 - *Catholic Schools Week*

We look forward to celebrating our annual K-12 Catholic Schools Week Mass with Bishop Barron on Tuesday, January 29th.

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Athletics – *Mr. Dan Peeters*

Winter Schedules available online -- come out and support our student athletes!

Go Cards

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SEAN KELLY'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

On Monday, January 21, 2019, Sean Kelly will build a Ga-Ga Ball Pit at Bishop Diego High School for his Eagle Scout project. It will be located next to the Sand Volleyball Court. Ga-Ga Ball is similar to dodge ball, but it is played in an octagonal pit with a soft foam ball. It is a fast paced high-energy game that all students can play, regardless of athletic ability. The entire game takes five minutes or less to play, and there are only a few simple rules to follow. It is great fun!

To raise funds for the Ga-Ga Ball Pit, Sean will hold a Bake Sale on Monday, January 7, 2019. Please come and support Sean's Eagle Scout project! If you have any questions, or you want to donate baked items, please contact Sean at 805-869-3110.

Upcoming Athletic Events

Monday January 7

Girls Soccer Home vs Villanova 3:15pm **EARLY RELEASE 2:14p**

Boys Basketball Home vs Foothill Tech Frosh/Soph 4:00pm, JV 5:30pm, Varsity 7:00pm **NO EARLY RELEASE**

Tuesday January 8

Girls Basketball Home vs La Reina 6:00pm **NO EARLY RELEASE**

Boys Soccer @ Thacher 3:15pm **EARLY RELEASE 1:00p**

Wednesday January 9

Boys Basketball @ St. Bonaventure Frosh/Soph 4:00pm, JV 5:30pm, Varsity 7:00pm **EARLY RELEASE FROSH/SOPH ONLY 1:50p**

Thursday January 10

Girls Soccer @ Santa Clara 3:15pm **SCHOOL OUT 1:30p**

Girls Basketball @ Villanova 5:30pm **SCHOOL OUT 1:30p**

Boys Soccer @ Villanova 3:00pm **EARLY RELEASE 1:00p**

Friday January 11

Boys Basketball Home vs Santa Clara Frosh/Soph 4:00pm, JV 5:30pm, Varsity 7:00pm **NO EARLY RELEASE**

Saturday January 12

Girls Basketball @ Providence 1:00pm SBCC

Boys Varsity Basketball @ Providence 2:30pm SBCC

Boys Frosh/Soph and JV Basketball @ Cate 3:30pm and 5:00pm

Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

1/6

Sunday Obligation

Rotation 7

1/7

7:45 am STEAM Society Group Meeting

5:00 pm PSAT and Mock ACT Scores

6:00 pm Junior Parent College Information Night

7:15 pm Admissions Presentation in library

1/9

BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4

1/10

BISHOP PLUS 7,5,6

1/12

Entrance Placement Exam

Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

1/15

5:00 pm Admissions Information Night

1/16

3:00 pm Last day to make schedule changes

1/17

Tuition Assistance and Scholarship Applications due

1/18

CSF/NHS Application Deadline By 3:30 pm

1/21

No School

1/26

Entrance Placement Exam

1/28

Catholic Schools Week

1/29

K-12 Mass

1/30

All School Day of Service (Office Closed)