Dear Cardinal Community,

At Bishop Diego, we strive for excellence in all facets of school life. 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. As parents, you have the ability to provide us with constructive feedback that can help us continue on our path to excellence.

I ask you to please take a few minutes to complete the attached Parent Satisfaction Survey. This survey will take about 15 minutes of your time. Please be thoughtful and specific in your answers as they provide invaluable feedback as plan for the future of Bishop Diego High School. The survey will be available until Friday, December 6th; thank you in advance for your time.

Click here to complete the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BM7SR9R

As we anticipate the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I would like to say thank you to each and every one of our school families for what you bring to the BDHS community in the form of your children. On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, I wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving with your families.

School will be closed from November 25-29 and will resume on Monday, December 2nd.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan

Head of School
THANK YOU!

The Admissions Office would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of the parents and students who came out in support of Open House and Freshman for a Day this past week. Sunday’s Open House was a huge success thanks in part to our amazing Cardinal Club and their BBQing skills! And Freshman for a Day could not have happened without the help of some very special Cardinal moms who came to serve hot chocolate to our 8th-grade guests: Kerri Boeddeker, Stephanie Carlyle, Steffanie Carty, and Jill Escamilla!! Bishop Diego runs on parent power and we are eternally grateful for all who support our mission!

Blessing Bishop

As we head into the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, many ask how they can bless Bishop Diego with a tax-deductible gift. Over the next five weeks, the Advancement Office is outlining the various ways that our generous donors can support those Bishop initiatives that matter most to them:

November 24 – November 30: A Week of Thankfulness

Donate to honor someone who makes you thankful for the gift of a Bishop Diego education. Examples include past teachers or principals, your student’s current teachers, a staff member, a student who is making the most of their time at Bishop, or an extended family member who believes in Catholic schools.

December 1 – December 7: Girls’ Athletics Initiative

Expanding the girls’ athletics programs at Bishop Diego is a top priority. Integrating highly successful and talented coaches into the school day as teachers and support staff rather than part-time, walk-on coaches provides a better experience for our girls and gives our female athletes a huge advantage. Donations in honor of your favorite coach or Lady Cardinal or even to remember your experience as a Bishop athlete will allow us to continue to build a stronger girls athletics program for today and for generations of Lady Cardinals to come.
December 8 – December 14: Performing Arts Collaborative

Big dreams need big support and Performing Arts at Bishop Diego are on the rise! To support current offerings and allow for upcoming growth, those with a passion for the arts are encouraged to help us build a bigger and better Performing Arts program for Bishop Diego’s students.

December 15 – December 21: Technology Campaign

Ensuring that Bishop Diego’s students have access to cutting edge technology is essential to preparing them for the future. Whether it is maintaining and upgrading the Gherini Center for Multimedia Arts and Technology, supporting the 1:1 iPad program, providing state-of-the-art security systems, or integrating new alumni and donor software, Bishop Diego relies on the generous support of those who understand the importance of 21st century technology.

December 22 – December 31: Spirituality Campaign

Our Catholic faith is the primary factor that differentiates Bishop from any other high school in the area. The tremendous impact spirituality has on students prepares them to face life with hearts full of compassion. Retreats, Masses, Theology classes, and service opportunities infuse a Bishop Diego education with character formation that changes lives. Giving to this campaign will affirm your belief in the power of a Catholic education.

To give your year-end, tax-deductible gift to any of the above campaigns, please visit our Online Giving page at www.bishopdiego.org/online-giving and choose The Fund for Bishop Diego when donating. Your support changes lives!

Warmly,

Dr. Cristy McNay
Director of Admissions and Advancement
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Semester exams are fast approaching. Here is the schedule for the week, and a few reminders about exam protocols:

Wednesday, December 18th

- Period 1 - 8:30 - 10:00
- Period 2 - 10:30 - 12:00
- Lunch 12:00 - 12:40
- Period 3 - 12:45 - 2:15

Thursday, December 19th

- Period 4 - 8:30 -10:00
- Period 5 - 10:30 - 12:00

Friday, December 20th

- Period 6 - 8:30-10:00
- Period 7 - 10:30 - 12:00

Please remember that students need to be in dress code and on time in order to take their exams. If students do not have an exam during the last testing period of the day, they may be dismissed with written parental permission.

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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID is a certification class at Bishop for parents and staff.

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

**Juniors:**

Bishop will offer a Mock ACT Exam for interested Juniors on December 7. Students must RSVP no later than Friday, November 22nd. The test is free. The sign-up sheet is outside Ms. Gonzalez’ office.

**Seniors & College Applications:**

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**Spiritual Life – Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser**

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever! ~1 Chronicles 16:34

Before departing for the Thanksgiving break, we gathered as a school family for a prayer service reflecting on the generosity of our loving and merciful Father. Thank you to our student choir for leading us in the song *Malo Malo, Thanks be to God!* and to Mrs. Carpenter for sharing with us her message of gratitude.
Thank you also to ASB for packing **hygiene kits for the homeless** who visit the Fr. Virgil Cordano Center, and to the entire Bishop community for your contributions for this great "giving" cause.

Upon our return from the break, we enter the holy season of **Advent**:

- Project Santa!! (more information to follow real soon)
- Tuesday, December 3 - Advent Penance Service via Theology classes
- Thursday, December 12 - Advent/Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass followed by a fiesta! (please be on the lookout for a Parent Square to see how you can be involved)

Thanksgiving Blessings to all!

Jennifer Winnewisser  
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**Athletics – Mr. Mike Cano**

Winter Sport Athletes you must have a sports packet and physical before participating in a contest. Please create an account at [https://www.athleticclearance.com](https://www.athleticclearance.com) and complete before returning from break. Thank You

Reminder for Fall Banquet on December 8

**BISHOP DIEGO FALL SPORTS BANQUET**

Hello Bishop Sports Parents,

The Bishop Fall Sports Banquet is scheduled for Sunday December 8th at 5pm. Bishop
has had a good Fall Sports season and we are excited to celebrate the student/athletes successes. The banquet will take place in the main gym and the details are as follows:

Sunday, December 8th, 2019
5:00 p.m.
Main Gym

DINNER IS PROVIDED FOR ALL STUDENT ATHLETES, COACHES AND ONE GUEST PER COACH!

Dinner costs $15 per person for non-student athletes if they RSVP by the deadline. Deadline is 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, DECEMBER 4, 2019!
Please RSVP to front desk. Checks should be made out to Bishop Diego High School.
Cost at the door will be $25, so please get your checks in now!

MASS DRESS IS MANDATORY! Mass dress is required for athletes to be recognized. This basically means dress shirt and tie for boys, appropriate dress, skirt or dress pants for girls. If you have any questions about Mass Dress, consult the Parent-Student Handbook found on the school website.

Girls Volleyball teams are responsible for set-up before the banquet. Please have your team at the gym by 4pm for setup.

Football teams are responsible for break down and clean up after the banquet.

Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

11/25 – 11/29
School Closed – Thanksgiving Week

Bishop Events Looking Ahead …

12/2
School Resumes
7:45 am – STEAM Society Group Meeting

12/7
8:00 am – Mock ACT Exam

12/8
Fall Sports Banquet

12/12
Mass Bell - Advent Mass

12/14
Project Santa

12/18
Finals 1,2,3

12/19
Finals 4,5

12/20
Finals 6,7

12/23 - 1/5
Christmas Break

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

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

1/17
Independent Scholarship Applications Due

1/20
No school – Martin Luther King Day

1/24
Chinese New Year Luncheon

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