Dear Bishop Community,

Last Tuesday, our school community had the privilege of welcoming guest speaker, Andrew Laubacher, to Bishop Diego to share his testimony about finding and accepting Jesus into his life during his teenage years. Andrew, or ALOB as he is known, shared his life experience with our students, focusing especially on desire and what it truly means to live an abundant life. Based upon scripture, ALOB used John 10:10 as the foundation for his talk; "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Allow me to share a sampling of quotes from some students when asked to reflect on the afternoon, as they truly capture the essence of ALOB’s message and the Adoration experience we shared on Tuesday:

The prayer time made me feel peaceful and relaxed. It was really nice because I just got to sit there and really make a connection with God. Also, as I was sitting there, I realized how lucky I am to experience ALOB's story and music and how lucky I am to go to a school that could make it possible for the whole school community to come together for something special like this. ~9th grade girl

I felt like I was in the middle of a very special time with God. ~9th grade boy

The assembly made me realize that I don't need to fall into the "crowd" in order to fit in and be happy...During the prayer time I felt a sort of cleansing of my sins. ~9th grade girl

If I were to describe ALOBs the assembly in one word I would say "empowering." It really made me question and think about my past, what I am doing right now and what my future might hold. ~9th grade boy

During ALOB’s talk I became very emotional and was on the verge of crying. Something just came over me, not sure what. I sat next to a junior boy and he was taking it very seriously
and that made me feel very comfortable. We both sat there with our heads down in prayer. It made me feel like I could release my inner religious self that I know is there. ~9th grade girl

The prayer service meant a lot to me because after what ALOB said about reconciliation and conversion I thought about how much I needed God, and how much I need to ask for forgiveness and share my love for Him. ~9th grade boy

I think it was great to have Jesus go around the whole room while the music was playing. The prayer time felt like a minute because of how connected I was with God. ~9th grade boy

If I could, I would love to be in that Adoration environment again. Singing, responding, praying and reflecting on my faith with others supporting me was great. ~12th grade boy

Adoration was so beautiful and heart warming. At first it was hard letting myself get in the right mindset but once I was there I felt it was only me and God talking. ~12th grade girl

ALOB spoke about living life abundantly and about boundaries and rules that are not really trapping us but giving us freedom. This really resonated with me, especially as I'm heading off to college next year. ~12th grade girl

The prayer time gave me the opportunity to forget about all that's going on around me and focus on what was happening that very minute. I personally needed this time. ~9th grade boy

The assembly made me feel peaceful and I felt truly safe and calm for the first time in a while. I felt carefree and caught up in the moment. It makes me want to take part in Adoration again. ~9th grade boy

During prayer time I was thinking a lot and trying to put things in perspective. Recently my family has been going through some rough times. I just started to pray for everything to turn out okay. It was a peaceful time. ~9th grade girl

I liked how ALOB did not force the religion but portrayed it as an invitation. ~9th grade boy
As evidenced in the student reflections above, ALOB’s message was simple yet powerful. What a wonderful invitation for all in attendance to accept the unconditional love that Jesus has for each and every one of us - regardless of where we may find ourselves in our personal faith journeys. At Bishop Diego, we have a unique opportunity to plant seeds with our students - seeds that may not take root immediately for all, but eventually grow. The assembly ended with a very powerful yet easy to grasp message that I pray our students remember for years to come - we may turn our backs on the love and light of Christ at times in our lives, but the light never turns its back on us.

I extend a special thank you to Robert and Amanda Batch, Andrew Sacksteder, and Jennifer Winnewisser for bringing ALOB to Bishop, and coordinating the many details of the day. With gratitude, we thank Deacon Steve Montrose for exposing the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration, and all our faculty, staff, and local parish volunteers for facilitating small group discussions. Additionally, I thank Jeff Hampton for handling all A/V needs, and Juan Diaz for handling all facility needs to accommodate the event. This was truly a group effort!

Experiences such as Tuesday’s remind me why Bishop is such a special place; the essence of the assembly and Andrew’s message are truly what set us apart from any other educational opportunity available. As we begin the season of Advent and await the coming of Christ this Christmas, it is my hope that our students are able to prepare their hearts to experience the unconditional love that Jesus has for them.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School
Giving Tuesday

Bishop’s first ever #GivingTuesday was a HUGE success! Thanks to our Cardinal community, we raised $20,367.23 for The Fund for Bishop Diego in just 24 hours! Our students and faculty are so grateful for the generosity of our donors! Check your mailboxes in the coming week for the annual appeal that provides another opportunity to support The Fund for Bishop Diego! You can now make payments and pledges online using our new giving software at www.bishopdiego.org/support/online-giving. You can also set up recurring donations that fit your budget and allow you to make an even bigger impact!

Online Applications for 2019/20 are open!

Bishop Diego is now accepting applications for the Class of 2023! Tell everyone you know that completed applications are due by January 31, 2019, and admissions decisions will be made by March 1, 2019.

Important Fall Admissions and Advancement Dates:

Middle School Wrap Party/Project Santa – Thursday, December 13

Warmly,

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Semester exams are fast approaching. Here is the schedule for the week, and a few reminders about exam protocols:

Monday, December 17th

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

Tuesday, December 18th

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

Wednesday, December 19th

• 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.

Good luck to all on their finals, and enjoy a wonderful holiday season!

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College visiting Bishop:

Thursday, December 6 at 11:40am (lunch) we will have an admissions counselor from Wyoming Catholic College in the College Center. For more information about this school, please check out this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ganIqre0QE

Finals:

As students gear up for finals, it is important to note that exams cover material from the entire first semester and count for up to 20% of the semester grade. Students must do well to keep their grade up or to improve the grade they have already earned. Please encourage your student to begin studying now and not to wait. Some students may want to check with their teachers soon to ensure they understand what is expected of them. Often freshmen find these first finals intimidating and wish they had put more effort into preparing. Should your child need help with study tips or test preparation, have him/her consult with Ms. Anderson.

As a reminder, we have free peer tutoring available to students during office hours. Students may sign up with Ms. Anderson in request of a peer tutor.

In January, with the start of second semester, we will be working on necessary schedule changes. Most courses are yearlong, so there will not be a lot of changes. Students who fail a class first semester may not be able to continue in that class; additionally, they may need to repeat that class in the summer before returning to Bishop. Universities will not accept D’s in college prep classes. So, it is suggested that these courses be re-taken in the summer as well. See Ms. Anderson for more information about how to sign up for online or off campus courses, which will require an Academic Petition.

Parents of Sophomores and Juniors:

On Monday, January 7, all 10th and 11th grade parents are invited to join us for the Scores Back event. 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. This event will start at 5:00pm in the Library.
Following this event, in the Library we will have a presentation for all Parents of Juniors from 6:00pm-7:30pm. At this event, we’ll have guest speakers from UCSB, CSU Channel Islands and Westmont College. Together, we will review how to prepare for applying to the various systems of education.

Parents of Juniors:

USC is looking for 11th graders to apply to the Bovard Scholars program. Eligible juniors will have a 4.0 GPA or above, enrolled in Algebra 2 or above, demonstrate financial need, have taken an AP course. The program is FREE to students admitted. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2019. For more information, visit: https://bovardscholars.usc.edu/our-scholars/

MIT has a FREE program called the Minority Introduction to Engineering and Science (MITES). This six-week program provides students with the opportunity to live on MIT's campus while they are taking five courses (physics, calculus, life science, humanities and a STEM elective), each with homework assignments and exams. During the program, students will also participate in social events and build a community with their peers. Learn more about MITES.

This school also offers the MIT Online Science, Technology, and Engineering Community (MOSTEC) with an in-person summer conference at MIT.
This six-month program immerses students in an online STEM community comprising of two parts:

- Academic - students take academic courses online and present projects at a five-day conference on MIT's campus
- Enrichment - students prepare for college and beyond by engaging with STEM professionals, MIT Admissions counselors and undergraduate mentors.

Learn more about MOSTEC.

Summer 2019 Application Timeline:

Application Deadline: February 1, 2019 at 7:59 PM Eastern Standard Time

Each student's application goes through a competitive selection process.

For a comprehensive list of other types of summer enrichment activities, please visit the Counseling webpage at: http://bdhsmultimedia.org/enrichment-opportunities.html
Parents of Seniors:
If your student has a LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION deadline of:

- **December 15**, the last day to request a letter of rec is December 1.
- **January 1**, the last day to request a letter of rec is December 4.
- January 15, the last day to request a letter of rec is December 14.

The deadline to complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is March 2nd, but some colleges and scholarship programs require earlier submission: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara awards more than $5 million in scholarships to local students. Forms should be completed online at [http://www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org). The deadline to apply is January 15. Letter of recommendation requests for this application must be submitted to teachers/counselors no later than December 14.

Preview YouTube video From Grassroots Films and Wyoming Catholic College: "Wisdom in God's Country"

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Happy Advent! Such a special time and opportunity for reflection on the coming of our Savior!

During the season of Advent, each morning the Bishop community will reflect on a quote from Sacred Scripture to go along with our morning prayer. We will continue to pray for an increase of understanding and application of the values of respect, perseverance and compassion. Please pray with and for us.

Tuesday, December 4th is our Advent Penance Service. This will take place throughout the day during Theology classes. We are grateful for the many neighborhood priests who make time to be with our teens on this day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Friday December 7th we will celebrate our Advent Mass with special focus on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception which is on the 8th. Fr. John Love ’80 will be our presider. Parents are always welcome to join us!

Project Santa is underway! Bishop High School has adopted 13 families from Catholic Charities who are deserving of our assistance. Each grade will provide presents for 3 families and the faculty will take care of a family as well. It is a wonderful opportunity to share God’s love to our neighbors. Here is how it works:

1. Students pull a tag from their class tree (located in the Mission Center) and report to Mrs. Winnewisser which tag was taken, so as to not duplicate or confuse the process.
2. Students okay the gift item with their parents (okay to trade tag in, just let Mrs. Winnewisser know)
3. Purchase the gift (hopefully with some funds from the students’ own wallets)
4. Wrap the gift and include receipts for any shoes or clothing
5. Place originally pulled tag on the wrapped gift
6. Bring wrapped gift with tag attached to the Christmas tree in either the library or the Mission Center on or before December 11th.
7. Additionally, we would like to gift the families with various household items such as laundry detergent, family sized shampoos, bars of soap, toothpaste, etc. Non-perishable foods are also very much appreciated. Please do not wrap these donations.
Project Santa Delivery Day! The families will be expecting the delivery of the Christmas gifts on Saturday morning, December 15th between 9-noon. Bishop students are encouraged to come along! We will load onto the Santa Barbara Trolley with Santa Claus in tow. Be on the lookout for sign-ups and permission slips for this meaningful adventure. The trolley fills up quickly!

Delivery Day drivers needed! We will need to cart the packages from home to home. If you can take a load of presents and follow Santa's sleigh (trolley) on the 15th, please let Mrs. Winnewisser know.

Wishing you a blessed Advent journey!

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Hello Bishop Sports parents and coaches,

The Bishop Fall Sports Banquet is scheduled for Sunday Dec 9th at 5:30pm. Bishop has had a good Fall Sports season and we are excited to celebrate the kid's successes. The banquet will take place in the main gym and the details are as follows:

Sunday, December 9th, 2018
5:30 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 5th, 2018!**

Please RSVP to Traci Callow. 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 4:45 for setup.

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

Come celebrate our fantastic fall season with all athletes and their families!

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**Upcoming Athletic Events**

**Monday December 3**
Boys Soccer Home vs Villanova 3:15p **EARLY RELEASE 2:14p**

**Tuesday December 4**
Girls Soccer @ St. Bonaventure 3:15p **EARLY RELEASE 12:50p**
Girls Basketball @ Carpinteria 6:00p **NO EARLY RELEASE**

**Wednesday December 5**
Girls Soccer Home vs Dunn 3:15p **EARLY RELEASE 2:14p**
Boys JV Basketball @ Carp Tournament vs Thousand Oaks 3:00p **EARLY RELEASE 1:20p**
Thursday December 6
Girls Basketball Home vs Dunn 6:00p **SCHOOL OUT 1:30p**
Boys Varsity Basketball @ Thacher Tournament vs Villanova 3:00p **EARLY RELEASE 12:15p**
Boys JV Basketball @ Carp Tournament vs Royal 3:00p **SCHOOL OUT 1:30p**

Friday December 7
Boys Varsity Basketball @ Thacher Tournament TBD
Boys JV Basketball @ Carp Tournament vs Carpinteria 6:00p **NO EARLY RELEASE**
Boys Soccer Home vs Santa Clara NCAA High School Showcase 2:00p **EARLY RELEASE AFTER MASS**

Saturday December 8
Boys Varsity Basketball @ Thacher Tournament TBD
Boys JV Basketball @ Carp Tournament TBD
Boys Frosh/Soph Basketball Home vs Thacher 3:00p
Boys Soccer Home vs Granite Hills 9:00a and Fillmore 1:30p NCAA High School Showcase

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**Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar**

12/3
7:45 am. STEAM Society group meeting

12/4
Advent Penance Services in Theology

12/5
**NO BISHOP PLUS 1, 2, 4, 3**

12/6
**NO BISHOP PLUS 5, 6, 7**

12/7
Advent Mass
Mass Schedule

12/8
ACT
Mock ACT
12/9
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 6
5:30 pm Fall Sports Banquet

12/12
**BISHOP PLUS 1, 2, 3, 4**

12/13
**BISHOP PLUS 6, 7, 5**
Admissions Wrap Party

12/14
Christmas Fair

12/15
Project Santa Delivery

12/16
Rotation 7

12/17
Final Exams Per. 1, 2, 3

12/18
Final Exams Per. 4, 5

12/19
Final Exams Per. 6, 7

12/20
Christmas Break

1/3
School Resumes
NO BISHOP PLUS