Dear Bishop Community,

With just a month until our annual Auction Gala, “Dare to Dream,” 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 in this event. 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 financial aid annually. The proceeds from the annual Auction Gala help provide assistance to families who would not otherwise be able to attend our school. An investment in our students is an investment in the future.

Wondering how to get involved? There are quite a few ways. All families are required 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 $100 cash for the committee to purchase an item, or new this year, it can be 2 or 3 bottles of fine wine that total $100 for our Wine 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 three Auction Co-Chairs, Susan Pate, Claudia Pakes, and Kathryn Roberts for their leadership in this year's event. These parents, along with their numerous sub-committee chair people – Dawn Maho, Yafa Kaylor, and Blanca Gorman, have already put a tremendous amount of time into the event but need YOUR HELP to ensure the success of our Annual Fundraiser, all for the benefit of our students! There truly is no greater investment of time than in our students. Click here to
see where you can help! Every family is needed to help in some way! Please check your Bishop Diego ParentSquare account for updated information on how you can help!

Thank you for signing up to help today and don’t forget to bring your auction donations to the front office no later than Thursday, February 14th.

Thank you!

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 in 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!

Share Your Love with Bishop campaign – February 10 – 15, 2019

Bishop is excited to announce that you can help others share their love with Bishop by setting up your very own “peer-to-peer” donation web page for our Valentine’s Day campaign! You can set a personal goal, have your very own “thermometer” to measure your success, share the page on your social media accounts, and even win some amazing prizes – all by helping Bishop Diego to raise money for the Annual Fund! Students and parents can create individual pages or teams for some competition. To get started go to https://secure.qgiv.com/event/shareyourlove and click on Register at the top of the page to get started now!

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

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

The golf tournament sells out every year so be sure to reserve your spot early!

**Sponsorships** are available and include some incredible perks! Contact the Advancement Office for more details!

Warmly,

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

Bishop Barron will be on campus speaking to our juniors and seniors February 13th from 11:15 to 12:15 about the importance of faith in a successful and highly prosperous society followed by a luncheon with the Bishop.

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**Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter**

**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…

“The 10 Biggest Financial Aid Mistakes – and How to Avoid Them.”
6. Not knowing which colleges guarantee to meet 100 percent of demonstrated financial need—and what it means when they don’t. …not all schools have the same conception of ‘demonstrated need’: some might take into account (some or all of) the equity in your house as a possible resource, some might expect more or less work contribution from you, and, most important, some might include the dreaded loans as part of the package (others might give mostly gift aid, with some small amount of work requirement, especially if the school is well capitalized, that is, has lots of money). Use the net price calculator at each college to see how they might be constructing an offer.

Be on the lookout for the phrase ‘loan-free.’ That means the school will meet whatever percent of demonstrated financial need (100 percent in the best case) without including any loans in the package. Wouldn’t it be great to walk away from college without the $30,000 of debt that the average student in this country has?

Just because some college doesn’t guarantee to meet 100 percent of need doesn’t mean that they won’t, especially if you’re a desirable applicant to them…If you are in the top 20 percent of the admissions profile, you’re likely to get 100 percent of need (though at some especially choosy schools the odds are less).

For a list of colleges that guarantee to meet 100 percent of need...
www.thecollegesolution.com/list-of-colleges-that-meet-100-of-financial-need/

Be sure to verify that any colleges you’re applying to still meet 100 percent of the need, as some colleges might have changed their policy.

7. Not applying to enough schools. If financial aid is an important consideration in your choice of colleges, you should be sure to apply to enough colleges. Financial aid offers can vary widely, even among schools of the same type—a recent comparison we did using the net price calculators of seven schools that we thought would be similarly priced netted prices from $8,000 to $33,000 a year (an astounding range). In order to be safe, apply for more, rather than few, schools (ten to fifteen wouldn’t be too many). Then, compare what comes out the other end.
8. Not applying for outside scholarships. Many students think that the college admissions and financial office is the only possible source of funds. But, in truth, college-provided aid can be supplemented by grants from church groups, civic organizations, and even businesses at which your parents work. Your high school college counselor might be getting hundreds of such announcements each year; be sure to check with him or her to see if you qualify for any.”

A website that is getting a lot of attention these days is https://www.raise.me/join/bishop-garcia-diego-high-school.

This website offers students and parents the chance to research colleges, while simultaneously earning micro-scholarships that could be used upon admission to certain schools. For example, Syracuse University encourages the use of raise.me for this purpose on their website: https://www.syracuse.edu/admissions/cost-and-aid/types-of-aid/special-programs/#s:raiseme.

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**Spiritual Life – Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser**

RESPECT Jesus says, “For in everything, do unto others as you would have them do unto you, for this sums up the Law of the Prophets.”

We welcome Bishop Robert Barron to the Cardinal campus on Wednesday, February 13th. He will be speaking with the juniors and seniors and enjoying lunch with them and the faculty. What a treat!

On Thursday, the senior girls and their mothers will gather for a luncheon in the Mission Center from 1:40-12:30. We look forward to this special time.

The 11th graders will gather for their Junior Retreat Reunion on Friday, February 22nd during a few hours of the school day here on campus. They will be celebrating Mass,
enjoying a catered lunch (thank you Junior parents!) and participating in some retreat activities. We pray that the Class of 2020 continues to grow in their love for one another and for their Lord.

The Senior Retreat is just around the corner. Thank you for keeping the Retreat Team in your prayers.

Have a blessed week!

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**Athletics – Mr. Dan Peeters**

Boy’s soccer won the first round in the CIF finals Thursday against Whittier Christian with a score of 5 to 0. Their next game is Saturday, February 9, against Pacifica Christian from Orange County. This game will be played at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa at 12:00 pm. If Saturday’s game is a win for Bishop we will host the quarterfinals of the CIFSS on Wednesday Feb 13th. Congrats to the boys on their successful season and run towards a CIFSS championship.

To get the latest on Bishop Athletics follow us on BD Athletics.

It’s not too late to come out for several of our spring sports! Have your student speak to Mr Peeters or Mr. Cano for spring sporting options.

As Bishop Diego continues to grow, one of our goals is to increase student opportunities to thrive and grow. Building on a legacy of Christian values, academic excellence, artistic expression, and athletic distinction, and due to overwhelming interest, Bishop has embarked on a journey to launch a **Water Polo** program in the 2019/20 school year.
Please RSVP to join us for an informative Water Polo session on Wednesday, February 13 at 6:00 pm in Bishop Diego’s Mission Center. If you have any questions, contact Director of Athletics, Mr. Dan Peeters ’87, at dpeeters@bishopdiego.org.

Go Cards

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Upcoming Athletic Events

**Tuesday February 12**
Girls Softball @ Carpinteria 3:30pm **EARLY DISMISSAL 1:45pm**

**Wednesday February 13**
Boys Soccer CIF Div. 7 Playoffs **EARLY DISMISSAL TBD**

**Saturday February 16**
Boys Varsity Baseball vs Orcutt Academy **DH 11:00am and 2:00pm**

Dean of Students – Ms. Stacey Carr

Just when you believe you understand all there is know about electronic cigarettes and vaping more information is provided. We are now learning colleges are starting to ban these devices on campus. Some have already made good on their New Year's resolution by banning all smoking and tobacco use throughout college campuses, including outdoor areas. This could become a concern for high school students who have become addicted to nicotine.

Dr. Shafer and Ms. Pool have been researching the chemicals found in the liquid juice and the bodily harm vaping can cause. Throughout the month during Family Homeroom students will be educated on how vaping can be harmful to their body. Laws are continuously changing and the health risks continue to increase. Take the time to watch these three links.
Electronic Cigarettes and Vaping

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dZS_Rniak0#action=share

Vaping Explosions

https://youtu.be/XeKLMcM8_V0

Students take a stand against vaping


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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

2/10
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 6

2/12
Morning Assembly Bell

2/13
BISHOP PLUS 1,2,4,3
11:15 am - Bishop Barron on campus to speak with Juniors and Seniors
6:00 pm – Water Polo Interest meeting in the Mission Center (208)

2/14
BISHOP PLUS 6,7,5
11:40 am - Senior Mother/Daughter Luncheon

2/15
No School

Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

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

3/7
Course Selections for next year
145 pm – SBCC Registration for seniors

3/8
End of 3rd quarter

3/9
Gala Auction

3/12
Senior Retreat

3/13
Senior Retreat

3/14
Senior Retreat

3/15
Senior breakfast

3/17
Winter Sport Banquet