Dear Bishop Community,

I would like to share with you two upcoming events that we will be hosting at Bishop Diego. The first is the Arrive Alive Program sponsored by Cottage Hospital and Safe Kids Santa Barbara. This program brings a car onto campus that is actually turned into a driving simulator. The students will view an educational video and will also have the opportunity to sit behind the wheel of the car and experience a virtual reality type situation in which they experience any one of three scenarios: driving while texting, drinking, or on drugs. After students experience the simulator, they are issued a “ticket” for their mishaps behind the wheel, letting them know what it will cost them, if they get jail time, lose their license, etc. This simulated experience is meant to be as close to real life as possible. Arrive Alive will be on our campus tomorrow, Monday, February 4th. We are grateful to Cottage Hospital and Safe Kids Santa Barbara for making this program available to our students here at Bishop.

The second event pertains to school safety on our campus. A critical part of our School Emergency Plan is to perform four safety drills throughout the course of the school year. Due to current events around our world, we must play an active role in keeping our children, staff, and campus environment as safe as possible. To that end, one of our four safety drills will be on the topic of what to do in the event of an active shooter on campus. We conduct this drill annually and receive very positive feedback.

On Tuesday, February 12th, we will be conducting an active shooter training drill on campus during a Morning Assembly Bell schedule. The training drill will be conducted by the Santa Barbara Police and Fire Departments. The main purpose of our safety drill is to ensure that we have the education and training needed if the unfortunate event were to ever occur. As we understand the importance of this safety drill, we also realize that this can
also be a sensitive subject for various reasons. Please let us know if this may be the case with your son/daughter and we will find other alternatives during this time. We thank you for being a very important part of continuing to make our school a safe campus.

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 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!

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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Educational happenings in February:

February 4th – Arrive Alive Program that will give the students a chance to experience distractive driving and it’s dangers.

February 6th – Our science department along with Ms. Carr will be giving an educational presentation of the dangers of vaping. For more information check out stillblowingsmoke.org
In honor of our international students we will also be celebrating Chinese New Year with a special luncheon.

February 7th – Our Chinese international students and the Mandarin Chinese class will be taking a trip to China Town, in Los Angeles, to experience American Chinese culture.
The City College girl’s softball team and coaches will be speaking to all our female students during FHR in celebration of National Girls and Women Day in Sports.

February 8th – The AP English literature class will be attending the 15th Annual Literary Society luncheon at the Biltmore. Bishop has attended every year since it’s conception. The students well be able to speak one on one with renowned author Nick Dybek.

February 13th – Bishop Barron will be speaking to our juniors and seniors 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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SUMMER PLANS - UC Santa Barbara offers two exciting summer research programs for students in 9–11th grades. Students and families are invited to attend an information session to learn about the Research Mentorship Program (RMP) and Science & Engineering Research Academy (SERA). During this presentation, you will learn pertinent information about the programs, requirements, application and admission processes.

Please join us to find out how these experiences can set you apart when applying to college. Students will be provided with a unique opportunity to gain university-level research experience while earning college credit. These programs are specifically designed to foster academic, professional, personal, and social development. Students will be challenged through exposure to the breadth of interdisciplinary, ground-breaking research currently being conducted at UC Santa Barbara.

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Time: 6:30 – 8:00pm
Location: Dos Pueblos High School Library

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…


4. Assuming a state university will be cheaper. We’ve seen this mistake dozens of times, especially when students are relying on their parents for information. It used to be that not only were the state universities in your home state cheaper than private colleges (because you get in-state tuition) but also state universities in other states (where you have to pay out-of-state tuition) were still cheaper than many private colleges. No more. That’s because major state universities now view out-of-state students as “cash cows”: as a way of
decreasing the state U’s dependence on the legislature, they charge out-of-state students as much as a private college would. Upshot? When applying to state universities outside your state, get the facts. And don’t think it’ll be easy to establish state residency after a year or two; they’ve got that thought out, too.

BEST-KEPT SECRET. A number of state schools offer in-state tuition to students from other states, especially neighboring ones. Find out if this is true for any state universities you’re considering.

Also, a number of private colleges will put together financial aid packages to match the price of tuition and fees at the flagship state university in their state. Always ask.

5. Not knowing the difference between merit-based and need-based aid. You might have thought that if you’re a brainiac—top of your class, great SAT/ACTs, boatloads of AP courses, and so on—you’d be a shoo-in for large cash awards at fancy colleges. Guess again. Some of the schools you might want to apply to award aid only on the basis of need—that is, how much help they think you need to be able to afford to go to their college; so no matter how smart you are, you won’t be getting scholarship money if your family can afford to foot the bill. However, some schools have money to award on the basis of merit—could be academic, athletic, or artistic—a way of buying talent. In every case, use the financial aid page of the college website to see what aid is being offered.”

Here is a website you can use to look up out-of-state schools that have a tuition reduction program for students in California: https://wuesavingsfinder.wiche.edu/search-results.php.

And, if you want to do some comparison shopping, here is a link you may find useful: https://www.kiplinger.com/tool/college/T014-S001-kiplingers-best-values-in-private-colleges/index.php?table=all

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COMPASSION: Compassion is the keen awareness of the interdependence of all things. ~Thomas Merton

On Wednesday, February 13th we are thrilled to have Bishop Robert Barron visit with our Juniors and Seniors beginning at 11:15am. He will speak and enjoy a catered lunch with the students.

Thursday, February 14th, the Senior GIRLS will come together for lunch with their mothers from 11:45-12:30. Please note that our time together will be brief so thank you for doing your best to be in the Mission Center (Room 208) at 11:45. We look forward to this special time together.

Junior parents, be on the lookout for how you can support the Junior Retreat Reunion that will be held right here at school on Friday, February 22nd. As always, thank you very much for your support!

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Athletics – Mr. Dan Peeters

Boys soccer won their first league title in 21 years! Congrats to the boys and they will host a home playoff on Thursday.

Boys Volleyball and Track meeting on campus Tuesday at lunch.
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.

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Upcoming Athletic Events

**Wednesday February 6**
Boys Baseball @ San Marcos 2:30p **EARLY DISMISSAL 1:15p**

**Thursday February 7**
Boys Soccer Home vs TBD CIF Div. 7 1st Round Playoffs 3:00p **SCHOOL OUT 1:30p**

Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

2/3
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 5

2/4
7:45 am STEAM Society Group Meeting
Arrive Alive Program on Campus

2/6
**BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4**
Chinese New Year Luncheon
Vaping Presentation
BISHOP PLUS 5,6,7
National Girls and Women Day in Sports

Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

2/12
Morning Assembly Bell

2/13
Bishop Barron on campus to speak with Juniors and Seniors

2/14
Senior Mother/Daughter Luncheon

2/15
No School

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

3/8
End of 3rd quarter

3/9
Gala Auction

3/12
Senior Retreat