Dear Bishop Community,

It’s been a rather exciting winter sports season here at Bishop Diego! I am sure that anyone who has been in the Brick House at any of the recent CIF basketball playoff games will agree that the energy and excitement surrounding both our boys’ and girls’ teams is contagious! From the enthusiasm of our dedicated coaching staff, spirited cheerleaders, committed parent volunteers, and Cardinal Club members, to our die-hard fans and supportive alumni, our Cardinal pride is palpable! To witness a packed Brick House boasting an overflowing student section is truly inspiring.

With the excitement of both teams advancing to the semi-finals, we took the opportunity to create a “Cardinal Game Day” experience modeled after ESPN for the entire student body on Friday. Hosted by our very own Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Tim Flanagan, students were treated to an extended lunch hour complete with interviews of some of the basketball players, a live student band, dance floor, student DJ, ice cream sundae bar, and competitive corn-hole tournament organized by Coach Bennett. It was great to see so many friends and family come out to support our teams as the boys prepared to take on Vistamar Friday evening, and the girls prepared for their contest against Calvary Chapel, Santa Ana on Saturday.

Our Athletics Department and members of our Cardinal Club dedicate an extraordinary amount of time to our school, ensuring the Bishop experience is exceptional! From managing the scoreboard and clocks, to selling tickets, concessions, and apparel, I thank each and every
member of our community for their dedication to making the athletic experience such a positive and memorable one for the community of Bishop Diego! Go Cardinals!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

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Re-enrollment for 2020-21:

Attention all Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen families: Invitations to re-enroll for the next school year will arrive in your email in-box no later than February 28, 2020. To secure your student’s spot for the 2020-21 school year, online tuition contracts must be submitted along with the $1000 tuition deposit (or first installment of this deposit) no later than March 31, 2020. Please plan ahead for this payment in March, which can be paid in full, in two payments (March & April), or in four payments (March, April, May & June). Enrollments received after March 31 will not qualify for the four-payment plan.

Auction Commitment

All families commit to support the annual auction with a donation of $100 or more in the form of cash, a new item, bottles of wine or bottles of whiskey. Items were due by Tuesday, February 18th. If your family’s commitment has not yet been met, it will be billed through FACTS. If you receive an invoice notification and believe it was made in error, please contact Tally Latcham at 805-967-1266, ext. 108.
**Need Service Hours?**

We are in need of parents to help set-up for the auction, check people in at the auction, check people out at the auction, and for clean up! Please refer to your Parent Square messages to choose how you would like to serve!

Warmly,

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**Spiritual Life – Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser**

**RESPECT:** The gift of respect is the most desired, the least given, the greatest hope of humanity. ~Ronovan Hester

This week we begin the holy season of Lent with our **Ash Wednesday** paraliturgy service in the gym at 8:20 AM. It will last about 30 minutes. Parents, please join us!

**Lent** is a great time for us to pause and listen to our questioning voice, to look at the paths we are travelling and ask ourselves if we are really going the right way. If I continue on this path, will it bring me to where God wants me to be? At Bishop it is a privilege to walk with your students along their Lenten journey of discovery and discernment. We take time to pray, fast and give from our hearts. Please join us in taking part in the Lenten journey at home with your families. I pray it is a blessed season for you!
Upcoming events:

- Ash Wednesday Paraliturgy Service - February 26, 8:20 am
- Senior Father Lunch - Thursday, February 27 11:10-12:10 in the patio area
- Senior Retreat - March 11-13

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Athletics – Mr. Mike Cano and Mr. Aaron Skinner

Congratulations to Boys and Girls Basketball for reaching the CIFSS Basketball Semifinals We are so proud!

GO CARDS!

Athletic Contests Week of February 24-29

**Tuesday February 25**
- Varsity Baseball @ Crossroads 3:00pm EARLY RELEASE 11:00am
- Girls Softball Home vs Malibu EARLY RELEASE 2:14pm
- Boys Volleyball @ Nordhoff JV 4:00p, Varsity 6:00p NO EARLY RELEASE

**Wednesday February 26**
- JV Baseball @ Carpinteria 3:30p EARLY RELEASE 1:15p

**Thursday February 27**
- Softball @ Santa Barbara 3:30p SCHOOL OUT 1:30p
- Boys Volleyball @ Viewpoint 5:00p EARLY RELEASE SCHOOL OUT 1:30p

**Friday February 28**
- Softball @ Viewpoint 3:30p EARLY RELEASE 12:53p
- Boys Volleyball Home vs Carpinteria 5:00p NO EARLY RELEASE
Saturday February 29
Boys JV Baseball Home vs Santa Ynez DH 11:00a and 2:00p
Boys Varsity Baseball @ Santa Ynez DH 11:00a and 2:00p
CIF BASKETBALL FINALS Girls and Boys TBD

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Dean of Students – Ms. Stacey Carr

Counselors in Training – Summer Time Volunteer Opportunity

United Way of Santa Barbara County offers a free 6 week summer enrichment program for students 3-6th grade called Fun in the Sun. The goal of Fun in the Sun is to provide these students with a joyful yet academically beneficial summer in order to help prepare them for their academic year ahead. In order to run a successful, inspiring, and safe program for these students United Way of Santa Barbara County is seeking motivated and reliable Counselors in Training. This is an excellent way for students to earn their required community service hours.

Students in grades 10-12th (for the 2020-2021 school year) who have a passion in education or enjoy working with kids are encouraged to apply! This volunteer opportunity will allow students to fulfill up to 240 community service hours as it requires them to commit to the entire six week program. Among helping students earn volunteer hours United Way of Santa Barbara County also provides a fun and academic related field trips to further encourage their own academic pursuits. We plan special CIT only field trips, college tours, and career mentoring just to name a few.
United Way of Santa Barbara County will be on campus **Wednesday, February 26th** in the main gym during Cardinal Time. There will also be a table set up in the quad during lunch to answer additional questions.

Visit [https://www.unitedwaysb.org/fits](https://www.unitedwaysb.org/fits) for more details.

**International Women's Day** will be celebrated this March. Volunteers are needed for its first **Her Festival**, an original event designed to empower our next generation of female leaders through empowering speakers, live music, interactive booths, and more. The event is **FREE** and will be held at Girsh Park from 12pm-4pm on **March 8th, 2020**. There will be live music and keynote speakers, including Joyce Dudley and Monique Limon. Her Festival will also feature interactive booths from organizations that support women and local, female-run companies. Come for free prizes from local stores such as LuluLemon and Sephora with price values up to $1,000 as well as free face-painting, rock climbing, and arts and crafts. More information can be found at our website [https://www.herfestivalsb.com/](https://www.herfestivalsb.com/)

**Saturday, March 21st** – the **20th Annual Barbara Ireland Walk and Run for Breast Cancer**! Student volunteers are needed - Cheerleaders, Cross County/Track Athletes and any other interested clubs or students who would be interested in volunteering for this fun event!

Volunteer check in will take place at 7:30 AM at Chase Palm Park (323 E Cabrillo Blvd, Santa Barbara, CA 93101) and the event will conclude around 11:30 AM. Student Volunteers are needed to help with goodie bag distribution, food distribution, course monitors, water distribution, and the finish line team.

For more details visit.....[www.cfsb.org/irelandwalk2020](http://www.cfsb.org/irelandwalk2020)

*If it’s important, take the time for it.*

*This is especially applicable to mindfulness and wellbeing practices. Taking that 5-10 minutes during the day for a moment of calm can do so much to relax us, yet many say they don’t have the time. Science shows our brain actually needs a break in order to process the information*
we’ve learned and to function better. So taking that 5-10 minute break can actually help us become more productive in the long run.

In honor of our recent Presidents Day, here’s quote from George Washington “Perseverance and Spirit have done wonders in all ages.”

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

2/23
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 6

2/26
BISHOP PLUS 1,2,4,3
Ash Wednesday

2/27
BISHOP PLUS 6,7,5
Senior Father Lunch

Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

3/2
7:45 am – STEAM Society Group Meeting

3/5
Course Selection Day (During Cardinal Time)

3/6
Offers of Admission Sent

3/7
Gala & Auction
3/11
Senior Retreat

3/12
Senior Retreat

3/15
Winter Sports Banquet

3/18
PCPA Theaterfest “Julius Ceasar” (H English 9 and AP Eng. Lit.)
Returning Students’ Registration Due

3/23
Spring Fever Week

3/27
Senior Parent Mass
3:30 pm – SAT/ACT Bootcamp

3/28
3:30 pm – SAT/ACT Bootcamp

3/29
6:30 pm – SAT/ACT Bootcamp

3/31
New Student Enrollment Due

4/1
Evening of Excellence

4/6
7:45 am – STEAM Society Group Meeting

4/7
Extended Lunch
Stations of the Cross

4/10
Good Friday – No School

4/12
Easter Sunday

4/13 – 4/17: Easter Break
4/20
School Resumes

5/1
No School – Golf Tournament

5/4
7:45 am - STEAM Society Group Meeting
AP US Government

5/5
May Crowning and Alumni Mass
8:00 am – AP Chemistry
12:00 pm – AP Human Geography