Dear Bishop Community,

I would like to remind all of you about our upcoming Auction and Gala, “Blue Jeans and Bubbly,” on March 7th. I know that between the Cardinal Event, Auction Gala, and Golf Tournament, fundraising seems non-stop, and that is because it IS non-stop! We depend upon fundraising to make an excellent Catholic education available to all who desire the benefits provided by the BDHS experience. The advertised tuition does not actually cover what it costs the school to educate a child; that deficit, combined with personalized tuition subsidies adds up to 1.6 million dollars this year.

Our Auction and Gala Dinner is a grass roots effort with every facet of the event being run by parent volunteers. I want to take a moment and acknowledge how much I appreciate the support and appreciation we get from so many parents at Bishop Diego High School. This year, we honor the selflessness of those who make Bishop Diego such an amazing place for students to thrive and grow: Volunteers. We are pleased to recognize Mary Ann and Greg Chambers, Tom Johnson, and Jim Stovesand as the honorees for this year’s event and ask for your help in supporting the Auction and Gala so as to honor them appropriately.

Catholic schools ask a great deal of our parents. But if we are to remain true to the mission of Catholic schools, this will always be the case. Providing an affordable, Catholic education becomes possible when parents are involved. It is a tremendous benefit to the school to have parents helping out with so many projects and activities. In addition, it is extremely meaningful for our young men and women to witness the spirit of philanthropy in their parents as they give back to Bishop Diego. Please be sure to check out your ParentSquare emails to find out how you can help!
As a parent whose children who attend Catholic schools myself, I know that participating in volunteer and fundraising activities can be burdensome. I remind myself that it is our children who see the benefits, and we can never make that too great an expense. For each and every one of you who have answered the call and turned in your family’s obligation, I thank you. If not, it’s not too late to send in your cash donation of $100 and we can do the shopping for you; or, donate a couple of bottles of nice wine for the “Wine Pull.” Submit your RSVP today as well as this event will sell out! I look forward to seeing you all at “Blue Jeans and Bubbly” on March 7th.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

Admissions and Advancement – Dr. Cristy McNay

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.

Warmly,

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PCR:

Please note: report cards and transcripts are still housed in PCR, not the BD classroom. Please use the link for the student portal at the bottom of the schools website for access. If you have questions regarding user name and passwords, please contact Ms. Liv Gonzalez.

STEAM:

STEAM meeting on Monday. Mr. Brian Simolon, an expert in the use of infrared cameras, is coming from FLIR to work with our STEAM students.

YOUTH WELL:

Make-up classes for any student who missed sessions 1, 2 or 3 will be offered in the College Counseling Center on Thursday, February 6th during Cardinal Time. Pizza will be served.

HAVE A GREAT SUPERBOWL SUNDAY!!

Tim Flanagan
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GRADES:

If your student earned a D or F at the semester, a letter was sent to your home highlighting options for making up courses as needed. Ms. Anderson met with these students to review support services in hopes students will improve grades second semester. Aside from
free peer tutoring during Office Hours, we have a list of private tutors for hire if you think your child might need this kind of extra support. Please contact janderson@bishopdiego.org with questions.

As an important reminder, most colleges do not accept students who’ve earned Ds in college prep courses. Classes may be retaken at SBCC or online to earn a better grade. Your student must complete an Academic Petition with Ms. Anderson before signing up for a class.

**ACADEMIC PLANNING:**

9th-11th grade students should begin to think about their courses for next year. Ms. Anderson will first meet with students in March to discuss their teacher recommendations and interests for 2020-2021. After that time, Ms. Anderson will be available to meet with families individually should there be questions about course selection.

**SUMMER PLANNING:**

It is sometimes recommended that students pursue academic, volunteer or career exploration activities during the summer months. For those interested in such opportunities, several can be found in BD Classroom, under the “Counseling Website”, then click on “Modules” and scroll down to “Enrichment Opportunities”.

Further, we have a wealth of opportunity in our own backyard. For example, three programs are detailed at this link: [https://www.summer.ucsb.edu/pre-college/pre-college-programs](https://www.summer.ucsb.edu/pre-college/pre-college-programs).

The Research Mentorship Program (RMP) at UCSB offers participants 8 college credits, a graduate student one-on-one mentor and the chance for qualifying 10th-11th grade students to engage in a research project of interest. Minimum GPA is 3.8, the program is for 6 weeks in the summer and is highly selective (10% admit rate).

The Summer Research Academies (formerly known as SERA) offers a wide range of study options to include International Relations, Media Arts, Brain Science, Environmental Science, Social Justice and Media Forensics. This program requires a 3.6 GPA, is open to 9th-
11th grade students, lasts for 4 weeks in the summer and has a higher acceptance rate than RMP.

Summer Scholars at UCSB is open to 9th-11th grade, 3.3 GPA minimum and does not have a Research component, but does provide the opportunity to earn up to 8 college credits on topics like: anthropology, oceanography, introduction to cinema, ethics and global history. The program also includes college admissions workshops, study skills training and guidance on how to pick a college major.

All of these programs come at a cost, but UCSB does offer scholarship opportunities to qualified applicants.

AP EXAMS:

Students enrolled in AP courses should have already been invoiced for their AP exam(s) planned for May. Contact Mrs. Carpenter with questions: rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS:

Parents and students are encouraged to visit www.collegeboard.org and register as a user in order to start receiving information about SATs. Juniors should aim for completing the May or June SAT exam. For the May 2nd SAT Exam you must register by April 3rd. For the June 6th SAT Exam you must register by May 8th. For the June 13th ACT Exam you must register by May 8 at www.act.org. You are encouraged to sign up for the ACT and SAT with writing/essay, even though it is made optional. The writing/essay section is not optional for many colleges.

SAT/ACT BOOTCAMP:

To help students who are preparing to take the SAT or ACT exam this spring/summer, Bishop is offering a weekend bootcamp in collaboration with Tutors Across America. The camp will be at Bishop on Friday, March 27 from 4:00pm-8:30pm, Saturday, March 28 from 9:00am-6:00pm and Sunday, March 29 from 9:00am-6:00pm. The cost of this program is $299.00. The registration deadline is Friday, March 20. Register at: http://TutorsAcrossAmerica.com/ACTcourse. Scroll down to Weekend Bootcamp at Bishop Diego High School and enroll as directed.
JUNIORS:

Save the Date for College Seminar! This program is FREE and geared for the class of 2021, who will apply to four-year universities in the fall. Students who participate in College Seminar will learn essential information regarding all of the systems of higher education. At the conclusion of College Seminar students will have a draft of the admissions essay. College Seminar will take place June 1, 2, and 3 from 9:00am-12:30pm. The deadline to register with Mrs. Carpenter for College Seminar is May 8.

SENIORS:

Please remember to submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the March 2nd deadline, and log into your Cal Grants Webgrants Account to make certain everything is in order there: https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp.

Seniors should monitor their email and the individual college portals they have set up for each college they have applied to. Keep an eye out for notice of missing documents, or additional requirements, like English or Math placement exams. Students who miss deadlines may have their applications withdrawn or their acceptances rescinded. Seniors also need to keep their grades up. Grades below a C are typically unacceptable for college admission. Earning a D or F in 12th grade could result in a college rescinding their offer of acceptance.

Those planning to attend SBCC in the fall are required to participate in the SBCC orientation planned for February 20 from 1:45pm-4:00pm in Room 202.

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RESPECT: Simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect of our surroundings. ~Pope Francis

This Friday is the Freshman Mini-Retreat right here on campus. We will focus on the spirit of KINDNESS. Thank you to our generous parents for the donations of time and treasure, ensuring our students are well-fed at these retreats!

The sophomore class will meet for their mini-retreat on March 20th.

Thursday, February 13th is the Senior Mother-Daughter Luncheon from 11:10-12:10 in the Mission Center (room 208). It's an early lunch but we promise a special time for mothers and daughters.

Thursday, February 20th the senior boys will get together with their mothers. They will also meet in the Mission Center from 11:10-12:10 for an early lunch.

Finally, Thursday, February 27th fathers of seniors are invited to have lunch with their 12th graders also from 11:10-12:10. More information to come.

Any senior whose mother or father is unable to attend the luncheon is encouraged to come anyway! Please consider bringing a mother or father figure or join up with a fellow classmate and his/her parent. Every senior is welcome!!

We look forward to these special moments with the class of 2020!

Mark your calendars to join us for our Ash Wednesday prayer service on Wednesday, February 26th in the gym at 12:30.

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ALL STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A SPRING SPORT:
Please Contact Mr. Cano or Mr. Skinner

Athletic Contests Week of February 3-8

**Monday February 3**
Boys Basketball Home vs Foothill Tech JV 5:30p, Varsity 7:00p **Senior Day NO EARLY RELEASE**
Girls JV Basketball vs Santa Ynez @ San Marcos 4:00p **EARLY RELEASE 2:30p**

**Tuesday February 4**
Boys Soccer Home vs Santa Clara 3:15p **EARLY RELEASE 2:10p Senior Day**
Girls JV Basketball vs San Marcos F/S @ San Marcos 4:00p **EARLY RELEASE 2:30p**

**Wednesday February 5**
Boys Basketball @ St. Bonaventure Frosh/Soph 4:00p, JV 5:30p, Varsity 7:00p **EARLY RELEASE F/S ONLY 1:45p**

**Thursday February 6**
Girls Varsity Basketball Home vs Providence 6:00p **Senior Day NO EARLY RELEASE**

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Phones and Social Media

Is it *SMART* for students to have a SMART phone? As teenagers we survived without a phone. And smart enough to bring enough dimes to make a call from the school’s public phone. Take the time to watch this presentation from Colin Kartchner who is tackling the cell phones issues with teenagers.
Can flip phones end our social media addiction?

Collin Kartchner is on a mission to save the kids. That starts with exposing the dirty underbelly of social media and how it increases anxiety for children and parents alike. 
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uMb0wqTqE_4

About Collin Kartchner

Collin Kartchner, founder of Save the Kids, is a social activist spreading education and awareness on the negative effects of social media and screen addiction. Collin Kartchner is a local internet crusader, youth advocate, and social activist spreading education and awareness on the negative effects of social media and screen addiction on our mental and emotional health. In 2017, Collin started a parody Instagram account where he posed as a social media influencer obsessed with fame, likes, diet soda, plastic surgery, and used humor to shed light on how Instagram influencers perpetuate a culture of toxic perfectionism. His account grew to over 60,000 dedicated followers and he now travels across the state and country speaking to teens, parents, educators, and communities about how social media, specifically the correlation between teen social media and screen-time addiction and the epidemic spike in teen anxiety, depression, and suicide. https://savethekids.us/

Community Service Information

Deadline to submit hours for the 2019-2020 school year is April 22, 2020.

New forms service forms are available online

Check the website for additional opportunities and new service locations.

Volunteers needed for 2020 homeless count in SB County

Teens on the Scene.....
TOTS will be helping out at PATH again on Sunday Feb 23rd 1:00 - 4:00pm. 816 Cacique Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93103. More information about PATH can be found here: https://www.epath.org/regions/santa-barbara-central-coast/.

Habitat Restoration Volunteers - Santa Barbara County Trails Council

The Trails Council builds and maintains miles of trails in Santa Barbara County. Maintenance and rehabilitation of the trails is an ongoing process. In order to protect the trail infrastructure and related resources, volunteers are needed to provide labor. In return, volunteers learn about land stewardship and resource conservation while giving back to the trails they enjoy. The act of paying forward or paying back helps to improve the experience of trail access to our wild and scenic treasures. If you want to join the next native plant saving weed pulling event please visit our web site and send us a note expressing your interest in being notified: Volunteers are needed and appreciated. https://sbtrails.org/volunteer/habitat-restoration/

If you see a chance to be kind to someone do it! We need more kindness.

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

2/2
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 6

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

2/4
6:30 pm – Dr. Kelly Jameson Talk

2/5
BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4
2/6
BISHOP PLUS 6,7,5

2/8
1:00 pm – 3:00: Teddy Bear Cancer Foundation Club Event

Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

2/13
Senior Mother/Daughter Luncheon

2/14
No School – Presidents’ Day Weekend

2/17
No School - Presidents’ Day

2/20
Senior Mother/Son Luncheon
Senior Application Workshop

2/26
Ash Wednesday

2/27
Senior Father Lunch

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