Dear Bishop Community,

The highlight of this past week was celebrating our Class of 2019 at our Senior Parent Mass on Friday. This mass marks another milestone for our seniors and their parents here at Bishop. We are coming to the end of another school year and our seniors are soon closing a chapter of their young lives as they embark upon a new journey in a few short months.

Friday’s mass also caused me to pause and reflect on our school year together. “Be still and know that I am God.” This verse from Psalms 46:10 laid the foundation for our school year as we embarked upon 2018-19 with many goals to achieve. As a leader with a vision, my primary focus revolves around continual growth and improvement in all areas of school life. I am excited about the opportunities we are making available to our students in the coming months and years, yet before I share with you where Bishop Diego is headed in the 2019-20 school year and beyond, I think it is important to reflect upon some of the numerous accomplishments that have been made this year.

Under the direction of Dr. Cristy McNay, we realized an enhanced admissions process, which included our inaugural “Freshman for a Day” experience in the fall, an improved online application/registration process for new and returning families that has significantly improved the customer experience, as well as the addition of personal interviews of each and every applicant. These combined efforts have me confident in sharing that we plan on welcoming 80 students to our Class of 2023 in the fall. I am grateful to Dr. McNay and Erika Van Wingerden for their commitment to making our admissions process top notch from start to finish!

I am pleased to share that under the leadership of our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Tim Flanagan, we have made numerous strides with regards to articulation within and between academic departments. Our math department has worked tirelessly this
year to vertically align the curriculum, ensuring a seamless transition between courses. This included the addition of our Algebra AB course to address any gaps in learning prior to Algebra II, as well as an adjusted curriculum for Honors Algebra II through Honors Pre-Calculus to best prepare our students for the SAT subject tests required for attending highly competitive colleges. The hard work and collaboration of our math faculty is admirable! Additionally, our World Languages curriculum has been solidified and is on track to be able to offer multiple 4-year language options to students, including AP Spanish and Mandarin III for next year, as well as Mandarin IV for 2020-21. We are blessed with an outstanding World Language department at Bishop! Finally, all of our faculty and staff deserve recognition for their flexibility and willingness to enthusiastically integrate the use of technology in their teaching, through the Google Suite and frequent use of the new computer lab this year, which is booked 5 or more class periods daily. I am blessed to work with such a professional group of men and women who are consistently looking to incorporate best practice into their teaching in order to benefit our students!

Our Athletics department continues to thrive under the direction of our Athletic Director, Mr. Dan Peeters, and Assistant Athletic Director, Mr. Mike Cano. For the third straight season, our Girl’s Volleyball team advanced to the CIF playoffs. Our Boy’s Soccer team had the most successful season in school history, being undefeated in league play and claiming the first league championship since 1998. In playoffs, our boys advanced to the CIF-SS semi-finals. Our Baseball team is coming off a league championship in 2018 and a trip to the CIF semi-finals. The boys are out to an impressive 9-2-1 record and are currently ranked 6th in our playoff division. Finally, we are encouraged by the renewed interest in Girls Softball, and boast 13 freshmen on our team this year. The student athlete experience at Bishop Diego is second to none!

Spiritually, our campus boasts an active ministry, under the guidance of Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser. To name a few highlights, our students experienced a powerful experience this fall through our special guest speaker, Andrew Laubaucher. For many of our students, this was their first introduction to Eucharistic Adoration and the ALOB experience is one they will remember far beyond their high school years. This year’s Project Santa was truly a community effort this past winter and for all those who participated, an emotional and spiritual experience that enhanced the Christmas season. Finally, this spring, our seniors experienced their class retreat, which was a full team effort, comprised of faculty, our senior team, and parents. Upon
their return from retreat, it was wonderful to witness the fruits of the spirit pour into the rest of the school.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Rya Carpenter, the offerings of our Counseling and Student Services division grew tremendously. There are too many accomplishments to list in this letter! I am grateful to our entire counseling staff for their intentional efforts to support more frequent interactions with parents and students, their increased focus on and follow-up with students needing additional support, both academically and personally, as well as a high quality college representative experience that ensures an excellent selection of colleges wanting to book our campus each year. The numerous enhancements made ensure an extremely high-quality counseling department in comparison with other schools. We are so proud!

Thanks to the diligent stewardship of Mr. Juan Diaz and his team, our campus facility has never been in such excellent condition. Numerous projects have been completed this year under his leadership. We began the new school year with a refinished gym floor in the Brick House, as well as renovation of the faculty lounge, kitchen, and rooms 107, 306, 307, 308, and 309. Our campus lighting project is now complete, with additional lighting being added around campus to improve campus safety and security. Finally, we started the year with a beautiful new marquee donated by the Maho family and installed at the top of the back entrance, which has been used to advertise our sporting events and build school spirit! We are blessed to work and study in this beautiful environment.

By far, the greatest initiative this year, and one that will continue to remain a priority over the next 3 years, is the continued integration of technology into the curriculum. Under the direction of Mr. Dan Yokubaitis, our technology committee worked tirelessly to create and execute a plan to guide us in these efforts. This plan included visiting other schools throughout California to understand best practice. We performed a major overhaul to our infrastructure last summer in order to accommodate the Google Suite for Education; we increased the number of devices for students, upgraded devices for our teachers, improved connectivity and networking school-wide, and provided email addresses for all students.

As we look forward to the 2019-20 school year, I am excited to share that we will continue on a trajectory of growth and excellence. With regards to technology, we will be piloting a one-to-one iPad program in our science department, with the ultimate goal of a one-
to-one iPad program school wide for the 2020-21 school year. All teachers will begin using iPads next year, and receiving professional development with Canvas, our new learning management system over the course of the school year. I look forward to updating you quarterly with regards to the pilot program, including the teacher and student experience and what to expect for the 2020-21 school year based on this pilot.

As students are selecting courses for next year, we are pleased to be able to expand the curriculum. Additional course offerings for next year include: Literature and Composition 1 and 2, Psychology, Mandarin III, AP Spanish, SAT/ACT Test prep, including college applications and exploration for Juniors and Seniors, a study skills course geared to math and English intervention, as well as a Strength and Conditioning class for our female athletes. Additionally, we are excited to introduce an aquatics program beginning this fall. Through a partnership with St. Vincent’s, we will be able to utilize the Pozzo Aquatic Arena in an effort to develop competitive Boys Water Polo, Girls Water Polo, and Swim teams for Bishop Diego.

We are excited to start the year with a partnership with Locally Grown Kids, who will be our food service provider beginning in the fall. Our new program will be café-style, opening at 7:30am daily, serving espresso and pastries and will remain open through the lunch period. Locally Grown Kids is known in our community for providing fresh, delicious meals and we are fortunate that they will be able to upgrade and utilize our kitchen facility to make meals on-site. We look forward to this partnership!

This spring and into summer our facility will be receiving many physical upgrades. Most noticeable will be the front and back parking lot renovations that will begin in June. Additionally, our athletic field will be re-seeded and re-irrigated to improve safety for our student athletes. We are also hopeful to improve transportation to and from our campus with the addition of school vans to transport students for field trips, athletic contests, and to enhance our admission efforts. Thanks to the support of numerous benefactors, we will be able to realize these necessary improvements!

As you can imagine, the hours and consideration of numerous factors that have gone into evaluating the current year and planning for the next are exorbitant. I am grateful for being able to work with my Auxiliary Head of School, Mr. Tom Crawford, as well as my Administrative Council and our Board of Trustees, who are all committed to keeping the mission of our school and best interests of the students we serve at the heart of all decision-
making. While a successful conclusion to the current school year is the priority at this moment, the 2019-20 school year approaches with great promise.

Thank you for your continued support of Bishop Diego High School. It is an absolute privilege to lead our great school and partner with you as we nurture and guide your sons and daughters - our future.

In Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

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**Admissions and Advancement – Dr. Cristy McNay**

**Re-enrollment for 2019/20 is now past due!**

Re-enrollment information has been sent to the parent email address(es) on-file. If you have not received this information or have updated your email address, please contact the Admissions Office right away.

**Bishop’s Annual Golf Tournament on May 3, 2019, has SOLD OUT!**

If you need service hours, we are looking for help setting up and taking down at Sandpiper Golf Club on May 2 and 3. See the Parent Square message and sign-up opportunities!

Warmly

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Curriculum Additions

We are delighted to announce that Bishop Diego has been accepted to the Amazon Future Engineer Program. This exciting sequence of courses is designed to prepare students to pursue careers in computer science and will allow our school to offer AP Computer Science classes. It also allows students to connect in-person or virtually with an Amazon engineer, or take a field trip to a fulfillment center which provides hands-on experience working with industry-leading cloud computing tools. For the 2019/2020 school year this means we will be offering courses in Into to Computer Science.

We are also happy to be able to once again offer AP Government. This course is a 12th grade social science class open to those that earn a 3 or higher on the AP US History Exam, or a B+ in US History and American Literature, and recommendations from any previous Social Science or English teachers. Please contact Mrs. Anderson or Mrs. Carpenter if you have scheduling questions.

Evening of Excellence

Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:30 pm in the main gym. Join us in celebrating the fine work and academic achievements of our students. A gallery walk of student work with hors d’oeuvres begins at 6:30 pm. Awards include the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the class of 2019 announcement, Marshals for the class of 2020, Scholarships, Honor Roll and many more…

Attached is the link to an invitation to Evening of Excellence:

Senior Exit Interviews

Seniors will have their exit interviews on Thursday, April 11th from 1:45 pm to approximately 2:30 pm. The senior exit interviews, a requirement, give our seniors a chance to express how they have grown these last four years in the core value areas. They also have the opportunity to give the faculty feed back on their experience at Bishop. Anyone who
misses the interview due to absence from school or a sports competition will have their interview at a future date with Mr. Flanagan and Ms. Carr.

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**Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter**

**COLLEGE VISIT:** I have invited Duke University to join us on campus again this year. This time, an Admissions Representative will present to interested students and parents specifically about Duke Kushan University. Students admitted to this program **study on two campuses.** They start their academic journey in Kunshan, China, just outside of Shanghai, and then transition to Duke University's campus in Durham for a summer and semester before returning to DKU to finish their undergraduate studies. Students earn **degrees from both Duke University and Duke Kunshan University.** Please join us for this event and spread the word, as this presentation is open to the local community: Thursday, April 11 at 3:00pm in the College Center. Homework Zone will be moved to the Library on this day.

The University of Edinburgh, located in Scotland, will have an admissions counselor at Bishop on Friday, April 5th during lunch in the College and Career Center: 12:53pm-1:23pm. Students and parents are invited to listen in on her presentation. Edinburgh is a highly selective, large research institution that heavily emphasizes SAT/ACT and AP Exam Scores for international applicants. This school ranks highly not just in the UK, but also in the world. They have programs focused on the arts, humanities and social science; medicine and veterinary medicine; and science and engineering. Did you know Dolly (a sheep) was the first mammal cloned, and it was at the University of Edinburgh’s Roslin Institute? Other notable programs and institutes can be found here: [https://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/sub-units](https://www.ed.ac.uk/schools-departments/sub-units).

Here is a short video about the school climate at Edinburgh and its surrounding area: [https://youtu.be/3NalKesnp1l](https://youtu.be/3NalKesnp1l)
Students and Parents are encouraged to register for a presentation from Admission Counselors representing: Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Rice and the University of Chicago. Presentations are offered in Southern and Northern California on Sunday, April 28 – May 2. RSVP at www.exploringeducationallexcellence.org.

**GRADES:** Final exams are only two months away. It is not too early to get those notebooks organized from third quarter and to review work to keep it fresh. Remind your student to keep up with their academics, as the semester grades are permanently reflected on transcripts.

Remember that D grades are unacceptable by most colleges. Classes can be retaken a couple of ways with prior approval from Ms. Anderson. All classes with a semester F grade must be retaken during the summer before returning to Bishop in the fall and as a condition of graduation.

Students are highly encouraged to utilize peer tutoring during Office Hours from 7:50am-8:15am. This is an opportunity for homework assistance and test preparation.

**COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & TESTING:** May 4 and June 1 are the last two dates for the SAT exam before the school year ends. The deadline to register for the May exam is April 5 and the deadline to register for the June exam is May 3. Visit www.collegeboard.com to register. It is highly recommended that 11th grade students take the SAT in May or June, and the ACT exam in June. And, for students taking an AP Course, this might be a good time to take the corresponding SAT Subject test regardless of what grade the student is in right now. Please contact Mrs. Carpenter for specific advice.

June 8 is the last date for the ACT exam. The deadline to register is May 3. Visit www.act.org to register.
SUMMER PLANNING & LEADERSHIP

High school students wishing to take Dual Enrollment courses at SBCC may begin registering on April 19 for summer school and on July 9 for fall semester. Ms. Anderson must approve courses prior to a student signing up at SBCC.

Some colleges expect high school students to pursue activities over the summer, be it with employment, volunteerism, internships or coursework. If you are interested in ideas for enrichment activities at the college level, please visit: http://bdhsmultimedia.org/enrichment-opportunities.html.

**AP EXAMS:** Students who are taking AP Exams this May are REQUIRED to attend a pre-registration event on **Thursday, April 4 at 1:45pm**, in the Library. This session is MANDATORY and will end at approximately 2:30pm.

**WEBINARS:** Free webinars offered by Collegewise

April 10, 5 p.m. PDT: [Athletic Recruiting: Scoring the Right Offer?](#)
April 22, 5 p.m. PDT: [Financing College Without Breaking the Bank: How to Find Your Best Financial Fit](#)

May 8, 5 p.m. PDT: [Engineering Your Future: Careers In STEM with USC Viterbi’s Paul Ledesma](#)

May 22, 5 p.m. PDT: [Aiming for the Ivy League? How to Improve Your Chances for Admission to Highly Selective Colleges](#)

June 13, 5 p.m. PDT: [Where Should I Apply?: How to Create the Right College List](#)

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We continue our Lenten journeys and reflect each day on a scripture passage to guide us along the way. We pray that it has been fruitful for your students so far, helping them pause and think about the beauty of our faith in the upcoming Sacrifice and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, April 2nd is our Lent Penance Service throughout the day in Theology classes. We are grateful to the many priests in our neighborhood who take time to be with us on this day here at Bishop Diego to hear confessions. They join us in caring for the hearts and souls of our students.

Friday, April 5th is the Freshman Retreat Reunion right here at school. The class of 2022 will gather for Mass, enjoy lunch together and participate in a few retreat activities. We continue to be grateful for our parents who assist with the meals at these important events in the lives of our Cardinals.

Have a blessed week!

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At Bishop Diego, we are committed to supporting the health of our student athletes. We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with C3Logix, an integrated concussion management system, to provide yet another diagnostic tool to help assess appropriate return to play in the event of injury.
The first step in implementation of this system is securing baseline information on our student-athletes. We will be offering 3 baseline testing dates in April – Wednesday April 3rd, Monday April 8th and Wednesday April 17th from 3-6pm in the weight room. No appointment is necessary.

The goal is to have every student athlete tested prior to the end of the school year, so please encourage your son or daughter to attend one of the above sessions.

Here is link to the system http://www.c3logix.com/ if you desire more information.

Thanks for your support!

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Upcoming Athletic Events

**Tuesday April 2**
Beach Volleyball Home vs Santa Barbara 3:30p **EARLY RELEASE 2:50p**
Softball @ Righetti JV 3:30p **EARLY RELEASE 1:00p**
Boys Volleyball @ Santa Clara 5:00p **EARLY RELEASE 2:50p**
Boys Tennis @ St. Bonaventure 4:00p **EARLY RELEASE 2:14p**

**Wednesday April 3**
Boys Varsity Baseball @ St. Bonaventure 4:00p **EARLY RELEASE 1:30p**
Boys JV Baseball Home vs St. Bonaventure 4:00p **EARLY RELEASE 2:30p**

**Thursday April 4**
Softball @ Santa Barbara 3:30p **School Out 1:30p**
Boys Tennis Home vs Thacher 4:00p **School Out 1:30p**
Boys Volleyball Home vs Providence 5:00p **School Out 1:30p**

**Friday April 5**
Boys Varsity Baseball Home vs St. Bonaventure 4:00p **EARLY RELEASE 2:30p**
Boys JV Baseball @ St. Bonaventure 4:00p **EARLY RELEASE 1:27p**
April 5th is the due date for students to complete their 25 hours of community service for the 2018-2019 school year. A minimum of 25 hours of Christian Service is expected each year, freshman through senior year. Numerous opportunities of service are available at all times on and off campus.

Students may check with their Family Homeroom Teacher or with Ms. Carr for their current hours.

Website

PDF Form

Senior exit interviews will be held on April 11th beginning at 1:45 pm. This is a graduation requirement. The faculty and staff look forward to hearing from all our seniors.

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

3/31
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 7

4/1
Week of Giving
7:45 am - STEAM Society group meeting
4/2
Week of Giving
Lent Penance Service

4/3
**BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4**
Week of Giving
6:30 pm - Evening of Excellence

4/4
**BISHOP PLUS 7,5,6**
Week of Giving
ASB Approved Candidates at Lunch
1:45 pm - AP Pre-Administration Session

4/5
Week of Giving
SAT/ACT Bootcamp
ASB Speeches Due to Mr. Cano by Lunch
Freshman Retreat Reunion

4/6
SAT/ACT Bootcamp

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**Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...**

4/7
SAT/ACT Bootcamp

4/8
Spring Fever Week
Campaigning for Class Office

4/9
Campaigning for Class Office

4/10
Campaigning for Class Office
ASB Speeches and Elections

4/11
ASB Speeches and Elections
1:45 pm Senior Exit Interviews

4/19 – 4/28
Easter Break
4/29
School Resumes
2:00 pm – SBCC Class Planning Day with Seniors

5/1
Alumni Mass & May Crowning
8:30 am – SBCC Class Planning Day with Seniors

5/2
No Bishop Plus

5/3
Golf Tournament
No school

5/6
7:45 am – STEAM Society group meeting

5/8
AP English Lit Exam

5/10
AP ART
AP US History Exam

5/13
AP Biology Exam

5/14
AP Calculus AB / BC
AP Human Geography

5/15
AP English Language

5/16
AP Statistics

5/18
3 on 3 Ron Boeddeker Memorial Basketball Tournament