Dear Cardinal Community,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! On behalf of all of us at Bishop Diego, I am excited to welcome you to a new year. Our campus has been abuzz with preparations for the year ahead, but the true Cardinal spirit will be felt when your sons and daughters fill the campus in the coming days and settle in for the promising year ahead!

While the summer months provide time for necessary rejuvenation, they also allow for planning and preparations for a new year! As you can imagine, the number of hours that have gone into envisioning the future of our school are great. I am grateful for being able to work with my Administrative Council, our Board of Trustees, as well as our dedicated faculty and staff who share a common vision of excellence for our great school and the students we serve. We continue to move Bishop Diego to the forefront - the premier local Catholic high school serving Santa Barbara and the surrounding communities. The 2018-19 school year approaches with great promise!

The continued integration of technology into the curriculum is one of our greatest priorities. I am thrilled to share that under the direction of our Director of Multimedia and Technology, Mr. Dan Yokubaitis, we performed a major overhaul to our technology infrastructure this summer. Thanks to the diligent, tireless efforts of Mr. Yokubaitis, Mr. Juan Diaz, and school parent, Mr. Tom Johnson, students and teachers will reap the benefits of this overhaul with improved connectivity and networking campus-wide, the adoption of the Google Suite for Education, access to an increased number of devices for students and teachers, as well as email addresses for all students. All students and teachers will have access to an additional staffed computer lab that has been re-opened in Room 202. Additionally, our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Tim Flanagan, lead a group of teachers to the International Society for Technology in Education in Chicago this summer. While in attendance, teachers networked with fellow educators, attended sessions focused on best practice for integrating technology, and explored discipline specific uses for
technology in the classroom. These dedicated efforts will continue to guide school-wide professional development with the goal of enhancing the educational experience of our students, ensuring they are on the cutting edge when it comes to being prepared for college and for life.

While many of the technology infrastructure upgrades are “behind the scenes” (but definitely noticed upon successfully connecting to the speedy internet!), a very “visual” upgrade to our campus is the beautiful new marquee sign greeting the Cardinal community at the entrance to our back parking lot. We extend a warm thank you to the Maho family (Maho Prentice, LLP, Attorneys at Law) for their generous donation to our school!

The first day of school for all students is Monday, August 20th with 3:00pm dismissal. We will be on a morning assembly bell schedule. Please note: we will NOT have picture day on the first day of school this year. Students may wear regular dress code attire. Picture Day/Mass dress will be Friday, August 31st.

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.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

Admissions and Advancement – Dr. Cristy McNay

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Erika Van Wingerden back to Bishop Diego! Erika is taking on the newly added position of Admissions and Advancement Associate. A BDHS alumna of the Class of 2008, she attended UC Santa Cruz and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology.

During her time as a Cardinal, Erika participated in band, volleyball, tennis, and cross country while also discovering a passion for photography, a gift she plans to use extensively in support of Bishop Diego’s social media campaigns. A fourth generation Santa Barbaran, she has an extensive background in customer service ranging from selling flowers for her father’s business to working for a local auto group, and she is excited to use her skills in support of Bishop. “I know BDHS is synonymous with top-notch education and producing well-rounded graduates prepared for the next steps in their lives and I am excited to be a part of such an exciting time in Bishop Diego’s history!”
Welcome back to Bishop, Erika!

Your Admissions and Advancement team is excited to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year! We have been working hard over the summer to find new and better ways to share events, opportunities, and all things Bishop with our Cardinal family and our external communities. And here is the best part: YOU can make a difference!

Bishop thrives on Parent Power and there is no better way to catch the Cardinal spirit than to join in on the fun and planning! We absolutely cannot do what we do without you and the success of our students depends on parent support across all areas of the school from activities to fundraising. Where will you share your gifts and expertise?

Here are just a few of the ways you can get involved and earn service hours for this year:

We are actively seeking Parent Ambassadors who are interested in helping us spread the word about Bishop Diego. We know what a gift this school is to so many, but we need your help to share it with our future Cardinals. If you want to share your passion for Bishop, becoming a Parent Ambassador is a wonderful way to say, “I believe in Bishop!”

The Advancement Office is also looking for parent support with The Fund for Bishop Diego and our first ever National Day of Giving coming up in November. We are also seeking parents who are interested in helping to make our Cardinal Event (October), Gala (March), and 48th annual Golf Tournament (May) even more fun and successful than ever before. As Bishop continues to grow, we are actively building our committees for the year and we need your help!

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Ambassador or helping with the events and tournaments planned for the year, please let us know right away. These positions fill quickly and we cannot wait to get started!

Important Fall Admissions and Advancement Dates:

New Parent Social – Wednesday, September 12
Fall Admissions Information Night – Wednesday, October 3
Middle School Movie Night – Wednesday, October 3
Cardinal Event – Saturday, October 6
Open House – Sunday, November 4
Freshman for a Day – Tuesday, November 6
Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Tim Flanagan

As the new school year begins, we are excited to welcome four new faculty members to Bishop:

Brittany Anderson-Cain Dr. Anderson-Cain joins the World Languages faculty at Bishop after more than a decade of experience at the university level, most recently at California Polytechnic State University where she taught Spanish classes from beginning to advanced levels. Having earned her PhD in Spanish from Emory University, traveled extensively throughout the Spanish-speaking world, and designed course content and curricula for multiple Spanish classes, Dr. Anderson-Cain is an exciting addition to the teaching staff. She is slated to teach Spanish I & II.

Robert Batch Mr. Batch will be joining the Theology faculty after three years at St. Bonaventure High School in Ventura. As a graduate of Franciscan University, a former Youth Outreach Director at Saint Paschal Baylon Parish, and retreat leader for NET Ministries, Mr. Batch is well-placed to transition into the Bishop family. He will be teaching Theology 9, 10, and 12.

Meaghan Harris Ms. Harris joins the Mathematics faculty with 13 years of teaching experience, most recently at Garden Street Academy. With a masters degree in Education in Mathematics from the State University of New York, Stonybrook, experience in both public and private school settings, and having taught a wide variety of math courses from pre-algebra to calculus, statistics and SAT prep, Ms. Harris adds great versatility to the math department. She will be teaching Algebra BC, (H) Algebra II/Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus.

Kelsey Schroeder Ms. Schroeder joins the faculty with 20 years of teaching experience, the last 12 of which were spent at Moorpark High School. Having demonstrated success in everything from Algebra I to AP Statistics, Ms. Schroeder represents another versatile addition to the growing Mathematics department here at Bishop. With degrees from UC Berkeley and the University of Idaho, teaching experience in Catholic schools, and expertise in technology integration, Ms. Schroeder brings a wealth of knowledge to the teaching staff. She is slated to teach Geometry and Calculus.
K-12 Textbook Update

All books ordered through K-12 before August 15, 2018 have been shipped and should arrive by August 22, 2018.

Teachers are aware that students will not have all of their books on the first date of school. This will not be an issue.

Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter

SCHEDULES – Returning students are asked to print their schedule from PCR for use on the first day of school. Schedules may have shifted a bit during the summer, so please double check you have the most current version printed. The new schedule will also have locker information. If you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Anderson. The deadline to request a schedule change with Ms. Anderson is Wednesday, August 30th at 3:00pm.

NEW STAFF – We are proud to introduce three new members to the Counseling and Student Services Division:

Ms. Julianne Salcedo, joins our team as the Resource Teacher’s Assistant. She can be reached at jsalcedo@bishopdiego.org or ext. 201. Ms. Salcedo graduated from Bishop in 2013, and recently earned her Bachelor’s degree from Pepperdine University. This past year, Ms. Salcedo worked as a substitute teacher and tutor at Bishop. She has also served as a Confirmation Teacher with St. Raphael’s Church and is a valued member of our community.

We are also excited to welcome Mr. Philip Beach as Bishop’s part-time Personal Counselor. You can reach him at ext. 121 or pbeach@bishopdiego.org on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays between 9:30am-3:30pm. Mr. Beach was raised in Connecticut before coming to California to pursue his Bachelor’s degree at UCSB. Upon graduation, volunteer work with our community’s youth inspired Mr. Beach to pursue his Masters of Science in Counseling at the University of La Verne. He has served as a school counselor at Santa Barbara High School and Goleta Valley Junior High. He also holds a position as a Research Coordinator in the Psychological and Brain Sciences department at UCSB. In his free time, he can be found surfing and bike riding. He also enjoys catching the first light of the day with his camera or on the beach with his dog.
Ms. Liv Gonzalez returns to Bishop in her position as Registrar. We are thrilled that she is also now the Counseling Office Assistant. Ms. Gonzalez can be reached via email at lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org, or ext. 119.

**TEST PREP** - Seniors interested in taking the SAT or ACT in September, October, or November may wish to register for our SAT/ACT Bootcamp. The cost is $299.00 and will take place September 14-16. This bootcamp is an excellent option for seniors looking to boost their score before going into the fall semester exams. Juniors who think they have a chance to score in the top tier on the PSAT may also wish to consider our bootcamp in gearing up for the PSAT exam this October. Register at: [http://tutorsacrossamerica.com/actcourse/](http://tutorsacrossamerica.com/actcourse/). The deadline to sign up is September 7.

**SAT/ACT EXAMS** - Seniors are encouraged to wrap up testing in November if at all possible. However, many colleges will take December exams. The key is to plan ahead, taking into consideration extra-curricular activities. It is the student's responsibility to know college test score deadlines and to order official test scores from the SAT or ACT agency directly.

SAT Dates - [sat.org/register](http://sat.org/register)

- September 7 deadline to register for October 6 exam
- October 5 deadline to register for November 3 exam

ACT Dates - [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

- September 28 deadline to register for October 27 exam

**CASE STUDIES EVENT AND MINI-COLLEGE FAIR:** Parents are invited to participate in an event on Wednesday, August 29 from 8:20am – 11:00am. All students will report to their Family Homeroom at the beginning of school this day. Parents are asked to RSVP to lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org no later than August 22 if they plan to attend this event. RSVP is mandatory for parents only.

**HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGE ADMISSION EVENT:** Save the date! All members of the Santa Barbara community and surrounding areas are invited to an event on Monday, October 15 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Presenters include Rob Schwartz of Premier College Guidance and Gary Clark,
Director of Undergraduate Admission for UCLA. RSVP is not required for this event, which will take place in the Main Gym.

**SENIORS** - If you begin your Common App - make sure that you click the option that says Bishop **DOES NOT** use Naviance to upload letters of recommendation to Common App.

Further, we are making a transition away from Naviance, to utilize a program called SCOIR. That means that student accounts in Naviance will become inactive starting August 30. If you have saved college lists or other information in Naviance, be sure to make note of this information before the account becomes inactive. Students will be trained on SCOIR this fall. If you have questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Carpenter.

**SENIOR FAMILIES** - Mrs. Carpenter would love the opportunity to meet with seniors and their parents beginning in September. Please contact Ms. Gonzalez to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Carpenter to work on your college list, your essays or to review any college planning questions you have: lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org or ext 119.

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**Spiritual Life – Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser**

*A credible witness to truth and to the values of the Gospel is urgently needed.*  
~Pope Francis

Welcome to another year of Cardinal community-building, in particular in the area of Spiritual Life. We look to God as the primary audience of our lives as we embrace and live out the Bishop core values of respect, perseverance and compassion. Take note each week of the core value quote of the week. The students will hear it every day with morning prayer and over BDTV. Our hope is that you and your families will take time as well to reflect and discuss the messages within. We look forward to working with all of you in building up the Kingdom of God. It’s going to be a wonderful year!

The 2018-19 Campus Ministry Team gathered August 10-11 for their *Spirituality and Leadership Retreat*, preparing for the important role as peer ministers for Bishop Diego. We are grateful to the parents who assisted with the meals and to Julianne Salcedo, Robert Batch and Juan Arambul for their help with the meaningful retreat activities. The team is ready and set to go into the Bishop community with the hearts and hands of Christ. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.

Blessings to all for a school year filled with God’s love and grace!
Welcome to another school year at Bishop! We have a variety of exciting fall sports for all Bishop students to become involved with, whether it be as athletes, or as fans. Our fall sports line up includes; Football, Girl's Golf, Girl's Volleyball, Girl's Tennis, Cross Country, and Cheerleading. It is not too late for your child to come out for a fall sport, so please contact Associate Athletic Director Mike Cano via email mcano@bishopdiego.org for direction.

For those families who have students planning on becoming participants in one of our fall programs, there is some very important information you need to be aware of. First of all, you MUST fill out a **Sports Participation Form** for each student going out for fall sports prior to the start of fall practice. This year we are going online for our athletic clearance – please visit athleticclearance.com to fill out forms. When filling out the sports participation form you will notice that your child is required to have a **sports physical**. You can print up the sports physical clearance form from the athletic clearance website. Hand the completed form into the athletic office when signed off by a physician. I am looking forward to a successful fall season and I hope to see all of you out in full support of our Bishop teams and athletes!

**Upcoming Athletic Events**

**Tuesday August 21**  
Girls Volleyball Home vs. Carpinteria Frosh 4:00pm, JV 5:00pm, Varsity 6:00pm NO EARLY RELEASE

**Thursday August 23**  
Girls Volleyball Home vs. Laguna Blanca JV 4:00PM, Varsity 5:15pm NO EARLY RELEASE  
JV Football @ St. Bonaventure 4:00pm - SCHOOL OUT 1:30pm

**Friday August 24**  
Varsity Football @ St. Bonaventure 8:00pm Ventura College NO EARLY RELEASE

**Saturday August 25**  
Girls Frosh Volleyball @ Santa Paula - Tournament - All Day

Go Cardinals!

Mr. Dan Peeters  
Director of Athletics  
dpeeters@bishopdiego.org
Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

8/19/18
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 5

8/20/18
First Day of School 8:20 AM
Assembly Bell Schedule

8/22
Bishop Plus 1,2,3,4

8/23
Bishop Plus 5,6,7

8/24
STEAM Society Interests Surveys due to Dr. Shafer

8/27
STEAM Society meeting 7:45 AM in room 304

Looking Ahead:
8/30 NO BISHOP PLUS; 3:00pm Dismissal

8/31 Welcome Mass
Picture Day
Senior Portraits