Weekly Newsletter
For the Weeks of August 25, 2019 – August 31, 2019

Dear Bishop Community,

I cannot help but smile as I reflect on the first few days of this new school year. Our campus is buzzing with life and the Cardinal spirit is alive and well amongst students, faculty, staff, and parents alike! A highlight of the week for me was gathering as a school community in the Brick House for our beginning of the year assembly. It was a fabulous opportunity to open our year together in prayer and reflect on the promise of a new year ahead.

A new year is an opportunity for new beginnings, new goals, new habits, and new discoveries. We too are continually evaluating our programs and moving Bishop forward. The implementation of the first phase of our 1:1 iPad program, as well as the evolution of Family Homeroom into Cardinal Time, and the improved and increased food service offerings throughout the day all contribute to a more college prep environment in which students can become increasingly responsible and self-reliant. At Bishop Diego, we don’t want for our students to merely “survive” high school, our goal is for them to thrive during their high school years and we take every measure to assist in their growth and development.

An integral component to this growth and development is YOU, their parents. The high school years are filled with an immeasurable amount of growth, and the decisions our young people make today have profound impacts on their futures. As their teenage brains continue to develop, I encourage you to remain strong in your role as their parent, and not as their friend. Our young people are looking to the significant adults in their lives for guidance and are not yet at an age where life-changing decision-making can fall all on their shoulders. They need us to guide and support them as they begin to navigate young adulthood and independence. The strong foundation we provide our young people today will serve as a springboard for success as they enter their college
years and life after high school as confident, respectful, young men and women able to face any challenge life will throw them. We are privileged to partner with you as the primary educator of your child and support you in holding them to high expectations, wise decision making, and challenging them to be the very best version of themselves in everything they do.

Here’s to a fabulous new school year!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

Middle School Multimedia Night & Admissions Information Night

September 24, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.

If you know someone who is thinking about Bishop Diego, help us spread the word!

During Admissions Information Night, prospective parents will learn more about the admissions process and what makes Bishop Diego High School the only school for their student! Guests are welcome to attend a casual evening in our library to speak with current students, teachers, and administrators, ask questions, and get to know why Bishop Diego is the best opportunity in Santa Barbara and the surrounding communities!

While parents attend Admissions Information Night, middle school students in grades 6, 7, & 8 are invited to Multimedia Night at Bishop Diego High School! They will experience our state-of-the-art broadcast and sound studios and create something very special to take home that night! Our own BDTV and Sound & Design students will be on hand to show them the ropes and share why BDHS is the only place to be! Space is extremely limited and an RSVP is required. Families can RSVP for both events by submitting an online inquiry at www.bishopdiego.org.

Cardinal Event Tickets/Family Fundraising Commitment

Raffle tickets were handed out at the Back to School BBQ but if we missed you, your family’s tickets are in the front office with Mrs. Callow for pick-up. Help us save our fundraising dollars by
picking them up this week! After August 30th, they will be mailed to the primary address listed for your family.

This year’s Cardinal Event is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th and it once again promises to be a wonderful evening of fun, food, and friendship. Casual, sports-themed attire sets the tone and is the perfect way to celebrate our Girls and Boys sports teams at this 21 & over event! We thank you in advance for supporting the Cardinal Club’s biggest fundraiser of the year.

As a reminder, each Bishop family has committed to purchasing or selling TWO Cardinal Event tickets, as listed in the financial contract signed at the time of enrollment. The grand prize is $10,000 with many smaller cash prizes, including a $500 early bird prize, to be awarded. Tickets are $150 each and each ticket provides entry for TWO to the event, a delicious BBQ dinner, drinks, and one entry into the raffle. If the tickets are not sold by October 4th, the fundraising commitment for any unsold tickets will be billed through FACTS. All families must participate, so don’t miss out on the chance to win $10,000!

Warmly,

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Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Tim Flanagan

WELCOME TO BD CLASSROOM!

Emails with instructions on how to access student assignments, grades and much more went home on Friday 23, 2019. As mentioned in the email, the school will be sending pairing codes to all parents on Friday, September 6, 2019, after the schedule change period has ended. There are also instructions in the email on how your student may give you a pairing code should you want to access their classes sooner. Please contact Tim Flanagan if you did not receive the email or if you have questions about the process. Most student information will no longer be available in PCR.
Seniors:

Please remember to check out the 2019/2020 Senior Information PDF. You will find this as one of the Links in the Newsletter.

Welcome back Cardinals!

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Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter

SCHEDULES - The deadline to request a schedule change with Ms. Anderson is Thursday, September 5 at 3:30pm.

AP EXAMS - This ONLY applies to students who are taking courses with AP in the title, which stands for Advanced Placement. If a student has an AP Course in their schedule, students must commit to taking the AP Exam no later than September 26. On this date, students in AP Courses will be invoiced by Bishop, $120.00 for each AP exam. Final payment for these exams will be due no later than October 17. If you have questions, please contact rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org.

OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGE FAIR- This Thursday, August 29 at 7:30am in the Quad we will have representatives from several out-of-state colleges on hand to answer your questions and share materials. Please join us before school that day for Coffee with College Counselors in the Quad!

Seniors interested in Common App essay feedback from a College Admission Counselor may sign up for a meeting that will take place August 29th. RSVP to Mrs. Carpenter no later than Monday, August 26 at 3:00pm if you would like to participate.

Parents of Seniors - If you do not want Bishop to send your senior student’s GPA and contact information to the California Student Aid Commission, for Cal-Grant financial aid
consideration, the deadline to "opt-out" is Monday, August 26. If you need another copy of this form, please contact: lgonzalez@bishopdiego.org. If you do want your student considered for free money from the state of California for college, then DON'T 'opt-out'. Contact rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org with questions.

**TEST PREP** – The deadline to register for the fall SAT/ACT bootcamp is September 13. Those interested in taking the SAT or ACT this semester may wish to register for the fall Bootcamp. The cost is $299.00 and the class will take place September 20-22. The 20th is a practice exam, which students are welcome to take at home if they will be at the football game that evening. This bootcamp is an excellent option for seniors looking to boost their score before going into the October, November or December exams. Juniors who think they have a chance to score in the top tier on the PSAT may wish to consider this fall bootcamp as well. Register at: [http://tutorsacrossamerica.com/ACTcourse](http://tutorsacrossamerica.com/ACTcourse).

**CSF/NHS Applications** - Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors: The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation’s premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Membership in NHS requires a minimum cumulative 3.75 GPA each semester. A student will be notified if he/she has dropped below the minimum GPA and a warning will be given. Additionally, students are expected to continue achievement in Leadership, Service, and Character. If a student shows behavior or actions that go against the quality of the areas of Leadership, Service, and Character he/she may lose recognition of membership. Students involved with NHS are honored at the Bishop graduation ceremony. Plus, membership may be attractive in the college admissions process.

Each semester, NHS students are required to fulfill 2 hours of Bishop Peer-Tutoring. Hours can be counted toward students’ Christian Service Hours and are to be signed-off by Ms. Anderson. Students in grades 10-12 with at least a 3.75 GPA are invited to complete an application, which is available on the BD Counseling Website in Canvas. Students must renew membership each semester. The deadline to apply or renew for membership in NHS is September 6 at 3:30pm. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors: The California Scholarship Federation (CSF) emphasizes high standards of scholarship and community service for California high school students. Founded in 1921, the CSF is the oldest scholarship institution in the state of California. There are two types of
membership in CSF. The first CSF membership is the highest honor which is the most selective membership type. Students with the highest honor membership have earned six semesters of membership in CSF. To participate in the California Scholarship Federation (CSF), students are required to apply each semester to continue enrollment. Students in grades 10-12 with at least a 3.5 GPA are invited to complete an application, which is available on the BD Counseling Website in Canvas. **The deadline to apply for membership in CSF is September 6 at 3:30pm.**

For instructions on how to apply for CSF and NHS, please watch this short video: [https://bgdhs.instructuremedia.com/embed/73afc722-493b-4326-af6d-da985089735b](https://bgdhs.instructuremedia.com/embed/73afc722-493b-4326-af6d-da985089735b)

**SENIORS** – The University of Richmond is seeking a nomination of talented, high-achieving seniors to attend their Multicultural Overnight Visit Experience (MOVE) from Saturday, October 19 to Sunday, October 20, 2019. While this program is open to all students interested in diversity and inclusion experiences, students from traditionally underrepresented or underserved backgrounds will be prioritized in the selection process.

For nomination consideration, **students must meet the criteria below:**

- High school senior
- Self-identify as a member of a historically underrepresented population (African American, Asian American, biracial/multiracial, Latino/a, Native American, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander) -OR- is interested in issues of diversity and inclusion
- Has at least a 3.6 cumulative GPA
- Has at least a 1280 SAT score (combined Evidence Based Reading & Writing and Math) -OR- 28 ACT composite score
- Active member of their community

**Seniors interested in this nomination are to contact Mrs. Carpenter no later than September 1.**

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RESPECT: Respect is what we owe; love, what we give. ~Philip James Bailey

A HUGE thank you to the campus ministry team and other leaders for assisting in the Freshman Orientation! It was a wonderful day!

The Welcome Mass of the Holy Spirit will take place on Friday, September 6th at 12:08pm. Hope to see many parents there!

Sophomore and Junior students and parents, be on the lookout for more information on your class retreats!

- Sophomores - Tuesday, September 17 at Tucker's Grove Park, Kiwanis Meadows
- Juniors - Thursday-Friday, September 26-27 at Arnaz Program Center in Oak View

This is going to be the BEST YEAR YET! We ask Our Lord to be with us every step of the way.

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Athletics – Mr. Mike Cano

Fall sports teams are still looking for participants. It's not to late to join cross country, girls tennis, water polo and girls golf. Please contact Mr. Cano for further information.
Sports Passes are now available at the front desk contact Mrs.Callow for more information
All sports $50.00 One Sport $25.00

Girls JV and Varsity Volleyball opened the season with a sweep of Valley Christian of Santa Maria. Great job ladies.

Come out and Support the Cardinals!

Mike Cano
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Athletic Contests Week of August 26-31:

**Tuesday August 27**
Girls Volleyball @ Hueneme Frosh/Soph 4:00p, JV 5:00p, Varsity 6:00p

**Thursday August 29**
JV Football @ St. Bonaventure 4:00p
Girls Volleyball @ St. Bonaventure Frosh/soph 4:00p, JV 5:00, Varsity 6:00p

**Friday August 30**
Varsity Football Home vs St. Bonaventure 7:30p SBCC

Dean of Students – Ms. Stacey Carr

Welcome back to our returning Cardinal families and a big “Cardinal” hello to our new families! I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my role as Dean of Students.
Many ask, what is the role of the Dean of Students? – besides imparting discipline. Certainly, evaluating and, if necessary, imposing consequences for inappropriate student conduct is one aspect. But, the more enjoyable part, and by far that part which takes up the majority of my time as Dean, is seeking to utilize interaction with students – no matter whether it is interaction through referral, casual communication or requested intervention – as formational opportunities to help our young people grow in character, spirit, and maturity. Yes, indeed I talk to students constantly about choices they have made, alternatives to consider, and ways they can simply “do better” but I also strive to connect those choices and actions to the formational objectives and core values of the school. By way of example, even simple choices, such as the decision when to have a phone out during class time, perhaps choice of attire, or the importance of time management to their academic classes, avails itself of the opportunity to enhance awareness of things like respecting the classroom environment and teacher, showing maturity in demonstrating focus while delaying gratification, and simply abiding by community standards --- awareness that will hopefully help a student make appropriate decisions in the context of college or perhaps a future job.

And, so you know, in fact I do encourage teachers to let me know of situations where student choices perhaps give rise to those formational opportunities, not because I want to “impose” a consequence but, rather, because I want to be able to assist both the teacher and student, if need be, in the student’s formational process. Additionally, notifications to me by the teacher allows me, as the Dean to track both positive and negative behaviors that are occurring which helps identify what intervention or consequences, if any, are appropriate (e.g. for a student’s repeated failure to show respect for example) as well as perhaps assist school leadership and faculty in identifying areas of student behavior where the school needs to focus or even clarify a policy or standard. Knowing the key role that you, the parents, play in this important process is also the reason we encourage teacher’s to communicate with parents seeking parental support and counseling even what may seem like minor incidents. Please understand that I’m often copied on those types of communications you may receive from a teacher for one of the reasons mentioned above, not because I’m going to impose a consequence, but for knowledge and support for both the teacher and student.

I hope you have found the above information helpful and I encourage you to contact me anytime you have a question. The school is here to guide your child through the school, and support you with any concerns you may have, as well.
ON A COUPLE OF MORE ROUTINE MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST:

BDHS Parents please be aware of the following...

Summer Service Hours:

Students who volunteered at a non-profit during the summer break need to submit their **SUMMER** community service hours by **Friday, August 30th**. Summer hours will not be accepted after this date. A new form for the Fall Semester will be available for students starting September 3rd. Students are required to complete 25 hours of community service each school year.

School Parking Lot:

If you are dropping off your son/daughter please pull to the curb, not the middle of the road, this will help the traffic flow. Keep in mind, first period tardies are unexcused. Students need to be at school in class by 8:20am. **It's highly recommended students arrive by 8:00am** to ensure enough time for your son and/or daughter to get their academic materials from their locker and to lock up with athletic gear in the locker room.

Parking Permits: New Date:

All students driving themselves to school will need a parking permit from Mrs. Callow. There is no charge for the parking permit. If a student already has a parking permit from last year, the student must show Mrs. Callow to record the permit # along with vehicle make, model and license plate. The parking permit must be displayed at all times; cars may be towed if there is no permit. In addition students are not allowed to park in the back parking lot, this is reserved for faculty and staff. Students must have a parking permit by **Friday, August 30th**.

Medication and Cold Season:

With the start of the new school year and the upcoming cold season students may need medications during the school day. A reminder all medications (even for a cold) need to be given to Mrs. Callow in the front office with a note from the parent and/or Doctor. Medications should not be with the student. The student has access to his or her medicine during the day. Also, if your
student exhibits flu-like symptoms, with a fever, they should not return to school until 24 hours after the fever has subsided.

Welcome and Go Cardinals,

Ms. Carr

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

8/25
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 6

8/28
**BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4**

8/29
**BISHOP PLUS 6,7,5**
7:30 am – Coffee in the Quad Spotlighting College Counseling
7:30 am – Out-of-State College Fair
8:20 AM – Senior College Essay Review

8/30
7:30 am – Seton Hall University on Campus
Football Game – (Home vs. St. Bonnie)

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Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

9/2
Labor Day – No School

9/5
8:20 am – Last day to Request Schedule Changes
9/6
Picture Day
Welcome Mass
3:00 pm – CSF/NHS Applications Due
Football Game - (Away vs. Lompoc)

9/9
Welcome Week
Transfer Student Lunch

9/10
Welcome Week

9/11
Welcome Week

9/12
Welcome Week
6:00 pm – Back to School Night

9/13
Welcome Week
Football Game (Away vs. Nipomo)

9/14
Welcome Dance

9/17
Sophomore Retreat

9/20
Football Game (Home vs. Chicago Hope)
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm: SAT/ACT Bootcamp

9/21
9:00 am – 6:00 pm: SAT/ACT Bootcamp

9/22
9:00 am – 6:00 pm: SAT/ACT Bootcamp

9/24
5:30 - Admissions Information Night
5:30 pm – Middle School Movie Night

9/26
Junior Retreat

9/27
Junior Retreat
Bye Week (No Game)

10/1
Senior Portraits

10/2
5:00 pm – FAFSA Workshop
5:30 pm – New Parent Social
6:30 pm - Senior Parent College Information Night