Dear Cardinal 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. We begin a new year quoting a Dr. Seuss classic, “Today is your day. You’re off to great places! You’re off and away!” A new year is an opportunity for new beginnings, new goals, new habits, and new discoveries. At Bishop Diego, we don’t expect our students to merely “survive” high school, we expect 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.
In closing, to our young Cardinals, “You’re off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!” Here’s to a fabulous new school year!

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

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

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:

The Admissions Office is actively seeking **Parent Ambassadors** who are interested in helping us spread the word about Bishop Diego and act as a source of information for families going through the inquiry and admission process. 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!” Please send us an email to express your interest in becoming a Bishop Parent Ambassador.

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! Please send us an email to let us know if you are interested in assisting with one of these extremely important projects!
Special Notes for the Cardinal Event!

The Cardinal Event was a HUGE success last year and the Cardinal Club promises another fantastic BBQ dinner and exciting opportunities to win! Each Bishop Diego family has made a fundraising commitment to sell or purchase TWO Cardinal Event tickets. Tickets will be provided to you at Back to School Night. Each ticket costs $150 and gives the purchaser entry for two to the event on October 6 as well as numerous chances to win cash prizes, including the grand prize of $10,000! You do not need to be present to win. Families can purchase or sell as many tickets as they can. All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to Bishop Diego’s Athletics program.

We are actively seeking parent and student volunteers to help with set-up on Friday, October 5 for the Cardinal Event!

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
Middle School Wrap Party/Project Santa – Thursday, December 13

Warmly,

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After wonderful first week back in school, you will begin to see many events and opportunities populating our calendar. One of our first exciting events is Wednesday's College Fair for all students. Because of this, there will be no Bishop Plus schedule this week, which means Thursday's dismissal time is 3:05pm.

Here are a few examples of what's going on in classrooms this week:

**English 9** classes are working through the Jane Schaffer Intensive Writing Program; **Mandarin Chinese** classes are meeting with International students who are giving them Mandarin names and learning how to say and write them in Chinese characters; **Algebra** students are working on math puzzles to explore algebraic equations; **Astronomy** students are putting together a cosmic timeline; **Human Geography** students are piecing together their family histories; and **Intermediate Multimedia** students are learning the ins-and-outs of creating, managing and broadcasting a television production. BDTV will be coming soon!

Enjoy a restful Labor Day weekend!

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

ACT Dates - 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 27 if they plan to attend this event. RSVP is mandatory for parents only.

Colleges planned for the mini-fair include: Syracuse, University of New Mexico, American University of Washington DC, Trinity College, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Hawaii Pacific University, Southern Methodist University, Texas Christian University, University of Colorado Boulder and Colorado Springs, University of Arizona, University of Alabama, Boise State University, Salve Regina University, Emerson College, Duquesne University, University of Oregon, Bard College, University of Florida, University of Iowa, College of Saint Benedict and St. John's University, Lafayette College, Providence College, Arizona State University, Oregon State University, Purdue University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Northern Arizona University

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.
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

PERSEVERANCE - Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance.

~ Samuel Johnson

We are looking forward to opening our school year with the celebration of the Mass on Friday, August 31st at 12:08. Campus Ministry will be transforming the gym into a sacred space for this Welcome Mass of the Holy Spirit and we are honored to have Msgr. Richard Martini from St. Joseph Church in Carpinteria celebrate with us. Parents are always welcome to join us for Mass! Hope to see you there!

Have a blessed week!

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Athletics – Mr. Dan Peeters

Greetings:

Fall sports are underway! Girls Volleyball defeated our rival Carpinteria, and football won their home opener over Cabrillo. It is not too late for your son or daughter to come out for a fall sport. Have your student reach out to the athletic office for information.

Girls tennis, girls golf, and cross country will start contests in September.
This year we are going online for our sports clearance -- please be sure to visit athleticclearance.com prior to your child participating!

Go Cards,
Dan Peeters
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Upcoming Athletic Events

**Tuesday August 28**
Girls Volleyball Home vs Orcutt Academy JV 5:00pm Varsity 6:00pm **NO EARLY RELEASE**

**Wednesday August 29**
Girls Volleyball @ Hueneme Frosh 4:00pm JV 5:00pm Varsity 6:00pm **EARLY RELEASE FROSH ONLY 1:45pm**

**Thursday August 30**
JV Football Home vs Lompoc 4:00pm **EARLY RELEASE 2:30PM**

**Friday August 31**
Varsity Football Home vs Lompoc 7:30pm SBCC **NO EARLY RELEASE** Team Cheek Night [https://www.facebook.com/events/322987105106008/](https://www.facebook.com/events/322987105106008/)

**Saturday September 1**
Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Providence Tournament Bishop Diego Gyms All Day
Girls JV Volleyball @ Santa Paula JV Tournament All Day

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

8/26/18
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 6

8/29
**NO BISHOP PLUS – Modified Assembly Schedule – NO OFFICE HOURS**
STUDENTS REPORT TO FAMILY HOMEROOM at 8:20 am
Case Studies Program & College Fair

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

8/31
Welcome Mass
Picture Day
Senior Portraits