Weekly Newsletter
For the Weeks of August 7, 2019 – August 24, 2019

Dear Bishop Community,

Welcome to the 2019-20 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 2019-20 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, in conjunction with our Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Tim Flanagan, we are ready to begin phase one of our one-to-one iPad program with a pilot group of students in our science/social science departments. The ultimate goal is implementation of our one-to-one iPad program school wide for the 2020-21 school year. I cannot express fully the gratitude I have for both Mr. Yokubaitis and Mr. Flanagan and the sheer number of hours they have dedicated to seeing this initiative through. It is unfathomable and I believe Bishop Diego is a better place due in part to their commitment to our students! All teachers have received and will begin using iPads this year, and are receiving ongoing professional development in Canvas/BD Classroom, our new learning
management system. Additionally, Mr. Flanagan led a group of teachers to the Model Schools Conference in Washington, D.C. 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.

Thanks to the diligent, tireless efforts of Mr. Juan Diaz, and members of our Facilities Committee, our school grounds received many upgrades this summer. Allow me to highlight just a few! Most noticeably, as you enter the campus you will likely appreciate that the front and back parking lots were completely renovated with new black top and lighting. Additionally, our athletic field was re-seeded and re-irrigated to improve safety for our student athletes. We are grateful to the numerous benefactors who helped us realize these necessary improvements, including Lash Construction, Toro Canyon Landscape, Marborg Industries, Hanson Cement Group, and the Luckhurst family.

We are also fortunate to see Phase 1 of our library remodel taking shape. Please make a point to stop in and check out the photo renderings for Phases 2 and 3. Perhaps you or someone you know will want to get behind this exciting school project and help us see it to completion. Additionally, we have a newly remodeled Cardinal Store that will be open regularly to students, parents, and alumni to purchase Cardinal apparel and gear. We are grateful to DaRos Masonry for their generous support of this project. Come check it out at the Back to School BBQ!

As promised, we are excited to begin our partnership with Locally Grown Kids as our food service provider beginning on the first day of school! Our new program is 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 were able to upgrade our kitchen facility to be able to make meals on-site. I encourage your sons and daughters to take advantage of this great addition and support our new vendor.

We welcome some new faces to our community this year. Most will be introduced through Mr. Flanagan and Dr. McNay’s columns, but allow me to introduce Ms. Gina Sox, our new
bookkeeper. Ms. Sox will be on campus Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for any accounting needs you may have. As you know, all payments are now automated through FACTS Management, but Ms. Sox can answer any questions regarding billing and fees. Additionally, we welcome Mr. Sergio Zapata to our maintenance staff as a part-time evening custodian. Welcome to Bishop!

We hope to see all our Cardinal families at our Back to School BBQ on Tuesday, August 20th at 5:00 pm at the Bishop Patio. Our Cardinal Club is cooking up a wonderful feast; Bishop gear will be on sale and our Fall Sports Parent Meeting will follow at 7:00 pm in the main gym. This is a great opportunity to reconnect as a Cardinal community and welcome the new members of our family!

All FRESHMAN, we look forward to welcoming you for Orientation on Wednesday, August 21st from 8:20am-3:00 pm (lunch provided). Please see the email from Dr. Cristy McNay for more information specific to Freshman Orientation.

The First Day of School for all students is Thursday, August 22nd with 3:00pm dismissal. We will begin with a morning assembly in the Main Gym. Please note: we will NOT have picture day on the first day of school. Students may wear regular dress code attire (see handbook). Picture Day/Mass dress will be Friday, September 6th. Please take some time to read the announcements from all of our departments, as this letter is full of information to kick off the new school year. A regular newsletter will follow weekly on Sunday mornings.

Lastly, in looking ahead, parents please mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 29th at 7:30 am when we will host our first “Coffee in the Quad” of the new school year. Each Coffee in the Quad will have a focus this year, and this month’s focus is College Counseling. We will have our counseling department as well as representatives from several out-of-state colleges on hand to answer your questions and share materials. It is never too soon to start thinking about college! Historically schools attending our event have included University of New Mexico, University of Arizona, Villanova University, Syracuse University, Colorado State University, and University of Connecticut, to name a few. Check out BDHS social media to see a complete list! Coffee in the Quad is a great way to get to know your BDHS administrators and teachers, as well as fellow parents. We hope you will join us!
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

Wow, Bishop Parents! You sure made that mercury rise! Your support for The Fund for Bishop Diego was amazing and we raised over $60,000 in just a few weeks! So which class won the family participation competition?

Final standings:
Class of 2022: 37.3%
Class of 2021: 48.5%
Class of 2020: 30.9%
Class of 2019: 36.8%

Congratulations to the Class of 2021! The incoming Juniors will receive a rundown of what they have won during the first week of school.

The Admission & Advancement Team is growing!

Please help us welcome the newest member of the team, Ms. Tally Latcham. With a background in fundraising and an eye for detail, Tally hails from Denver, Co. As the youngest of three girls, Tally enjoys an active life of cycling, skiing, hiking, and all things outdoors. She attended Texas Christian University where she received a BA in History with a double minor in Spanish and Art History. While working in Boulder, Tally felt the tug towards a life of ministry as she was also exploring the Catholic Church. In April of 2015 she converted to Catholicism and left her job in the secular world. She served as a missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students for 4
years - 3 at UCLA and one at the Colorado School of Mines. Tally has a heart for the formation of young people and a desire to see them come into the fullness of a life rooted in the Gospel message. She has joined the team at Bishop with an eager desire to advance our mission and build up the Kingdom of God. Welcome to Bishop, Tally!

Warmly,

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Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Tim Flanagan

With every school year comes change, and we will be communicating home some important information in the next few weeks regarding **BD Classroom**, our new learning management system, through which parents will see their students' assignments, grades, etc.

First, though, we are excited to welcome new faculty members to our teaching staff:

**Tom Aijian, Class of 2013**, joins our Theology Department & Performing Arts Collaborative with a rich skill set and unique background. After graduating with a B.A. in Television Writing and Production from Chapman University's Dodge College of Film and Media Arts, Tom has worked for a variety of media companies. These stops include Apple, where he worked as a filmmaker, and Microsoft, where he worked on their Windows Virtual Reality technology.

**Leo Ibarra** also joins our Theology Department after teaching Theology and working as the Campus Minister at Bishop Mora Salesian High School in Los Angeles for the past 11 years. His wealth of knowledge and experience in all of the Theology course offerings and spiritual life make him a tremendous addition to our team. Leo did his undergraduate work in Religious Studies at UCSB, and obtained his M.A. in Education from Loyola Marymount.
Connor Levo will be teaching a mix of Humanities classes, including A.P. Government. Connor earned his B.A. in Latin American & Iberian Studies at UCSB, and his M.A. in Teaching at UCLA. He joins the team after 3 years at Dos Pueblos High School, and will also serve as the new Aquatics Director on campus.

Jackson Stevens will be teaching Physics and Astronomy classes after obtaining his M.A. in Education from UCSB. Jackson earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Utah, and worked for several years as an engineer before enrolling at UCSB. This background will allow us to add some new elective options in science and engineering moving forward.

Grace Thorstad will join the Social Science Department, teaching AP U.S. History, CP U.S. History and Government/Economics. Grace earned a B.S. in Secondary Education and History from Marquette University, and has served for the past 6 years as an Officer in the Unites States Navy where she oversaw five ships, trained junior officers, and helped implement a high-visibility, 26 nation exercise.

Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter

Schedules - Parents/guardians are asked to log into PCR in the near future to look at their student's schedule for 2019-2020. If you have concerns or questions about courses noted, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Anderson.

Students, sometimes things shuffle around during the summer, so if you already looked at your schedule, it is best to re-check it right before school starts to make certain you have the most current classroom and period assignments.
The deadline to request a schedule change with Ms. Anderson is **Thursday, September 5 at 3:30pm.**

**Out-of-State College Fair** - **Wednesday, 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.

**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).

**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.

**SAT Dates** - sat.org/register
- September 6 deadline to register for October 5 exam
- October 3 deadline to register for November 2 exam

**ACT Dates** - actstudent.org
- August 16 deadline to register for September 14 exam
- September 20 deadline to register for October 26 exam
FREE Webinars for College & Career Planning:

- August 8, 5 p.m. PDT: So You Want to Be a Doctor?: College for a Future in Medicine
- August 28, 5 p.m. PDT: How to Craft Compelling, Cliché-Free College Essays

For more information and to register, visit: https://collegewise.com/seminars

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Welcome back to school!

The Campus Ministry Team participated in a meaningful retreat back in June and a follow-up day in August in preparation for guiding our school in the area of spiritual life. We look forward to a wonderful year of exploration and experiences of God's beautiful gift of His love for each of you!

Our Welcome Mass of the Holy Spirit will take place on Friday, September 6th at noon in the main gym. Please remember that parents are always welcome to come on campus for Mass. We would love to have you!

Sophomores, you will participate in your class retreat on Tuesday, September 17th. More information to come.

Juniors, your class retreat is a bit earlier than usual this year. Please mark your calendars for Thursday-Friday, September 26-27.

Parents are very much appreciated for organizing the food for class retreats. A great big THANK YOU in advance for your wonderful help!

Throughout the school year, the Bishop community will reflect on weekly quotes that relate to the Cardinal core values of respect, perseverance and compassion. Each morning before prayer over the loud speaker, the quote will be read aloud and it will be noted in the Spiritual Life/Campus Ministry section of Bishop's weekly newsletter as well. We encourage you to take time as a family to read and discuss what the weekly message might mean to you as a family.

May God bless every moment of the 2019-2020 school year!

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Welcome back Cardinals! We are excited to get the Fall Sports season going. Football and Girls Volleyball have started practices and the other sports will begin the first day of school. It’s not too late to join a fall sports program Football, Girls Volleyball, Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Cross Country, Water Polo and Cheer if interested please contact Mr. Cano, Athletic Director.

Sports Participation Packet and Physicals:

This message contains important information for all families with students who plan to participate in sports at Bishop Diego this year, so please be sure to read to the end.

If your student plans to participate in any sport at Bishop Diego this year, the following online packet must be completed prior to participation. Students who do not have a completed athletic profile, sports packet, and physical will not be permitted to attend practice or training with any Bishop sports program until they have completed the athletic clearance procedure, as outline below. This applies to ALL students planning to participate in athletics this school year.

I realize that a few families have already turned in a completed sports participation packet, but I respectfully request that you log in to the athletic clearance website and submit your information again electronically. The process takes only about five minutes. You will NOT need another sports physical as we will have it on record if you previously turned in a completed packet for the upcoming school year. Please follow these steps to complete the athletic clearance procedure successfully:

- Create an account for your child at www.athleticclearance.com; there is no fee for the account.
  - If you have multiple children participating in sports you will need to create a separate account for each.
- Complete the online sports participation packet.
• Download a sports physical form to be signed by a physician after they examine your child for athletic readiness (if not already completed).

• Turn in the completed sports physical form at the Athletic Department office or to your child’s head coach (if not already submitted).

Sports physicals and the sports participation packets are good for all three seasons of sport. Most medical centers will perform sports physicals on a walk-in basis if you are unable to see your primary doctor. Going forward, please note that the school does provide free sports physicals in the spring.

Thank you in advance for your work on this.

**Fall Sports Meeting:**

Look forward to seeing all of you at Fall Sports Parents Meeting Tuesday August 20 6:00pm in the main gym.

Thank You,
Mike Cano

**Upcoming Athletic Events:**

**Saturday August 24**

Football @ Cabrillo JV 4:00p Varsity 7:00p Huyck Stadium  
Girls Volleyball Home Cardinal Classic Tournament 9:00am

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

8/15
Faculty/Staff Inservice

8/16
Faculty/Staff Inservice

8/19
Faculty/Staff Inservice

8/20
Faculty/Staff Inservice
5:00 pm – Welcome Back BBQ at the Bishop Patio
6:00 pm – Fall Sports Parent Meeting

8/21
8:20 am – Freshmen Orientation

8/22
First Day of School

8/24
Football Game (Away vs. Cabrillo)

Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

8/29
7:30 am – Coffee in the Quad Spotlighting College Counseling
7:30 am – Out-of-State College Fair

8/30
Football Game – (Home vs. St. Bonnie)

9/2
Labor Day – No School

9/5
8:20 am – Last day to Request Schedule Changes

9/6
Picture Day
Welcome Mass
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)