Dear Parents,

I appreciated the opportunity to share with you the positive strides we have made as a school community and the vision that will guide our school in the coming years at Back to School Night last week. While the sky is the limit at Bishop, we are also tasked with facing head on the very real issues that plague schools all over the country. As parents and educators, we know many of our teens are in a tough place and we too worry for their safety as they navigate the waters (sometimes rough!) of good decision-making. At Bishop, we are a tradition infused environment that can offer a respite from the sometimes chaotic undertaking of raising a teenager. We aim to partner with you in this task, recognizing we are not immune to the issues that come with the teenage years.

I know there are challenges, and at times you may second guess yourself and question why you make the sacrifices you do to send your sons and daughters to a Catholic school. At Bishop Diego we hold our students to high standards. We expect a great deal of our students because we know they are capable of so much and need to be challenged to reach their God-given potential. We also hold our students accountable, as we believe the greatest growth occurs when we achieve a goal or learn from a mistake. You will hear over and over that at Bishop we partner with you as the primary educator of your son or daughter. We must be partners with these shared values in order for our students to thrive and reach their full potential.

We value your partnership and commitment to helping us maintain a safe environment for all our students. We are a closed campus; we do not tolerate bullying, threatening behaviors, the possession or use of illegal substances, weapons, etc.
uphold traditional standards - standards that in today’s time are often considered counter popular culture, yet we do so boldly, recognizing there is no greater investment than that of in today’s youth – our future.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

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

**Exciting Announcement!**

This past summer, a very generous benefactor offered a matching gift up to $75,000 to support Bishop Diego’s Technology Infrastructure upgrades. We are excited to report that we have met and exceeded this goal bring our total fundraising to just over $150,000 in a few short months! Thank you to everyone who selflessly gave to this endeavor so this matching gift could become a reality!

As we head into the kickoff for The Fund for Bishop Diego and Giving Tuesday, if you or someone you know would like to make a challenge to others with a matching gift that ramps up the excitement and doubles our fundraising efforts, please let us know right away! Matching gifts start at any amount and you can help us raise even more money for Bishop Diego’s students!

**Cardinal Event**

Bishop Diego’s Cardinal Club will host the annual Cardinal Event on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Dress for the evening is casual! Wear your favorite sports team’s jersey or shirt, enjoy an amazing BBQ dinner and open bar, dance the night away, and experience our Cardinal spirit! Tickets are $150 and provide 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! There is also an Early Bird drawing for $500 on September 28 for tickets purchased by September 26. You do not need to be present at the event to win.

**Cardinal Event Tickets**

As a reminder, each family has a fundraising commitment to purchase or sell TWO Cardinal Event tickets. Don’t forget that you can split the cost of the tickets with family, friends, and coworkers! All proceeds from this fundraiser go directly to Bishop Diego’s Athletics program. If you have lost the tickets assigned to your family or need assistance in fulfilling the fundraising commitment, please let us know. We are here to help in any way we can.

**Important Fall Admissions and Advancement Dates:**

Fall Admissions Information Night – Tuesday, October 2 (date change)
Middle School Movie Night – Tuesday, October 2 (date change)
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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**Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Tim Flanagan**

Curriculum & Instruction:

PSAT testing is coming up for the 10th and 11th graders. They will be receiving practice booklets to gear them up for the test on Oct. 10th. Log onto psat.org, the PSAT/NMSQT website. It offers free personalized SAT practice along with connecting you to scholarship partners.
Our STEAM Program:

The September STEAM Society group meeting was held this past Monday with Mr. Mario Coronado speaking about his experiences in the computer science field. Mr. Coronado left the students with 3 takeaway messages: life is a process, work hard, and always learn. A huge thank you to Mr. Coronado for sharing those life lessons and his career highlights with us.

The October STEAM Society group meeting will be held on Monday, October 8th at 7:45 a.m. in Room 304. Dr. Nikolaus Volgenau from Las Cumbres Observatory will be speaking about some of the research carried out at the observatory as well as his background in astronomy.

There is an upcoming STEAM field trip to CalTech on Saturday, October 27th for the 1-day conference "Chemistry is Out of This World." Speakers include scientists working on the Mars 2020 mission, studying rocket launching chemistry, and exploring the origin of the elements in space. Interested members must turn in a permission slip and the $15 registration fee to Dr. Shafer. Dr. Shafer is also looking for parent volunteers to drive for the field trip. Bishop will cover the conference registration fee for parent drivers.

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Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter

COLLEGE PLANNING EVENTS

FAFSA Training for Senior Parents
September 20 at 6:30pm
in College and Career Center, adjacent to Library
FAFSA and Dream Act Application Workshop for Senior Parents and Students
(English and Spanish)
October 3 from 5:00pm-8:00pm in Room 202.

Seniors may begin their application for Federal and State financial aid through the FAFSA beginning October 1, at https://fafsa.ed.gov/ or for AB540 students at https://dream.csac.ca.gov/. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Carpenter.

To complete the FAFSA, parents will use data from their tax returns filed already this year.

TEST PREP

There is a free SAT Prep Course being offered through Cal-SOAP. Qualified applicants must apply no later than September 21. Application forms are available in the College and Career Center. Qualifications include: High School Seniors who have taken the SAT exam, are first generation college bound, come from a family with limited income, have at least a 2.8 GPA and are on track for college admission. For more details, see Mrs. Carpenter.

SAT/ACT EXAM DATES
SAT Dates - sat.org/register
• October 5 deadline to register for November 3 exam

ACT Dates - actstudent.org
• September 28 deadline to register for October 27 exam

COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSIONS AT BISHOP

Linfield College
Monday, September 17
7:50 am - 8:20 am
College and Career Center

Goucher College
Monday, September 17
12:53 pm -1:20 pm
College and Career Center
**Whitworth University**
Tuesday, September 18
12:53 pm - 1:20 pm
College and Career Center

**Drexel University**
Wednesday, September 19
7:50 am - 8:20 am
College and Career Center

**Syracuse University**
Wednesday, September 19
9:40 am - 10:05 am
Library - during study hall

**Whittier College**
Wednesday, September 19
9:40 am - 10:05 am
College and Career Center - during study hall

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**
Wednesday, September 19
11:40 am - 12:10 pm
College and Career Center

**University of Miami**
Thursday, September 20
7:50 am - 8:20 am
College and Career Center

**California Lutheran University**
Thursday, September 20
11:40 am - 12:10 pm
College and Career Center


And please be sure to invite anyone who you think would benefit from a discussion on "Highly Selective College Admissions"
Monday, October 15
6:30 pm in the Main Gym.
The Director of Undergraduate Admission from UCLA is making a special trip to Bishop, which is extraordinary! Let’s show our appreciation with a huge turnout. No RSVP required and this presentation is open to the public.

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PERSEVERANCE: A failure is not always a mistake. It may simply be the best one can do under the circumstances. The real mistake is to stop trying. ~BF Skinner

Please hold the Class of 2021 in your prayers as they embark on their Sophomore Class Retreat on Tuesday at Stow Grove Park. Parents of sophomores, note that your students will not come to school first and are expected to arrive at the park by 9:00am. Please make arrangements for timely pick up from the park at 3:00pm sharp. Also, thank for your contributions of time, treasure and food!

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) is a club here at Bishop. We are excited for another year of faith, fun and fellowship during lunchtime each Thursday. Encourage your students to learn about it at the Club Fair this Thursday. If this is something you as parents are particularly interested in, feel free to contact Mrs. Winnewisser for more information on how you may be able to help out!

Looking ahead:

Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals will take place Thursday morning, October 4th out on the grass field. Begin making plans to bring your pets for a
blessing and arrangements for them to go home afterwards. The ceremony will take place from 8:20-9:05. Small, caged animals are welcome to spend the day with us.

**Class of 2020 Junior Retreat** is October 8-9. Note that it is a Monday-Tuesday and be on the lookout for more information that will come to you via your junior student.

Wishing you a blessed week!

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**Athletics – Mr. Dan Peeters**

Girls Volleyball continues to plow ahead with another win, this time beating Thatcher! The girls will be competing against Cate next. Their games are scheduled for 4:00, 5:00, and 6:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please check your calendars and come cheer them on during their home games.

Our Girls Tennis team opens this week with games against Laguna, good luck girls!

If your child isn't already involved in a fall sport, please consider having him/her join a cross-country practice (or several) and give it a try. If you can run, you can run cross country.

Please follow Bishop Athletics at BD Athletics on Twitter! Outstanding participation in fall sport programming with over 60 percent of Bishop students playing a fall sport!

Go Cards,  
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Upcoming Athletic Events

Tuesday September 18
Girls Volleyball @ Villanova JV 4:30p, Varsity 5:30p EARLY RELEASE 2:30p

Wednesday September 19
Cross Country @ Cate 4:00p EARLY RELEASE 2:30P

Thursday September 20
Girls Tennis Home vs Santa Clara 3:30p SB Muni Courts EARLY RELEASE 2:30P

Friday September 21
Varsity Football @ St. Margarets 7:00p EARLY DISMISSAL BOTH JV AND VARSITY 9:07a

Saturday September 22
JV Football @ St. Margarets 11:00a
Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Carpinteria Tournament ALL DAY

Dean of Students – Ms. Stacey Carr

Parking Permits:
All students driving themselves to school need a parking permit from Mrs. Callow. There is no charge for a parking permit. The parking permit must be displayed at all times.

Cold/Flu Season:
The cold/flu season has arrived and students might bring cold medicines to school. A reminder to all parents and students: all medications 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.

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

9/16/18
Sunday Obligation
5:00 pm SAT Bootcamp
12:00 pm Spirit Week Workshop
Rotation 6
9/18
Sophomore Retreat

9/19
BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4
11:40 am Club Fair @ lunch

9/20
BISHOP PLUS 6,7,5
FAFSA Workshop for 12th graders – 6:30 pm.

9/21
Homecoming Court Announced

Bishop Events Looking Ahead …

9/23
12:00 pm Spirit Week Workshop

9/24
Christian College Fair – 6:00 pm.
Senior Parent Meeting – 6:30 pm.
Spirit Week – Seniors

9/25
Spirit Week – Juniors

9/26
NO BISHOP PLUS
Spirit Week – Sophomores

9/27
NO BISHOP PLUS
Spirit Week – Freshmen
9/28
**Spirit Week – Skits and Lip Sync**

9/29
Homecoming Game

9/30
Homecoming Dance

10/1
**NO SCHOOL**

10/2
Admissions Information Night
Middle School Movie Night
5:00 pm Financial Aid Workshop for Seniors

10/4
Blessing of the Animals

10/6
6:00 pm Cardinal Event

10/8
Junior Retreat