Weekly Newsletter
For the Week of September 2 – September 8, 2018

Dear Cardinal Community,

I am filled with pride when I speak with our teachers and feel the passion and excitement they have for teaching our students. Of any of the numerous factors that influence student learning and achievement, it is the teacher that has the greatest impact! During my frequent classroom visits, I am able to assess student engagement, which is directly correlated to teacher preparation, planning, and delivery of content. While we have only been in school for two short weeks and folks are still settling into a routine, I am continually impressed with the teaching and learning occurring in our classrooms! We are blessed at Bishop Diego to have an amazingly talented and dedicated group of teachers working with our students on a daily basis and are committed to supporting our teachers' professional growth, not only as individuals but also as a collaborative team. At Bishop Diego, we are working toward one common goal, which is to continually improve teaching and learning at Bishop Diego.

We have a wonderful opportunity to kick off the year with each other at Back to School Night this coming Thursday, September 6th. I urge you to please make this evening a priority and come and meet your son or daughter's teachers; you'll be glad you did! It is also an opportunity to be able to share with you the exciting advances we are making on our campus, all for the benefit of not only our current Cardinals but future Cardinals as well! Bishop is going places!

On Thursday, parents are welcome to arrive between 6:00-6:30 pm, during which time there will be faculty and staff on hand in the following locations informally addressing the following topics:
Room 202 (New computer lab): PCR Tutorial for parents

Gherini Center: G Suite/Google Classroom questions

College and Career Counseling Center (New!): All counseling needs (Academic/College/Personal)

Additionally, our Parent Advisory Board and Cardinal Club will be on hand to provide information about spirit week, sell spirit wear and share opportunities for all to get involved in the BDHS community!

The formal portion of the evening will begin at 6:30 pm in the Main Gym. Please pick up your student’s schedule (and a cookie!) in the quad prior to entering the gym. Classroom visits with teachers will begin at 7:15 pm and the evening will conclude by 8:30 pm. The purpose of this portion of Back to School Night is to provide parents an opportunity to experience a "day in the life" of their son or daughter in each class period as well as provide a brief introduction to our teachers. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday evening!

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

Admissions and Advancement – Dr. Cristy McNay

Parents of new students in grades 9, 10 & 11 are invited to the New Parent Social in Bishop’s quad on Wednesday, September 12. Enjoy wine and hors d’oeuvres as you get to know your fellow parents! An Evite will be sent soon.
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.

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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Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Tim Flanagan

Curriculum & Instruction

We trust that you enjoyed a restful Labor Day weekend. After the hustle and bustle that always accompanies the opening weeks of school, the academic year is getting into full
swing. Please be sure to check PCR regularly to help ensure your student(s) academic success. If you have any trouble logging in, please contact Liv Gonzalez or Tim Flanagan. Please note: PCR will be updating its user interface in the coming weeks. When that happens, we will be providing training sessions, and will post other information here to help you adjust to any changes.

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

Environmental Science students are beginning a project using mint, kale, lettuce and bell peppers to study the effects of organic farming versus conventional farming. Students in The Human Element in Sports are discussing the complicated legacy of Lance Armstrong. The Performing Arts Collaborative is reviewing scripts to use for the film portions of Cardinal Productions in the Spring. Chemistry classes will be examining combustion in the lab. English 10 students are continuing their exploration of tragic heroes by beginning to read Shakespeare's Tragedy of Macbeth. And Human Geography classes are learning about the size and scope of the sugar industry, and its effects on human health.

We look forward to seeing all of our families at Back to School Night on Thursday.

Have a great week!

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Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter

WEBSITE:

Students and parents are encouraged to visit: http://www.bdhsmultimedia.org for all things Academic and College Planning. This website is packed with information and reminders that we hope you will find useful.
COLLEGE BOUND CARDINALS, CLASS OF 2019!

Mrs. Carpenter will work with seniors during Family Homeroom to provide updates on the college admissions process (i.e. transcript review, letters of recommendation, application reminders and financial aid). Please ask your student for updates shared in class.

Seniors applying to 4-year college this fall, please contact Mrs. Carpenter for a family meeting. Together, we will review your college list, tasks to be completed this fall and address any questions you may have. Please call 967-1266 ext. 119 or email gonzalez@bishopdiego.org to schedule your family meeting.

Seniors considering enrolling at SBCC next year are to notify Mrs. Carpenter. Beginning in the spring semester, these students will be provided with monthly information sessions at Bishop, from SBCC counselors.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID FOR SENIORS

To help students and families with this process, four information sessions will take place at Bishop. The first is planned for September 20 at 6:30 pm. This training on the FAFSA is for parents only in the College and Career Center (adjacent to the Library). The second session is for students and their parents on October 3 from 5:00-8:00 pm in Room 202. Support in English and Spanish will be available at this event where families will log into the FAFSA or Dream Act Application and get their questions answered in completing the forms. The third and fourth training sessions are for students only and will take place during the school day during September and October.

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 this year.
COLLEGE ADMISSION EXAMS (SAT/ACT)

We strongly encourage students to take both the SAT and ACT. Once scores are in, students should consider taking for the second time the SAT or ACT, depending on which test earned them a higher score. It is perfectly acceptable for seniors to take the October or November exams. And many schools will also take December scores. (We recommend juniors take the SAT/ACT in March, April, May or June of 11th grade.)

If paying for an SAT/ACT exam presents a financial hardship, please see Mrs. Carpenter, as financial assistance may be available for qualifying families.

The Preliminary SAT (PSAT) will be given to all 10th and 11th grade students on October 10. For 11th grade students, this is the year to aim for eligibility in the National Merit Scholarship program. That same day, 9th grade students will participate in Academic, Personal and Career exploration activities.

For students in grades 10-12...If you receive Resource Services, please contact Dr. June (jszabo@bishopdiego.org) with any questions regarding applying for accommodations on the PSAT, SAT, ACT or AP Exams. These exams have separate applications, requirements, and deadlines. Contact Dr. June about the specific deadlines to request accommodations and to inquire about the availability of a proctor for a given exam date. Do not register for an exam prior to discussing both the accommodation and proctor requests with Dr. June.

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/. The deadline to sign up is September 7.
There is also 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
  • 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

TUTORING SUPPORT
Cal-SOAP provides tutors and mentors (from UCSB) for students at Bishop. Qualifying Bishop students are first-generation college-bound, come from a family with limited income and are working toward 4-year college eligibility. If interested in tutoring support, please contact Ms. Anderson for details.

AP COURSES
Students enrolled in classes that are called AP (Advanced Placement) are required to pay for the AP Exam no later than Friday, October 12. Students will be charged $120.00 for each AP exam they take, which covers the price of the exam, materials and administrative costs. Parents will receive a Bishop invoice with a due date of October 12 for these exams. Students who have not paid for AP exams by October 12, will have the AP course removed from their schedule. If you have any questions about this process, please contact rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org.

CSF/NHS APPLICATIONS
10th, 11th & 12th grade students: California Scholarship Federation (CSF) and National Honor Society (NHS) applications will be available starting September 4th. Applications will be available in the College and Career Center and online. You can apply for CSF if you earned at least a 3.5 GPA last semester (spring of 2018). The GPA required
to apply for NHS is 3.75 (cumulative). September 14 at 3:30pm is the last day to turn in applications and fees to Ms. Gonzalez. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Please do not ask Ms. Gonzalez to print your grades for you. You can access and print this information from PCR. If you are having trouble with PCR, please contact Ms. Gonzalez for assistance.

COLLEGE VISITS

College admission counselors are already booking their visits to Bishop. These are the individuals who read college applications and make recommendations for admission. Therefore, it is critical that our students introduce themselves when college representatives are on campus, ask questions to help them better understand the schools, and make an overall positive impression. Parents are welcome to sit in on any of these presentations. Please note that the University of Southern California (USC) is visiting us soon! Parents and students are invited to attend these presentations.

University of Southern California (USC)
Tuesday, September 11
7:50am-8:20am
College and Career Center

Santa Clara University
Thursday, September 13
1:45pm – 2:15pm
College and Career Center

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

Whitworth University
Tuesday, September 18
12:53pm – 1:23pm
Quad at lunch

Whittier College
Wednesday, September 19
9:40am – 10:10am
College and Career Center
Other college presentations around California may be of interest to you. Here are a couple we wanted to bring to your attention. RSVP to these events directly with the colleges, but feel free to contact Mrs. Carpenter if interested in more information about a particular event. Please note that a few of these events are right in our backyard. Don’t miss out!

September 12 - Anaheim
University of Chicago

September 23 – UCLA from 1:00pm-3:30pm
National Performing Arts College Fair

September 24 from 6:00pm-8:00pm – Santa Barbara
Christian College Fair – Main Gym, Bishop Garcia Diego HS

September 30 - Pasadena
MIT

October 4 – Goleta at 7:00pm
Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania and Stanford University will present to parents and students about their institutions and admission practices
RSVP at: exploringcollegeoptions.org

October 11 - Los Angeles
Harvard, Princeton, UVA, Wellesley and Yale
www.hpuwy.com

November 1 – Santa Barbara
National College Fair at Santa Barbara High School from 6:00pm-8:00pm
Students interested in visiting colleges on their own are encouraged to set up an official tour. It is easy to do...go to the college webpage, click on Admissions and then Visit. There, you will be given details on how to sign up. If you have questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Carpenter.

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**Spiritual Life – Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser**

**COMPASSION:** If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion. ~Dalai Lama

The **Welcome Mass of the Holy Spirit** on Friday was very special! It is a blessing to be able to begin the new school year acknowledging at the get-go our need for God in our lives.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the **Sophomore Class Retreat** - September 18th at Stow Grove Park in Goleta from 9-3.

If your son or daughter is interested in receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, please be sure to begin the registration process at your local parish right away. They are waiting to hear from you!

Have a blessed week

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Greetings:

The Girls Volleyball team is off to a great start! They are 3 and 1 with a big win over Carpinteria.

Cross Country, Girls Tennis and Girls Golf contests will all begin soon. It is not too late to sign up for these sports teams. Come out and join the fun. See you there!

Go Cards,

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Upcoming Athletic Events:

Tuesday September 4
Girls Volleyball @ Santa Ynez Frosh 4:00p, JV 5:00p, varsity 6:00p EARLY RELEASE
FROSH ONLY 1:45P

Thursday September 6
Girls Volleyball @ Santa Clara Frosh 4:00p, JV 5:00p, Varsity 6:00p SCHOOL OUT 1:30p
Boys JV Football Home vs Nipomo 4:00p SCHOOL OUT 1:30p

Friday September 7
Boys Varsity Football Home vs Nipomo 7:30p SBCC NO EARLY RELEASE

As we enter our third week of the school year, be mindful of medical appointments your child must attend during the school day. If possible schedule medical appointments
after school to avoid missing academic classes. Thursdays are also good days to schedule appointments with the release time of 1:30 pm. And remember to bring a note confirming the appointment (AMED) for the school to record the absence correctly. It’s also important to contact the school if your child is unable to attend (AP) for the day due to an illness or other reasons. For more details regarding absences visit page 23 of the PSH.

ACADEMIC POLICIES REGARDING ABSENCES

Academic Policy for Absences
Students must make up missed exams/quizzes within 48 hours of the student’s return unless the student makes other arrangements with the teacher. Upon the day of return to school, the student must turn in coursework that was due the day(s) of the absence and also communicate with the teachers regarding missed coursework.

Academic Policy for Truancy
Students who are truant may not make up any work/assessments missed that day.

Academic Policy for Excessive Absences
Families will receive a letter from the Academic Counselor that absences from class have become excessive, may be impacting academic performance, and have begun to place an undue burden on faculty. At 5 non-school related absences, a meeting will be required with the Dean of Curriculum and Instruction where the student will be placed on an Academic Contract that outlines the attendance conditions necessary to earn credit for classes as well as, in some cases, remain enrolled in the school.

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Parent’s Advisory Board:

Parent Advisory Board's (PAB) next monthly meeting is Tues., Sept. 4, 2018, 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Bishop Library behind the front office. The Head of School will give a report 6:30-6:45 pm, and the Cardinal Club meeting will follow at 6:45 pm. All parents are welcome to join one or both meetings.

PAB will set up the plans to support the students with a Back To School Dance, Class Retreats, Spirit Week, Homecoming, and the Cardinal Event at this Sept. meeting.

Please come & join a fun group of parents and support our students! No RSVP needed.

Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

9/2/18
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 7

9/3
NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

9/5
BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4

9/6
BISHOP PLUS 7,5,6
Informational help for PCR, G Suite/Google and Counseling – 6:00 to 6:30 pm
Back to School Night - 6:30 pm.

9/7
Extended lunch Bell
Lip Sync Performance – 12:33 pm.
Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

9/9
Spirit Week Workshop

9/12
New Parent Social

9/14
CSF/NHS Application Deadline – 3:30 pm.
SAT Bootcamp – 4:00 pm.

9/15
SAT Bootcamp

9/16 SAT Bootcamp – 5:00 pm.

9/18
Sophomore Retreat

9/20
Club Fair @ lunch
FAFSA Workshop for 12th graders – 6:30 pm.

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

9/29
Homecoming Game

9/30
Homecoming Dance