



Weekly Newsletter
For the Week of September 9 – September 15, 2018

Dear Cardinal Community,

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Back to School Night event on Thursday evening. I recognize that everyone is very busy and coordinating events among different schools, siblings, and activities can be a challenge. For those of you unable to attend on Thursday, I would strongly encourage you to also reach out to your son's/daughter's teachers if you haven't already as we begin a new year working together. I have included some highlights from my Back to School Night opening remarks below so we all start out the year on the same foot, regardless of your ability to attend the evening.

Welcome! Every time we meet as a community, it is an opportunity to reaffirm why you picked Bishop Diego High School for your family. Tonight we will be touching briefly on all the advances we have made academically, technologically, athletically - and these are all important. However, there is an intangible aspect of Bishop that we don't always articulate yet is central to our mission. Let me share with you an email I received last week that exemplifies the core of who we are here at Bishop Diego.

"I was early today to pick up my daughter from cheer. I walked up to catch the final min. of the JV game. At its conclusion, I walked down to the courtyard area and sat to wait for my daughter. At this time, a Lompoc player and his father walked by- still in uniform. From the rear, I heard, "Hey, #... you played with a lot of heart today. Great job." This came from TWO Bishop players... #65 and 78. The LOOK on the kid's face from Lompoc made my day. The dad was in shock- all players still in uniform. The dad ended up taking a photo of all three standing next to each other. THIS is where sports should be. You battle and

when over, we are civilized and caring. You never know who might be on your team in the future, right?"

"I'd like to make sure these kids get recognition, if possible. I'm sure the ride home for that kid was MUCH better and probably what he'll remember most from today."

"This is ONE reason why I know my daughter chose Bishop and it was my hope to see character like this. Thank the coaches for supporting sportsmanship and teaching them character on and off the field."

We affirm every day on our campus why you chose Bishop and I would like to take a moment to thank the exceptional group of men and women who live the mission of Bishop every day; I am proud to call them colleagues and work with them as leaders in our school.

We set our sights high on achieving many goals together this year. Namely, in admissions and advancement, I am proud to share that our school is healthy and continues to grow! The success of these two departments directly influences *everything* else we do at Bishop and the opportunities available to all students. We are well on our way to meeting targets established by our Board of Trustees and school leadership. This year, we place a strong emphasis on retention efforts for our current students, as well as increasing the number of new student inquiries by 20% (from 165 to 200) and increasing the conversion rate of accepted students who complete the enrollment process from 73% to 85%. Meeting these two goals would result in an increase of 32 students over current enrollment figures.

In advancement, I am pleased to share with you the progress we have made in growing The Fund for Bishop Diego. Over the past two years, we have grown the annual fund from \$148,000 in 15-16, to \$305,000 in 16-17, and \$351,000 at the close of the 17-18 fiscal year. Our efforts have been fueled by the increase in parent participation from 17% in the two previous years to an impressive 65% this year! THANK YOU! We have set a \$400,000 goal for The Fund for Bishop Diego and strive for 100% parent participation this year. As you can tell from the upgrades made to the educational environment over the summer, your participation truly does make a difference for all students and programs.

In closing, I will leave you with a short verse from our communion meditation from last week's Welcome Mass so beautifully sung by senior choir members, Lauren Holsted and Olivia Cunningham. As I listened to the song, it reminded me, once again, why I enjoy my role at Bishop so much, and I hope it also affirms in you another one of those "intangibles" of why you entrust Bishop Diego with your sons and daughters.

To be humble, to be kind

It is the giving of the peace in your mind

To a stranger, to a friend...

To give in such a way that has no end

We are love

We are one

We are how we treat each other when the day is done

We are peace

We are war

We are how we treat each other and nothing more

-Excerpt from 'Nothing More' by Alternate Routes

Thank you for being our partners in the education of our young people and supporting the true mission of Bishop Diego. Any school can educate the mind; at Bishop, we have the honor of also developing the hearts and souls of those who are our future. Working with you is an absolute privilege and on behalf of all of us at Bishop Diego, I eagerly anticipate a wonderful 18-19 school year.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan

Head of School

Admissions and Advancement – *Dr. Cristy McNay*

New Parent Social

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 was sent last week.

Cardinal Event Tickets

As a reminder, each family has a fundraising commitment to purchase or sell TWO Cardinal Event tickets. Each ticket costs \$150 provides 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. Families can purchase or sell as many tickets as they can and for every 5th ticket they sell they will receive a free entry into the raffle. 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 – Tuesday, October 2 (date change)
Middle School Movie Night – Tuesday, October 2 (date change)
Cardinal Event – Saturday, October 6
Open House – Sunday, November 4
Middle School Wrap Party/Project Santa – Thursday, December 13

Warmly,

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Curriculum & Instruction – *Mr. Tim Flanagan*

The STEAM Society will have its monthly group meeting on September 8th from 7:45-8:15 a.m. in room 304. Mr. Mario Coronado will be speaking about his experiences in the field of computer science. Also, congratulations to our STEAM director, Dr. Heather Shafer, who has been nominated for the Excellence in High School Teaching Award by the American Chemical Society!

Bishop will continue to offer **FREE Math tutoring** this year in the Bishop Diego High School Math Tutoring Center. We will be open **starting Monday, September 10**, providing free, drop-in math tutoring for students in **grades 1-8**, Pre-Algebra through Geometry. The Math Tutoring Center is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 3:10-4pm in one of our Math or Science classrooms (rooms 301, 304, 310 or 312, look for posted signs).

BDHS Students serve as tutors to help students with their math homework, and a faculty member supervises at all times. Students may drop in at any time, without appointment, during tutoring hours. Students should bring homework assignments, and textbook, if needed. Parents and guardians are welcome!

Bishop's Science Department is headed to Florida for spring break! "Splash into Science" hosted by Worldstrides Tours will be the topic. If your student is interested in joining Bishop on this once-in-a-lifetime science trip, please come to the parent meeting Thursday, September 13th at 6 pm in room 301. At the meeting you will be provided more information about the trip and you will have a chance to win \$100 off your student's trip!

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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 this year.

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 was September 7, but if interested in participating there may still be room. Please contact the company directly to inquire.

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

- October 5 deadline to register for November 3 exam

ACT Dates - actstudent.org

- September 28 deadline to register for October 27 exam

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

INFORMATION SESSIONS AT BISHOP

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

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Spiritual Life – Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser

RESPECT: A person's a person, no matter how small. ~Dr. Seuss

The **Sophomore Retreat** is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18th from 9:00-3:00 at Stow Park in Goleta. Class of 2021, be ready for a GREAT day! Sophomore parents, be on the lookout for how you can help with the upcoming class retreat. Thank you in advance for your generosity of time and treasure!

Have a blessed week!

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Athletics – Mr. Dan Peeters

Girls Volleyball is on a roll! They brought out the broom for the sweep against Santa Clara to open up league play. The girls also captured the win in the Providence Tournament with a 9-2 win over the Dunn Earwigs. Way to go Girls!!!

If your daughter has never played tennis but is interested in trying the sport, please have her see Mrs. Hapeman as soon as possible. She will learn the game of tennis while having fun with her team.

Girls Golf will begin league play on September 24th.

Our football team is getting stronger each week. Come cheer them on.
See you at all the different competitions.

Go Cards,

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Upcoming Athletic Events

Tuesday, September 11

Girls Volleyball Home vs Thacher Frosh 4:00p, JV 5:00p, Varsity 6:00p **NO EARLY RELEASE**

Thursday, September 13

Girls Tennis @ Laguna 3:30pm School Out 1:30p
Girls Volleyball Home vs Cate Frosh 4:00p, JV 5:00p, Varsity 6:00p **School Out 1:30p**

Friday, September 14

Boys Football @ Golden Valley Canyon High School JV 4:00p, Varsity 7:00p **EARLY RELEASE 12:30p**

Saturday, September 15

Girls Volleyball Home vs Providence Varsity 2:00p

Dean of Students – *Ms. Stacey Carr*

Attire – Shirt and Jacket Logos

Commercial logos are defined as any shirt identifying a company brand. At school, there are two styles of a shirt or zip-pull over jacket that are acceptable. 1) the BDHS logo and 2) the name of a college/university.

Each layer counts! We all have our favorite shirt, however that shirt might not meet the school's dress code policy. Wearing a "sweatshirt" over that favorite "non approved" shirt still is not acceptable, knowing the student will remove the sweatshirt during the school day.

We now have a Cardinal Closet filled with many styles of school color shirts for both young men and women to wear, if needed. And of course, available, for those mornings when someone just can't find the proper shirt, students can ask to borrow a one for the day. We appreciate seeing a student take the initiative to be in proper attire at the beginning of the school day!

Per the Parent-Student Handbook - pages 36-37

THE SPIRIT OF CARDINAL ATTIRE AND APPEARANCE

While considerable freedom is allowed with respect to appearance, we form young adults who respect and recognize that standards of appearance exist among communities and how one carries oneself within that community matters. As student members of the Cardinal family, all are expected to exhibit Christian modesty honoring the Bishop community and maintaining an appearance consistent with the expectations of a Catholic college preparatory school. The Dean of Students and the Head of School have discretion in determining what is inappropriate per the Spirit of the Cardinal Attire and Appearance guidelines.

Cardinal Dress for Young Men

In accordance with the principles and values of the School, all clothing should exhibit Christian modesty, be neat and clean. All clothing should always fit properly. On regular school days, the acceptable dress apparel for young men is:

1. Shirts, sweaters, collared polo shirts, and sweatshirts (zip or pullover) are acceptable. The only approved logos for all attire include BDHS or College/University. Style must represent a modest fit; no commercial logos.

2. BDHS sponsored apparel
3. Slacks, jeans, or non-athletic shorts that display a modest fit and style
4. Any type of conventional footwear with a backing
5. Hats are permitted during the school day, but may not be worn indoors

Cardinal Dress for Young Women

All clothing should exhibit Christian modesty, be neat and clean. All clothing should always fit properly. On regular school days, the acceptable dress apparel for young women is:

1. Blouses, sweaters, collared polo shirts, shirts, and sweatshirts (zip or pullover) are acceptable. The only approved logos for all attire include BDHS or College/University. Style must represent a modest fit; no commercial logos.
2. BDHS sponsored apparel
3. Slacks, jeans, or non-athletic shorts that display a modest fit and style
4. Any type of conventional footwear with a backing
5. Hats are permitted during the school day, but may not be worn indoors

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Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

9/9/18
Sunday Obligation
12:00 pm Spirit Week Workshop
Rotation 5

9/12
BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4
6:00 pm - New Parent Social

9/13
BISHOP PLUS 5,6,7

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

9/15
SAT Bootcamp

Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

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

10/1
NO SCHOOL

10/3
Admissions Information Night
Middle School Movie Night
5:00 pm Financial Aid Workshop for Seniors

10/4
Blessing of the Animals