Dear Cardinal Community,

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who participated in our annual Day of Giving on Wednesday, November 6th. I am pleased to share that we surpassed our goal of raising $24,000 in 24 hours and actually ended the campaign at $27,500! This is a testament to the dedicated faculty and staff we have working hard, day in and day out, to further the gospel message of Christ and prepare our young people to go out and make a difference in our world! I thank Dr. Cristy McNay, Ms. Tally Latcham, Ms. Erika Van Wingerden, as well as members of our Alumni and Advancement Committee – Lisa Schlesselmann, Debbie Herrera, and Nancy Panizzon, for all their efforts to ensure the success of the day and ultimate benefit for the students served at Bishop Diego.

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. We 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 in today’s youth – our future.

Yours in Christ,
Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

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

Bishop’s Day of Giving raised $27,517!

Our goal was to raise $24,000 in 24 hours and on Bishop’s second annual Day of Giving you helped us exceed every expectation! Thank you for supporting our students through your many gifts to The Fund for Bishop Diego!

*The Fund for Bishop Diego* bridges the nearly $2M gap between what it costs to provide a high-caliber, values based, Catholic education and what families pay after Tuition Assistance and scholarships have been awarded. While not glamorous, these items are essential to the day-to-day operation of a healthy school. Here are just a few examples of the 2019-20 school year’s committed costs and what your unrestricted gift to *The Fund for Bishop Diego* will help us achieve:

- Fund the Girls’ Athletics Initiative
- Fund the Performing Arts Collaborative
- Proceed with the new Aquatics Program Initiative
- Continue to offer powerful, life-changing retreats
Pay for energy-efficient lighting for the Library
Fund new alumni/donor communication software
Payoff Mac computer lease
Payoff iPad lease for 1:1 program
Pay for parking lot repair costs

Open House & Family Fun Day – Sunday, November 17 - 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Bishop is changing the way we celebrate and share our Cardinal spirit! On Sunday, November 17th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm, all students and their friends and families are invited to attend Open House & Family Fun Day. Each class will host a booth, the Cardinal Club will be BBQing, and there will be games and prizes as well as inflatables on the back lawn. We want to share Bishop with our community and families, so please plan to attend this FREE and fun event! Anyone is welcome to be there so please invite your neighbors, extended family, and friends. This event is a small version of what we hope to do next year: Homecoming & Family Weekend 2020! The celebration will include three days of reunions, the homecoming football game, a volleyball game, a tailgate party, live music, and so much more. We plan to make it the biggest party of the year and look forward to your ideas and enthusiasm!

Admissions for 2020-21

Applications for NEW students are now open

If you know a student who is hoping to attend Bishop Diego next fall, please let them know that online applications for the 2020-21 school year are now open at www.bishopdiego.org. Also, please invite them to Open House on November 17th from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Eighth graders are also invited to be Freshmen for a day on Wednesday, November 20th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Families can RSVP for both events at www.bishopdiego.org.

Warmly,

Dr. Cristy McNay
Director of Admissions and Advancement
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cmcnay@bishopdiego.org
Semester exams are fast approaching. Here is the schedule for the week, and a few reminders about exam protocols:

Wednesday, December 18th

- Period 1 - 8:30 - 10:00
- Period 2 - 10:30 - 12:00
- Lunch 12:00 - 12:40
- Period 3 - 12:45 - 2:15

Thursday, December 19th

- Period 4 - 8:30 -10:00
- Period 5 - 10:30 - 12:00

Friday, December 20th

- Period 6 - 8:30-10:00
- Period 7 - 10:30 - 12:00

Please remember that students need to be in dress code and on time in order to take their exams. If students do not have an exam during the last testing period of the day, they may be dismissed with written parental permission.

Tim Flanagan
Director of Curriculum & Instruction
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tflanagan@bishopdiego.org

Attention Juniors:

On Saturday, December 7, from 8:00am-12:00pm, Bishop will offer a Mock ACT Exam for interested Juniors. Students must RSVP no later than Friday, November 22nd. The test is free. The
sign-up sheet is outside Ms. Gonzalez’ office. Interested Sophomores may inquire if there is a spot available, but priority is reserved for Juniors.

Students will be given their PSAT scores and Mock ACT scores (if they take the December Mock ACT test) in person at the Scores Back Night, on Monday, January 13 at 5:00pm in the Bishop Library. **Sophomore and Junior Parents**, please save the date for this event.

**Parents of 9th Graders:**

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 13th at 6:00pm** in the Library for an informative evening covering the following topics:

- Graduation and college entrance requirements
- Bishop’s 4 Year Academic Plan
- Christian Service Hours Requirement & Opportunities
- Advanced Placement (AP) program & courses

**Parents of 9th, 10th and 11th graders:**

Mrs. Carpenter will lead a discussion about the Highly Selective College admission process. You are invited to join this meeting from 7:05pm-7:35pm on Wednesday, November 13 in the College and Career Center.

**Parents of 10th and 11th graders:**

Mrs. Carpenter will lead a discussion about NCAA and NAIA – the recruiting and college application process for high school athletes. Join us at 6:00pm in the College and Career Center on Wednesday, November 13.

**Parents of 11th Graders:**

Please visit Bishop’s Counseling webpage in BD Classroom for detailed information regarding the SAT, ACT and SAT Subject Tests.

Save the date for a College Information Night on Monday, January 13 in the Library at 6:00pm. Presenters will be from UC, CSU and a Private College, speaking about the educational opportunities and application requirements for each system of education.
Seniors & College Applications:

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Remember to log into the ACT.org or Collegeboard.org websites to order and pay for your test scores. You must send your official test scores to colleges on your application list, by their individual required deadlines. Contact Mrs. Carpenter if you have questions about this process.

If a student has assigned Mrs. Carpenter as the Counselor in Common App (and verified with Mrs. Carpenter that his/her name has appeared in her account by asking her directly), she will submit her letter of rec, secondary school report and your student’s transcript by the required deadline. Students do not submit Bishop transcripts to common app schools; however, they should submit official SBCC, other high school or college transcripts to the Common App schools.

Remember that the UC and CSU Application deadline is November 30. Do not wait until the last minute to apply! Transcripts and letters of recommendation are not required for these schools.

For all other colleges, if your student needs an official transcript sent to a college, make sure they complete a transcript request form in the Registrar’s Office (Ms. Gonzalez). A pre-addressed envelope to the corresponding college is required. Return address should be: Bishop HS, 4000 La Colina, Santa Barbara CA 93110. 24 hour notice is required. Official transcripts from other high schools or colleges attended should also be submitted to these schools.

Scholarships:

Remember to complete either the FAFSA or the Dream Act application by March 2nd. The deadline might be earlier for particular colleges or scholarship programs, so completing these forms sooner rather than later is recommended.

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara presented to seniors in class last month. While the main application deadline is January 15, the early deadline for the Honors & Art Scholarships is November 15. For more information visit: [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org). Very important note: The main
application requires completion of the FAFSA and a letter of recommendation. Those things need to be handled before you are able to hit the submit button on January 15. So, be sure and get ahead of those requirements.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID:

Many of us would know how to help if we saw someone having a heart attack—we’d start CPR, or at the least, call 911. But few of us would know how to respond if we saw someone having a panic attack or if we were concerned that someone might be struggling with substance use.

The YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID program teaches participants to recognize warning signs and understand the risk factors for mental health and substance use; providing strategies for how to help someone in crisis and non-crisis situations, and how to connect youth to appropriate care.

Students in our community need all of us! Join the movement in Santa Barbara County to support students by becoming more aware, informed and empowered to help.

Family Service Agency, the Mental Wellness Center, and the YouthWell Coalition have partnered to bring YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID a certification class to Bishop.

Participants will be charged a $10.00 fee; however, if this fee is cost prohibitive, please reach out to rcarpenter@bishopdiego.org for a fee waiver.

Space is limited. Please register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-mental-health-first-aid-training-registration-79743696543.

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COMPASSION: Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle. ~Plato

Campus Ministry is looking forward to a great day with the Class of 2023 at their Freshman Retreat. 9th grade parents, be sure to ask your student about the yellow information note and permission slip sent home with them via Theology classes. Make special note of the location and times - Serra Hall on Garden Street, 8am-3pm. Thank you to all for donations of time, food, and monetary contributions. It should be a wonderful day!

Bishop Diego was able to send approximately 80 pounds of leftover/unwanted Halloween candy to Operation Gratitude. This organization will distribute the candy in care packages for Veterans, First Responders and/or deployed Troops. Thank you Bishop for your constant generosity!

Friday, November 22 we will hold a Thanksgiving Prayer Service at 12:30 in the main gym. It is truly a blessing for us at Bishop Diego to be able to outwardly express our gratitude to our good and loving Father for the many blessings we have. Parents, you are most welcome to join us!

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Athletics – Mr. Mike Cano

Winter Sports have begun practice if your interested in participating please see Mr. Cano. If you have not completed your sports participation packet/physical please log onto www.athleticlearance.com and complete. This must be completed before playing in a contest.
Mark your calendars for the Fall Sports Banquet Sunday December 8th at 5:30pm. More details to follow soon.

ATHLETIC CONTESTS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 10-16

Friday November 15
CIF Football 2nd Round TBD

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Community Volunteer Opportunity.....

Bishop Teens on the Scene is partnering with the Children’s Resource Network Teen Closet Program to provide clothes for homeless children in our local community. They will also be collecting non-perishable food items for the Unity Shoppe of Santa Barbara. Please bring gently used clothing & non-perishable food items to the Bishop Library during drop off between 8:00 - 8:30am Monday-Friday Nov 4th - Nov 15th. Volunteers will also be available curb side to collect items during drop off. For every bin bag of clothing you will receive one service hour. Flyer attached.

Please donate gently used children and teen clothing and shoes only. The Unity Shoppe is also in need of non-perishable food items such as Chicken Noodle Soup, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Tuna, canned beans, etc. There is a friendly competition between the grades to see who can donate the most items so please include the students name and grade on any bags of donated items. Thank you for your support. Any questions please contact Thomas Coleman: tcoleman@bishopdiego.org. Flyer attached.
Individual commitment to a group effort that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work – Vince Lombardi

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CLOTHING & FOOD DRIVE

Benefitting the Children’s Resource Network and Unity Shoppe of Santa Barbara

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11/10
Rotation 5
Sunday Obligation

11/11
Veteran’s Day

11/12
Freshman Retreat

11/13
**BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4**
6:00 pm - College Athletics NCAS & NAIA Presentation
6:00 pm - Current Freshman Parent Information Night
7:00 pm – Highly Selective College Admissions Presentation

11/14
**BISHOP PLUS 5,6,7**

11/17
No Bishop Plus
12:00 pm – Open House

11/20
Freshman for a Day

11/22
Thanksgiving Mass

11/24 – 11/26
Urban Plunge

11/25 – 11/29
School Closed – Thanksgiving Week

12/2
School Resumes
7:45 am – STEAM Society Group Meeting

12/7
8:00 am – Mock ACT Exam
12/8
Fall Sports Banquet

12/12
Mass Bell - Advent Mass

12/14
Project Santa

12/18
Finals 1,2,3

12/19
Finals 4,5

12/20
Finals 6,7

12/23 - 1/5
Christmas Break

1/6
School Resumes
7:45 am – STEAM society Group Meeting

1/12
Poker Tournament

1/13
5:00 pm - PSAT and Mock ACT Scores Review Session
6:00 pm – Junior Parent College Information Night

1/14
5:30 pm – Admissions Information Night

1/17
Independent Scholarship Applications Due

1/20
No school – Martin Luther King Day