Dear Bishop Community,

I would like to congratulate our boy’s soccer team for their valiant efforts at their CIF Division 7 Semi-Finals play-off game last Saturday afternoon at UCSB. While the final score did not reflect the effort our boys put in and left on the field, the Cardinal spirit filling the stands was palpable! Coach Mick Luckhurst, his entire coaching staff, and our players deserve a huge round of applause for the hard work, dedication, and heart they put into their entire season. We are all so proud of our Cardinals and celebrate the first boys’ soccer league championship in 21 years!

Allow me to quote an excerpt of Coach Luckhurst’s inspirational words to his players after Saturday’s game, “You played every game as a team with a common goal. It was never about individuals. You proved that anything is possible if you dedicate yourself to your team and it’s common goal. It is this character and selfless attitude that I respect, above all else, in you. I thank you for this gift you gave me and the example you set for every student in our school. Simply put, you are an amazing group of young men and you are on a mission that is not completed! Few people ever push this hard, work this hard, focus this hard and dedicate themselves so much. You are exceptional!” This quote exemplifies the caliber of coaching staff we have at Bishop and is just one of the many reasons I am so proud to lead our great school.

At Bishop, we view the opportunity to positively influence our young people - our future - as a privilege. I thank Dan Peeters, Mike Cano, and every member of our athletic staff for their leadership and dedication to making the athletic experience such a positive and memorable one for the students of Bishop Diego! The life lessons our student athletes learn on the field in their 4 years at Bishop last a lifetime off the field.
I know you join me in wishing our boys’ soccer team the best as they head south to the first round of state soccer play-offs this coming Tuesday. We will update our social media sites with game time and location when we receive it. Go Cardinals!

In Christ,

Mrs. Karen Regan
Head of School

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

**Re-enrollment for 2019/20**

As you know, Bishop students in grades 9, 10, and 11 must re-enroll for the upcoming school year. This year, we have moved to a completely digital, online re-enrollment process that will eliminate the need to fill out and return paperwork. You will be able to complete the required re-enrollment forms, sign the financial agreement, and make your Registration Fee payment all in one place before signing in to FACTS to set up your tuition payment account. The Registration Fee of $1000 is a part of the re-enrollment process and can be paid in one, two, or four payments.

While we had hoped to have re-enrollment emails out to everyone last week, our goal is to also include all Tuition Assistance awards, scholarship awards, and any other credits in the financial contracts so families can do everything at once. This also gives you a clear financial forecast for the year. At this time, we are waiting for additional independent scholarships to be awarded by foundations outside of Bishop Diego, so we are in a holding pattern and project that re-enrollment emails will be sent no later than next week.

**Share Your Love with Bishop – Thank You!**

Thank you to all parents who helped Bishop Diego by donating to the Share Your Love with Bishop campaign during Valentine’s Week! We raised $21,375!
RSVP for Bishop’s Dare to Dream Gala – March 9, 2019!

Don’t forget to RSVP for Bishop Garcia Diego High School’s annual gala on Saturday, March 9, 2019. All proceeds from the event will support Bishop Diego’s Adopt-A-Student program. RSVPs are due by Monday, February 25th!

Save the Date for Bishop’s Annual Golf Tournament – May 3, 2019!

The golf tournament sells out every year so be sure to reserve your spot early! Sponsorships are available and include some incredible perks! Contact the Advancement Office for more details!

Warmly,

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Curriculum & Instruction – Mr. Tim Flanagan

March 6th we will have our Ash Wednesday service. Everyone is welcome to attend. To accommodate the service we will be switching the Bishop Plus days. The schedule for Wednesday and Thursday, March 6th and 7th will be as follows:

3/6, Wednesday: **BISHOP PLUS 6, 7, 5**
1:30 – 2:15 - Ash Wednesday Service
School ends – 2:15 pm

3/7, Thursday: **BISHOP PLUS 1, 2, 3, 4**
School ends 3:05 pm
Coming up:

Seniors will have their exit interviews on Thursday, April 11th from 1:45 pm to approximately 2:30 pm. The senior exits interviews, a requirement, give our seniors a chance to express how they have grown these last four years in the core value areas. They also have the opportunity to give the faculty feedback on their experience at Bishop. Anyone who misses the interview due to absence from school or a sports competition will have their interview at a future date with Mr. Flanagan and Ms. Carr.

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**Counseling Services – Mrs. Rya Carpenter**

**ACADEMIC PLANNING**: 9th-11th grade students should begin to think about their courses for next year. Ms. Anderson will first meet with students in March to discuss their teacher recommendations and interests for 2019-2020. After that time, Ms. Anderson will be available to meet individually with students and parents who wish to discuss course planning.

**JUNIORS**: Parents and students are encouraged to visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and register as a user in order to start receiving information about SATs. Juniors should aim for completing one SAT by the June test date. For the May 4 SAT Exam you must register by April 5. For the June 1 SAT Exam (same day as Bishop Graduation ceremony) you must register by May 3.

Juniors should also aim to take one ACT exam by the June date. For the June 8 ACT Exam you must register by May 3 at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). You are encouraged to sign up for the ACT and SAT with writing, even though it is made optional. The writing section is not optional for many colleges.
SAT/ACT BOOTCAMP: To help students who are preparing to take the SAT or ACT exam this spring/summer, Bishop is offering a weekend bootcamp in collaboration with Tutors Across America. The camp will be at Bishop on Friday, April 5 from 4:00pm-8:30pm, Saturday, April 6 from 9:00am-6:00pm and Sunday, April 7 from 9:00am-6:00pm. The cost of this program is $299.00. The registration deadline is Friday, March 22. Register at: https://tutorsacrossamerica.com/actcourse/ - Scroll toward the bottom of the page to register for Bishop’s camp.

Thirty juniors have already signed up for College Seminar. I am now taking students on a waiting list. Please let me know if you have not yet signed up, but have interest in participating. This program is free and geared for the class of 2020, who will apply to four-year universities in the fall. Students who participate in College Seminar will learn essential information regarding the application process for CSUs, UCs and Private Colleges. College Seminar will take place June 3 and 4 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Those who signed up for UC Personal Insight Question review will receive an appointment on June 5th between 10:00am-12:00pm.

Parents, please ask your 11th grader about the extra credit opportunity being made available in English class. Students are currently receiving training on how to write their college essays. They will then be given time in Family Homeroom to get working on these essays, which if done correctly and turned in by the deadline in May, will be eligible for extra credit!

**SENIORS:** Those planning to attend SBCC in the fall are required to participate in the SBCC orientation planned for March 7 at 1:45pm in Room 202.

Steve Cosgrove, Admission Counselor from CSU Channel Islands will be at Bishop March 27th from 7:50am-8:30am to meet with admitted students; answering questions and discussing next steps. Meeting location is the College Center.

Please remember to submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the **March 2nd deadline**, and log into your Webgrants Account to make certain everything is in order there: https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp. If you think you should qualify for federal and state financial aid, this is a critical step.

Seniors should monitor their email and the individual college applicant portals. Keep an eye out for notice of missing documents, or additional requirements, like English or Math
placement exams. Students who miss deadlines may have their applications withdrawn or their acceptances rescinded.

Seniors also need to keep their grades up. Grades below a C are typically unacceptable for college admission. Earning a D or F in 12th grade could result in a college rescinding their offer of acceptance.

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**Spiritual Life – Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser**

**COMPASSION:** Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Wednesday March 6th is **Ash Wednesday.** Join us as we begin the Lenten season with a prayer service and distribution of ashes beginning at 1:35 in the gym.

Thank you for keeping the **Senior Retreat Team** and the **Class of 2019** in your prayers as they plan and prepare this special time of reflection on God's love for each of us.

The **Sophomore class** will gather for Mass, lunch and a few retreat activities on Friday March 22nd from 12:05-2:15 right here at school. Thank you in advance to the sophomore parents for assisting with the lunch. More information to follow.

**Mothers of Senior boys,** you are invited to have lunch with your sons in the Mission Center on Wednesday, March 27th from 11:40-12:30. Be sure to mark those calendars!
All senior parents, March 29th is the **Senior Parent Mass** at 12:00 in the main gym. We look forward to celebrating with you. It is customary that the senior class be dismissed after Mass to enjoy lunch off campus with their parents. Enjoy!

Have a blessed week!

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**Athletics – Mr. Dan Peeters**

Springs sports are up and running. If your student is interested in getting involved at this time, please see Mr. Cano or myself. The window of opportunity is closing soon.

**WATER POLO AT BISHOP?**

We have gotten a substantial amount of interest in creating a Water polo program. If you have not already reached out to us in regards to playing water polo, please do so by contacting Mr. Peeters at dpeeters@bishopdiego.org.

To get the latest news on Bishop Athletics please follow us on BD Athletics.

Go Cards

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**Upcoming Athletic Events**

**Tuesday February 26**  
Girls Softball Home vs Valley Christian 3:30p EARLY RELEASE 2:14p

**Thursday February 28**  
Girls Softball Home vs Carpinteria 3:30p SCHOOL OUT 1:30p
Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

2/24
Sunday Obligation
Rotation 5

2/27
BISHOP PLUS 1, 2, 4, 3

2/28
BISHOP PLUS 5, 6, 7

3/1
Returning student registration due
New student offers sent
8:45 am STEAM field strip

Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

3/4
7:45 am STEAM Society group meeting

3/5
ASB applications available

3/6
Ash Wednesday
BISHOP PLUS 6, 7, 5

3/7
Course Selections for next year
1:45 pm – SBCC Registration for seniors
BISHOP PLUS 1, 2, 3, 4

3/8
End of 3rd quarter

3/9
Gala Auction

3/10
Senior retreat run through
3/12
Senior Retreat

3/13
Senior Retreat

3/14
Senior Retreat

3/15
Senior breakfast

3/17
Winter Sport Banquet

3/20
10:10 am - STEAM Field Trip

3/22
Sophomore retreat reunion