



Weekly Newsletter
For the Week of November 25 - December 1, 2018

Dear Cardinal Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your families. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to count all the blessings in our lives and we look forward to welcoming everyone back tomorrow rejuvenated after the Thanksgiving break. As we prepare for semester 1 final exams over the next couple of weeks, we also acknowledge that next Sunday, we begin the season of Advent. Advent is a time of expectation and waiting in God's presence. We wait for the coming of Christ. It is during Advent time that the Church traditionally has prepared for the coming of Christ in the past, in the present, and in the future. We celebrate Jesus' past coming as an infant born in a Bethlehem stable; His presence coming into our lives as a Savior, Healer, and Friend; His future coming as King of Kings, the Messiah who will reign forever.

In anticipation of the Advent season, we are fortunate to welcome a special guest presenter on Tuesday, November 27th in the Main Gym. I have included a video clip of our speaker and invite parents to join us at 1pm, if you are able.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZgUIDwseBU>

Enjoy your Sunday!

Mrs. Karen Regan

Head of School

Admissions and Advancement – *Dr. Cristy McNay*

Save the Date!

Bishop's annual Gala and Auction will be held on March 9, 2019!

To get the ball rolling, Bishop's Auction Committee will be hosting a wine and cheese reception on Monday, November 26 in the library, to kick-off planning and garner support for the sub-committees. If you are interested, please feel free to attend! Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 6:00 pm.

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, November 27 is the annual Day of Giving and Bishop Diego is excited to participate for the first time ever! Keep an eye out for more information on our social media pages!

Online Applications for 2019/20 are open!

Bishop Diego is now accepting applications for the Class of 2023! Tell everyone you know that completed applications are due by January 31, 2019, and admissions decisions will be made by March 1, 2019.

Important Fall Admissions and Advancement Dates:

Middle School Wrap Party/Project Santa – Thursday, December 13

Warmly,

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Curriculum & Instruction – *Mr. Tim Flanagan*

Welcome back from our Thanksgiving Break. We are now rested and ready to make our final push to the end of the first semester.

Your student's Mid-quarter grades went out this last week. To view your student progress report you will need to go onto PCR and look under "Report Cards"; we do not mail out the progress report. Letters were mailed out to those students receiving C- or below.

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Counseling Services – *Mrs. Rya Carpenter*

College Admissions Tests:

On Saturday, December 8, Bishop will offer a Mock ACT Exam for interested 11th graders. Students must RSVP to Ms. Gonzalez no later than Friday, November 30th. The test is free. The sign-up sheet is outside Ms. Gonzalez' office. Interested 10th graders may inquire if there is a spot available, but priority is reserved for Juniors.

SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATION DROP IN SESSIONS – FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

- Wednesday, November 28 – study hall and after school (9:40am-10:05am and 3:00pm-5:00pm)
- Thursday, November 29 – study hall (9:40am-10:05am and 1:45pm-5:00pm)

Remember that the UC and CSU Application deadline is November 30.

If you need a letter of recommendation for a college or scholarship application, please make note of the deadlines below.

College/Scholarship App Deadline	Deadline to Request a Letter of Recommendation
December 15	December 3
January 1	December 3
January 15	January 1

Excerpt from College Admission from Application to Acceptance, Step by

Step by Former Dean of Admission at Stanford, Swarthmore and Sarah Lawrence (Robin Mamlet) and Journalist & Parent (Christine Vandavelde)

“9 Things Admission Officers Look for in an Application.

1. **Good objective scores.** You won’t be surprised to hear that at many of the more selective schools, the quantitative data—your SAT or ACT scores, your GPA and class standing, the number of AP courses you took and how you did, and perhaps your SAT Subject tests—loom large. That’s because these scores provide a quick and dirty way of establishing levels of students. And, though virtually no school will tell you what the cutoff score is for admission to their school (if even there is one), they do provide a range of scores that last year’s class had, the so-called 25 to 75 percent band. Why would they do that if scores weren’t very important?

2. **Students who challenge themselves.** Whether it’s taking a rigorous course load, being the main agent of an activity, creating a new club or pushing oneself in a tough sport, admissions officers respond to students who reach beyond the bounds of what’s easy. It can be out-of-class or out-of-state, but finding ways to engage that go beyond the ordinary can distinguish an application. One thing to think about is the depth of your commitment and the ways you effectuate it. Some students might take especially challenging courses at their high school or even on the web or at a local college. Some students might seek out summer internships or work opportunities to develop a skill, interest, or passion. Some students might undertake very extensive community service and develop high-impact programs over a number of years. Whatever you do that goes beyond the norm can signal to colleges that you will also be motivated to go beyond the norm when you’re accepted to their college.”

I’ll provide more tips in next weeks’ newsletter, but please keep in mind that the suggestions above are for students looking to create as many options as possible for themselves, including schools that may be more selective. The majority of colleges in the United States accept over 60% of students who apply. Many are not particularly selective. For example, there are several California State Universities (CSUs) that are not impacted. This means that if a Bishop student passes the required coursework, earns a 3.0 GPA in those

classes and takes the SAT or ACT exam, they will be **automatically admissible** to those CSUs. And, while the SAT or ACT exam is required for admission consideration at those CSUs, there isn't a minimum test score required for students over a 2.99 GPA.

Junior parents, if you have not already made an appointment to meet with me in spring semester, please reach out to Ms. Gonzalez to set up a day and time for us to get together.

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Spiritual Life – *Mrs. Jennifer Winnewisser*

Project Santa will begin immediately upon our return from the Thanksgiving break. Please encourage your students to "pick a tag" (or two) and purchase a gift for a person in the Santa Barbara community deserving of our help at Christmas. Be on the lookout for specific instructions and other ways your students can volunteer their time.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Thanksgiving Prayers and Blessings to all!

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Athletics – Mr. Dan Peeters

Welcome back from your Thanksgiving Break. Our Fall Sports Banquet will be held Sunday, December 9th at 5:30 pm. I look forward to seeing all those athletes involved in the fall sports and their families to celebrate the achievements made by our students.

Please check with your sports representative about tickets, etc.

GO CARDINALS!

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Upcoming Athletic Events

Tuesday November 27

Boys Soccer Home vs Grace Brethren 3:15p **EARLY RELEASE 2:14p**
Boys Basketball Home vs Santa Paula Frosh 4:00p, JV 5:30, Varsity 7:00p **NO EARLY RELEASE**
Girls Basketball @ Valley Christian(Santa Maria) 6:00pm **NO EARLY RELEASE**

Wednesday November 28

Girls Varsity Basketball Home vs Coastal Christian Bird Cage Classic 7:00p **NO EARLY RELEASE**

Thursday November 29

Girls Soccer Home vs Carpinteria 3:15pm **SCHOOL OUT 1:30p**
Boys Soccer @ Laguna Blanca 3:15pm **SCHOOL OUT 1:30p**
Girls Varsity Basketball Home vs Santa Maria Bird Cage Classic 4:30p **SCHOOL OUT 1:30p**

Friday November 30

Boys Varsity Basketball @ Laguna Blanca 5:00p **NO EARLY RELEASE**

Saturday December 1

Boys Soccer Home vs Orcutt Academy 1:00p

Boys Basketball Home vs Carpinteria JV 4:30p, Varsity 6:00p

Girls Varsity Basketball Home vs Coast Union Bird Cage Classic 3:00p

Upcoming Bishop Events Calendar

11/25

Sunday Obligation

Rotation 7

11/26

School resumes

Gala and Auction Reception

11-27

Special Bell Schedule (Guest Presenter)

11-28

BISHOP PLUS 1,2,3,4

11-29

BISHOP PLUS 7,5,6

Bishop Events Looking Ahead ...

12/7

Advent Mass

12/13

Admissions Wrap Party

12/14

Christmas Fair

12/17

Finals 1,2,3

12/18
Finals 4,5

12/19
Finals 6,7

12/20/18 thru 1/2/19
Christmas Break

1/3
School Resumes