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Dates to Remember:

February

- 1 Evening of Theatre – PAB, 7:00 p.m.
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- 4 No School – School Office Closed, Faculty & Staff Retreat
- 7 School Mass – 11:30 a.m., Carroll Center
Sadie Hawkins Dance Presale Tickets available, Room 201
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- 9 Sadie Hawkins Dance Regular Tickets available online only.
- 12 Minimum Day – Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
- 14 Valentine’s Day Lunch
- 16 Amat Relays, 10:00 a.m.
- 18 President’s Day – No School, Office closed
- 20 Parent Association General Meeting, Library, 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Last day to purchase Sadie Hawkins Dance tickets
Junior Parent College Information, 7:00 p.m., Library
- 22 End of grading period
- 23 Class of 2023 Make Up Exam, 9:00 a.m.
Junior Parent College Information, Library 10:00 a.m.
- 25 Virtus Certification , Room 108, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 26 Minimum Day – 12:40 p.m. dismissal
Faculty Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
Jostens Ring Orders at Lunch
Kairos Parents Mass, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Mother Son Dance Presale Tickets, Room 201

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The month of February initiates that time when we begin the balancing act of keeping up with a very busy spring calendar while looking ahead to preparations for 2019-2020.

Re-registration season for next school year begins on February 19 when our current ninth grade students receive information from their counselors regarding the course registration process. Over the next two months, our school counselors will meet individually with each student in grades 9, 10 and 11 to assist with making 2019-2020 course determinations. Dads and moms are very much part of this process! Students are expected to discuss their course plan with a parent and obtain an approval signature prior to submitting academic paperwork to their counselor. Likewise, all parents are encouraged to attend our General Parent Meeting on Wednesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. wherein more details regarding the 2019-2020 school year will be presented.

Beyond making course selections, there is also a financial component to the re-registration process. The \$300 Registration Fee-Part I, which reserves a student’s place for the 2019-2020 school year, will be billed automatically on the March tuition statement for all families of students in grades 9, 10, and 11. For more details, please refer to the article from the Finance Office and the registration deadlines listed in the Counseling Department section of the newsletter.

This time of year also provides our students with a number of opportunities for Christian Service. Thank you so much to those parents who facilitated their student’s involvement in Shoes that Fit drive and/or the provision of a hot meal to our community’s homeless that took place on January 30 at St. John Vianney Parish in Hacienda Heights. On February 5, all students will meet with their faculty advisors to review our school’s Christian Service requirements and upcoming service opportunities. Parents of senior students are especially

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FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE

Jostens on Campus!

A Jostens representative will visit with all sophomores on Tuesday, February 19 to provide them with information regarding class rings. We will also host a Jostens Family Ring Night on Tuesday, February 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the library. At this event, a Jostens representative will be available to meet directly with parents to provide information, answer questions and to take orders for class rings. Jostens will also be on campus during lunch to take orders from students on Wednesday, February 27, Thursday, February 28 and on Friday, March 8.

Parent Hours

Parent Hours will be due soon! Earn some hours in our Infirmary. If you are Virtus trained and are willing to help, please call the Attendance Office (ext. 5876) to sign up for the Infirmary.

Parents are reminded that the school offices are not equipped to store or deliver lunches to students. While we understand that this may sometimes be unavoidable, please make every effort to have your student remember to bring lunch in the morning.

In addition, per school policy, the school does not accept any food, balloons, flowers or other items delivered to the school in celebration of a birthday, anniversary, Valentine's Day or other special day. We thank you, in advance, for your understanding and cooperation.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Just a friendly reminder that, per school policy, once students are dismissed to a scheduled break, lunch or activity, a student cannot be pulled for an Early Dismissal.

In addition, on special activity or picnic days, Early Dismissal requests will not be approved and processed unless the parent/legal guardian comes to campus to personally make the request. This includes the parent/legal guardian of any student driver. Phone call requests will not be accepted either. There will be no exceptions to these policies.

FROM THE ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Sadie Hawkins Dance Information

The Sadie Hawkins Dance will take place on Saturday, March 2 at Knott's Berry Farm. Presale tickets will be available in the ASB Office on Thursday, February 7 and Friday, February 8 for \$55 per person. Regular price tickets will be available on the Bishop Amat website from Saturday, February 9 until Thursday, February 21 for \$70 per person. The dance will take place from 6:30 PM-11 PM. It is very important that if you are picking up your child, you must be at Knott's Berry Farm by 11 PM sharp to avoid incurring a late fee.

Mother Son Dance Information

Mother/Son Dance- The Mother/Son Dance will take place on Saturday, March 30 from 6-10 PM in the Carroll Center. Presale tickets will be available in the ASB Office on Thursday, February 28 and Friday, March 1 for \$35 per person. Regular price tickets will be available on the Bishop Amat website from Saturday, March 2 until Thursday, March 21 for \$40 per person.

Bishop Amat High School Hosts First Annual School Maker Faire

Bishop Amat High School is hosting its first annual Maker Faire on Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the Carroll Center.

The purpose of the Maker Faire is to support the building of a community of collaborative problem-solvers, future engineers, and designers. This is also an effort to raise awareness and interest in the science, technology, art, and engineering fields. In addition to student works on display, there will be many fun activities for students of all ages. Booths will include activities and displays by: Robotics team, Girls Who Code, Maker Club, Minorities in STEM, Fashion Club and Page Turners Book Club. Hands on activities will include: building structures out of everyday materials, art with math equations, Microbit coding, Barbie bungee calculation, paper airplane design, LED/textile creation, 3D Printing demos and bubble science.

Friends and family are welcome!

Admission is FREE- Please RSVP via email to:
ksyroboyarsky@bishopamat.org

FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Entrance Test

Bishop Amat will be administering a make-up entrance test on Saturday, February 23 for current 8th graders who will be attending Bishop Amat for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you know of a family who is interested in finding out more about Bishop Amat, please have them contact us at 626-962-2495, Ext. 7435.

FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE

7 Week Grades

The first 7-Week grading period concludes on February 22. Parents and students can access digital Progress Reports online starting February 27. Page 51 of Lancer Life demonstrates where to access digital copies of grades. The eligibility day for athletics and activities is on Monday, March 4, 2019.

HONOR ROLL RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the many students who have received both First and Second honors due to their academic performance during the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

These outstanding students' names are posted on campus in order to further honor their achievements. Thank you to all of the parents and guardians for the role that you play in helping your students succeed. Keep up the good work!

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

Registration 2019-2020

The annual Registration Fee of \$300 to save a seat for your student for the 2019-2020 school year, will be billed on your tuition account in March. This fee must be paid if you intend for your student to continue at Bishop Amat. It is extremely important that this fee be paid in March as the school hires teachers based on the number of students registered. The Schedule of Financial Obligations will be published no later than March 1 and will be emailed to all parents.

Financial Aid 2019-2020

The deadline to request financial aid for next school year is Friday, February 8. As a reminder, financial aid is given year to year. If you need financial assistance, you must reapply each year. Applications are available online and in the Finance Office. Documentation needed: a copy of your completed 2017 tax return, W2 for 2018 and a recent paycheck stub. Please direct any questions you may have to Mrs. Nora Marino at 626-962-2495, Ext. 7414.

FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT RE-REGISTRATION 2018-19

On February 19, we will begin the process of registering students for their classes for next year. Counselors are giving students the information and forms necessary for registration during homeroom periods as listed in Lancer Life:

Freshmen	Forms Due:	March 5
Sophomores	Forms Due:	March 28
Juniors	Forms Due:	April 17

Counselors are meeting with students individually to talk with them about which classes they might want to take and to make sure that they meet the pre-requisites for these classes. It is up to the student and parents, however, to ultimately choose classes, and to choose alternate classes that may be needed to resolve any conflicts when schedules are finalized. Both parent and students must sign the registration form, and the Billing/Computer Information Form before they are ultimately submitted to the student's counselor.

Counselors will enter the classes into the computer system as they did last year. Students will receive a confirmation of the classes they registered for during the month of May and schedules for the 2019-20 academic year will be available in late July.

AP EXAM FEE REDUCTIONS

The 2019 Advanced Placement exam fee is \$94.00 per exam. Students may request a \$32.00 fee reduction based on income. A copy of the parent/guardian 2018 filed tax return showing gross adjusted income is required to be submitted to the testing coordinator, Ms. McCullough, by February 8. If you have questions, please contact Ms. McCullough at 626 962 2495 Ext. 7410.

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reminded that fulfillment of Christian Service (20 hours per school year) is a requirement for graduation from Bishop Amat High School. All Lancers are asked to save the date on Saturday, March 16 when our school will again host the annual Catholic Charities Footprints event which directly benefits needy families residing in the San Gabriel Valley. All students, parents, and members of the Bishop Amat Family are encouraged to participate.

And finally, in news from our Activities Office, on Saturday, February 9, our campus will host our first ever Maker Faire as organized by various student groups. Exhibits and activities by the Bishop Amat Robotics Team and Girls Who Code, Minorities in STEM, Page-Turners, Maker, and Fashion Clubs will be on display from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Carroll Center. All current Lancers and prospective students and their families are welcome to participate and enjoy.

God bless,
Mr. Beck

COLLEGE APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR JUNIOR PARENTS

Mr. Michael Scott, our College Counselor, will hold college information meetings for parents of junior students at the end of this month. The same presentation will be given in the Brutocao Library each of the following dates:

Thursday, February 21	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 23	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 26	7:00 p.m.

It is strongly recommended that junior parents attend one of these valuable meetings regarding college planning and procedures. This will be the only opportunity this academic year for junior parents to receive formal instruction on the college application process. Individual appointments will not be available to receive this general information.