



The Amat Lancer

Parent Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

DECEMBER

- 7 Choir Christmas Concert, 7:00 p.m., Carroll Center
 - 8 Band Christmas Concert, 7:00 p.m., Carroll Center
 - 11 NET Ministries – Campus Ministry Twilight Retreat
 - 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, 11:30 a.m., Carroll Center
 - 14 Minimum Day – 12:40 p.m. dismissal
 - 18 Semester I – Final Exams – Per 1, 2, 3 – 12:40 p.m. dismissal
 - 19 Semester I – Final Exam – Per 4, Father Daughter Dance Tickets
Presale during lunch only (Room 201)
 - 20 Semester I – Final Exams – Per 5, 6, 7 – 12:40 p.m. dismissal
Father Daughter Dance Presale Tickets sold after school until 1:30 p.m., ASB Office
 - 21 Christmas Vacation begins
Semester I Grades Mailed & Available Online
- Dec 24 – Jan 1 – School Office Closed

JANUARY

- 2 School office opened – 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
- 8 School resumes – Regular Day - 7:55 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Open House – 6:30 p.m.
- 14 No School - Faculty Faith Formation
- 21 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

During this Advent season, as we prepare with grateful hearts for the divine gift of Christ Jesus made human on Christmas Day, the Bishop Amat administration, faculty and staff thank you, our school's parents, for your support of our educational program.

By regularly monitoring your student's academic progress, communicating with teachers, volunteering on campus, and supporting our campus ministry and extracurricular programs, you have contributed to a very successful and productive semester. Our school family has worked together to accomplish much during these first months of the school year.

Semester exams are scheduled for December 18, 19, and 20. Please be sure to take note of the reminders concerning academic transcripts and parent portal access included in the Studies Office section of this newsletter. School will resume from Christmas break on Tuesday, January 8.

I pray that all members of the Bishop Amat Family will have a blessed Christmas, a safe and enjoyable vacation, and a healthy and happy 2019!

God Bless,
Mr. Beck

December Office Hours

All parents are asked to note the following adjustments to our campus office hours during December:

Friday, December 14 ... offices will close at 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 18...offices will close at 2:30 p.m.
Monday, December 24 – Tuesday, January 1 ... all campus offices will be closed
Wednesday, January 2 – Monday, January 7 ... all campus offices open (7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.)



STUDENT SERVICES

As the cooler days approach, we would like to remind parents and students about acceptable outerwear for the school day. In addition to Mills sweaters and vests, the ONLY sweatshirts that students are allowed to wear are Bishop Amat school/team sweatshirts. In very cold weather, students are allowed to wear a solid color coat/jacket over a Bishop Amat sweatshirt. The solid color coat/jacket should have no writing, emblems or designs of any kind and can only be worn if a Bishop Amat sweatshirt alone does not keep the student warm. Please refer to page 28 of the Lancer Life for more information.

Parent volunteers are needed to work in our Infirmary on a daily basis. If you are Virtus trained and are interested in earning parent hours in this capacity, please stop by or contact the Attendance Office at 626-962-2495 ext. 5876 to sign up. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

Parents are reminded that the school does not accept deliveries for students whether lunch or personal belongings. Please do your best to ensure that your son/daughter has his/her lunch and personal belongings before leaving the house in the morning.

If your student is absent, please remember to send him/her with a signed absent note upon his/her return to school to clear the absence. Be sure to include your student's name, ID #, reason for absence and a contact number along with your signature.

Father/Daughter Dance Presale Tickets

The Father/Daughter Dance is coming up on Saturday, January 26, 2019 in the Carroll Center. Presale tickets will be sold on Wednesday, December 19 at lunch in the ASB office and Thursday, December 20 from 12:40-1:30 in the ASB office. Presale tickets are available for \$35 per person. Regular price tickets will be sold online beginning on Friday, December 21 through Thursday, January 17 and will be available for \$40 per person. Hope to see you there!

FAMILY MINISTRY

Upcoming Events

Please plan to join us for these upcoming Family Ministry Events. More information will be forthcoming.

March 7 at 7:00 p.m. Family Evening of Reflection (all grades)

March 28 at 6:30 p.m. Mass for Fathers

April 4 at 7:00 p.m. Family Evening of Reflection for Seniors

April 7 at 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parent's Retreat

May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Mass for Mothers

Parent Resources

Our parents are encouraged to visit the following site for various faith based resources, as well as information on social media trends.

<https://ltparentlife.com/>

User Name:

AmatParent

Password:

Lancers1819

Family Prayers for Advent and Christmas

Advent Meal Prayer

As we prepare for the coming of your Son, O God, we hunger for signs of his love in our lives. We give you thanks for this season of waiting and hopefulness for Jesus to be even more present in the life of this family. We give you thanks for this food and drink, signs of your gracious love. May this meal strengthen us to love each other and our neighbors as we wait for the coming of your Son, Jesus. Grant this through Christ our Lord, All: Amen

Christmas Meal Prayer

God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We are grateful each of those who are gathered around this table. We ask you to bless us and our food and to bless those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough to eat. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your challenging message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We bless you and give you thanks in your Spirit who brings our hearts to life the Christmas Day and forever. Amen.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Testing

The freshman, sophomore, and junior classes took the PSAT in October. Bishop Amat should be getting the results by the end of this month. We are planning to distribute them on Friday, January 11 during the homeroom period.

With Hope Presentation

Also on Friday, January 11, all freshmen and transfer students will be attending a suicide prevention assembly presented by the With Hope Foundation. Interested parents are welcome to attend. RSVP to Mr. Escovar (gescovar@bishopamat.org).

Financial Aid for College

Counselors will be visiting senior students on January 11 to provide information regarding financial aid. Each student should be building a list of financial aid deadlines for each college and university they are applying to. The general deadline is March 2nd, but many schools have an earlier deadline.

FROM THE STUDIES OFFICE

First Semester Grades

First semester exams will be administered December 18, 19, and 20. All students are expected to be present for their examinations. Semester report cards will be mailed and available for viewing via the Parent Portal on December 21, 2018, after 12:00 p.m. Check the semester report card carefully. Only the semester letter grades appear on your child's transcript. Parents are asked to note the Semester Failures policy, which appears on Page 9 of Lancer Life. A student who fails any class at the semester is required to attend Bishop Amat Summer School, 2019. This is true regardless of whether the class is an elective or required course, and regardless of the number of credits the student has earned. Please emphasize with your student that the consequence of a semester failure is mandatory attendance at Amat summer school, this summer. Any student currently on Academic Probation who receives three semester failures may be required to withdraw from Bishop Amat High School. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Christine Shaw at extension 7421.

Portal Access

Be aware that the "Grades" portion of the Parent and Student Portals will be closed from December 18-21 at 12:00 p.m.

Semester Exams

Please note that any student planning to be absent for any final exam must make arrangements with each teacher to make-up any exams missed. Under no circumstances will a final exam be given early.

PEP SQUAD

The Bishop Amat Pep Squad is kicking off their competition season this December! They have three teams representing Amat this year including Intermediate Show Cheer, Intermediate Song/Pom, and, new this year, Fight Song! You can support the Pep Squad at their upcoming USA Regional Competitions at the following dates and locations:

Saturday December 8 at University High School

Saturday December 15 at Brea O Linda High School

Saturday January 5 at Summit High School

For specific times or to keep up with Pep Squad's progress please follow them on Instagram [@amat_pepsquad!](https://www.instagram.com/amat_pepsquad/)

Attention all young Lancer Fans! The Pep Squad's annual basketball season Youth Spirit Night is taking place on January 18! Lancer Fans grades K-8th have the opportunity to cheer alongside the Pep Squad at the Varsity Boys Basketball game as they take on St. Paul High School. Participants will also take the court to perform special routines during quarter breaks and halftime! For more information please visit our Pep Squad page under the Athletics tab at bishopamat.org. We can't wait to see you there Lancer Fans!