

The Alemany Monthly

Bulletin for September, 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Alemany Community,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Bishop Alemany High School, I would like to welcome you all to the 2018-2019 school year. Summer is a very busy time around here. Busy as it is, preparing for the new school year has its own rewards. It is exciting to see what we have accomplished from our previous year's goals while creating new objectives and building upon and refining old objectives to meet the needs of our students and families. Major goals are similar from year to year. For example, increasing student achievement in every aspect of our curricular program is a major goal that is really always there. But, it's all in the details. Each of our academic departments meet regularly to look over our progress with each department chair overseeing a process of perpetual improvement and growth. The result is a school that is a living community that evolves, becoming better and better.

We have some wonderful new faculty and staff. Father Michael Sezzi is our new Chaplain, replacing Father Norm who retired. Joining our Counseling Department will be two new academic counselors, Ms. Gaspar and Mr. Cardona.

Our other new staff members are Ms. Liz Cadwalader, Director of Marketing and Admission, Mrs. Shanee Kennedy, Instrumental Music Director, and Ms. Angela Diaz, Ms. Giovanna Carballo-Rossi, and Dr. Juana Moriel are joining our World Languages Staff. Ms. Bridgette Hernandez is our new Physical Education teacher and Mr. Jonathan Norris will be teaching Math and Science.

In the months ahead, we will share with you our successes, hardships, ideas, and inspiration as we travel down the academic and spiritual road to your child's successful future. In the meantime, we'll continue to send you a weekly reminder voicemail on Sunday evenings. Please check the website often for other announcements and, of course, your child's courses on Canvas to stay on top of their progress.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Chambers

Dates to Remember

Monday, 3 rd	Labor Day - No School
Tuesday, 4 th	Parent Association Meeting 6:30 pm in Alumni Hall
Monday, 10 th	Early Dismissal – 12:30
Wednesday, 12 th	Frosh/Soph Guidance Night 6:30 pm in Alumni Hall
Thursday, 13 th	Fall Pep Rally
Thursday, 27 th	Homecoming Pep Rally & Bonfire – 7 pm in Stadium
Friday, 28 th	Homecoming Game Junior High Social – Gym
Saturday, 29 th	Homecoming Dance

Home Games

Home Games for the month are listed below.

You can find "away" games on our website calendar and at <https://alemanyathletics.org/>

Thursday, 6 th	JV Football v. Oaks Christian @ 4pm
Thursday, 6 th	Girls' Volleyball v. St. Genevieve Frosh @ 4, JV @ 5, Varsity @ 6pm
Thursday, 13 th	Girls' Volleyball v. Notre Dame Academy Frosh @ 4, JV @ 5, Varsity @ 6pm
Friday, 14 th	Football v. Downey Frosh @ 3:30, Varsity @ 7pm
Tuesday, 25 th	Girls' Volleyball v. Chaminade Frosh @ 4, JV @ 5, Varsity @ 6pm
Thursday, 27 th	Girls' Volleyball v. Chaminade Frosh @ 4, JV @ 5, Varsity @ 6pm
Friday, 28 th	Football v. Loyola Frosh @ 3:30, Varsity @ 7pm

Chaplain's Corner

New beginnings always bring a renewed spirit and excitement into our lives. As we begin this new academic year, filled with enthusiasm, let us ask the Lord to bless our spiritual, academic and extra-curricular activities. To keep us focused on the good things God has in store for us I wish to share with you a short prayer that can help each of us to keep God ever-present in our busy lives:

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Fr. Sezzi

ASB Notes

Your Alemany ASB has been prepping all summer to make this fall unforgettable and full of Warrior Spirit. This month we will be celebrating "The Greatest School" at our circus inspired Fall Pep Rally on Thursday, September 13th. We look forward to the opportunity to highlight athletes, watch amazing performances by our own students and come together as a school to pump up that Warrior pride.

Our annual Spirit Week and many Homecoming traditions are just around the corner. Students will have the chance to dress up to different themes at school each day and make memories at the Bonfire Pep Rally, Homecoming Game and Homecoming Dance. If you want to be "savvy" with this year's theme, prepare to board the Black Pearl and make your way to the Caribbean with none other than swashbuckler pirates themselves. More information about each event and costume guidelines will be available online. Remember, like Jack Sparrow says, "Not all treasure's silver and gold, mate." We hope these memories last a lifetime so mark your calendars now for the week of September 24th.

Ms. Fama – ASB Director

Academic News

Greetings from the Studies Office!

As we settle into this new school year, the Studies Office is happy to announce that we have several events coming up on our agenda. We look forward to helping students settle into a successful academic year, work on college applications, and familiarize themselves with Naviance, our college and career readiness program.

Upcoming Events

Freshman Studies Days *for students*
(throughout the school day)

- September 4th
- September 12th
- October 11th

Studies Days allow students the opportunity to work on their resumes, think about college and career choices, and get an overview of how the college process works. Students will do this on one of the above days, while other members of the Freshman class go on retreat or engage in a service activity.

Frosh/Soph Guidance Night *for parents*

September 12th in Alumni Hall @ 6:30 p.m.

Junior/Senior College Fieldtrips *for students*

- September 26th – Cal Poly Pomona
- October 12th – USC

Junior and Senior students can pick up permission slips for college fieldtrips in the Counseling Office before school, after school, or at break. The cost for each fieldtrip is \$20.00 and payments can be made at the Tuition Office.

Ms. Arnold – Assistant Principal of Academics

Ms. White – Director of Counseling

Parents of Seniors

Please encourage your students to continue (or begin) their college search process.

The Senior Fall semester passes quickly and students must search, choose, and apply soon. Deadlines are approaching! Counselors will be meeting with Seniors throughout the coming months to help them through this important process.

Reminder: University of California & Cal State Applications are due by November 30. Private college deadlines vary.

From the Parent Assoc.

Get involved with the Parent Association!

We plan events for the staff and students throughout the year. Help out our events to fulfill your commitment of 15 parent service hours.

We meet the first Monday of every month, with the exception of a couple months. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 4, at 6:30pm in Alumni Hall. All are welcome.

Please join us at our first event of the year:

Grandparents and Family Mass and Brunch

Sunday, September 9

9:30am in the Chapel

Following mass, brunch will be served in Alumni Hall.

Pre purchase tickets online at parents.Alemanym.org under the parent association tab.

Tickets are \$10 per person pre-sale or \$15 at the door.

Purchase early to save. We hope to see you there.

You can contact us at anytime at our email alemanyparentassociation@gmail.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Jennifer Taylor

Parent Association President

Junior Class Retreat

The first Junior Class Retreat of the year is coming up on September 18.

Discipleship is a Junior Class three-day retreat. The retreat focuses on vocation discernment and Christian discipleship. Through presentations, large and small group discussions, a variety of engaging activities, opportunity for Confession and Mass, the students examine God's presence in their lives and how God might be calling them to live right now and in the future. Under adult supervision and the faculty director, the retreat is led by current seniors who have received the necessary training and preparation to lead this retreat.

Mrs. Nunneri, Discipleship Retreat Director

From Campus Ministry

The staff of the Campus Ministry Center wishes to extend our best wishes to all of you as we invite you to be a part of the events and spirit of the new school year. The Campus Ministry Center is a resource for the development of the identity of Bishop Alemany High School as a Catholic school. Here the students and staff are welcome to become involved in the development of their own faith and in the development of our faith community. Through the meeting of open hearts and open minds, together we are better able to discover the joys of living in and through Christ. The Campus Ministry theme for the upcoming school year is

"One God and Father of all"

"...one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:5-6).

In the letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul writes about oneness in the Christian community. By that time the Church was comprised of people from a variety of former faith and non-faith backgrounds, from many different countries, from different social spheres, and with different languages. For the Church to survive and continue to grow it needed to be one. Paul, writing from prison, asks the believers to be unified in their common love of God.

He goes on to recognize the variety of gifts the people possess in the Spirit which are at service to the Church, their different relationships, ways, and even beliefs. However, most important is what is common among them. In describing God Paul uses the Greek word for Father, emphasizing the familial love that is primary to our relationship with God. We are the adopted children of a God who loves us. The task of the believer is to surrender to this love in and through love.

Bishop Alemany is a gifted community of many different believers. May 2018-19 be a celebration of all that we hold in common, especially our love for our Father.

Mr. Levan

Director of Campus Ministry

We will celebrate the
Feast of Our Lady of Angels
with a school mass on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Students must be in formal dress for the day!

Teacher's Corner

Hello, my name is Tim Peeters. I began teaching at Alemany in 1991. This September I will be participating in my 28th KAIROS retreat. As I was reflecting on the upcoming retreat I was struck by an overwhelming sense of gratitude for my past 27 years at Alemany.

I am fortunate enough to have worked with truly wonderful people throughout my career. I have been blessed with administrators who have allowed me to grow in my profession and I continue to work each and every day with extremely talented teachers and staff members.

It has been the students that I teach however that I feel the most grateful for. Everyday I have opportunity to engage with our amazing kids. This year I will turn 55 and I get to begin using my AARP card to its full potential. (You can acquire an AARP card at 50 but you don't really start getting any loot from it until 55.) I can honestly say that I'm one of the few people I know who still absolutely loves his job. I am excited about going into work every day. It is our students that have made teaching so enjoyable.

During my time at Alemany teachers have occasionally left and moved on to other schools. When I ask them how it is going at their new schools, they invariably say they miss the Alemany students. They say the schools that they have moved on to just don't have that same sense of community that they experienced at Alemany.

I suppose in the end it is the parents of our students that deserve the most thanks. Great kids are not created in a vacuum. It takes tremendous effort to allow one's child to reach their potential. Parenting has always been difficult but the advent of the internet and cell phones has undoubtedly made parenting even more challenging. In addition, we live in a culture that is quick to criticize parents for all the ills of our society. It can feel like a thankless job at times. Our kids are amazing because our parents are amazing. Thank you to all our Alemany parents for everything you do!

I look forward to this upcoming school year and the opportunity to work with you and your children as they grow, not only academically, but in their relationships, their relationships with you, with others, and with God.

Thank you,

Mr. Peeters

Math Department Chair

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Bishop Alemany High School

Warrior Fall Raffle

**All proceeds to benefit the students of Bishop Alemany High School*

August 29th– October 17th, 2018

Grand Prize: \$5,000

2nd Place: \$4,000 3rd Place: \$3,000 4th Place: \$2,000 5th Place: \$1,000

Prizes for Ticket Sellers

1st Place: \$500 2nd Place: \$400 3rd Place: \$300 4th Place: \$200 5th Place: \$100

PARENTS: Sell your tickets in an effort to fulfill your fundraising obligation.

Drawing will be held at our last home Football game vs. Notre Dame on October 19th, 2018

Winner does not need to be present.

Where do I get tickets and where do I turn them in?

- Tickets were distributed to your student (oldest if you have multiple Alemany students) in their Period 6 class on Thursday, Aug. 30.
- Each family was provided with four books (40 tickets, 10 tickets each book, \$5 per ticket, at a total value of \$200).
- Additional tickets are available through the Advancement Office.
- To assist you in meeting your fundraising obligation, sell your raffle tickets to your friends and family and **turn in by Wednesday, October 17th at 3:00pm.**
- Tickets and fee not turned into the Business Office by the due date will be billed to your family's tuition account. Cash or checks will be accepted.
- Please make checks payable to: **Bishop Alemany High School.**

For further information: www.alemany.org / Email: giving@alemany.org
or contact Gina Pérez -Advancement Office Assistant - (818) 837-5306.