



The Amat Lancer

Parent Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

- 1 Dance Team Try out clinic, 3:30 p.m., CC
Athletic Booster Meeting, 6:00 p.m., CC
- 2 Class of 2020 Registration begins
Dance Team Try out clinic, 3:30 p.m., CC
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Family Ministry Evening of Reflection,
7:00 p.m., LIB
- 5 Spring Musical, 8:00 p.m., Whittier Center
Theatre
- 6 Spring Musical, 8:00 p.m., Whittier Center
Theatre
- 8 Summer School Registration Forms available
Online & Office
Pep Squad Try out Clinic, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.,
CC
- 9 Minimum Day – 12:40 Dismissal
Dance Team Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 Pep Squad Try out Clinic, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.,
CC
- 11 Christian Service Hours DUE
Pep Squad Try out Clinic, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.,
CC
- 12 End of Grading Period
Pep Squad Try outs, 3:30 p.m., CC
Spring Musical, 8:00 p.m., Whittier Center
Theatre
- 13 Spring Musical, 2:00 p.m., Whittier Center
Theatre
Spring Musical, 8:00 p.m., Whittier Center
Theatre
- 16 Student Art Exhibit, CC Dining & Dance
Rooms
- 17 Progress Reports available online
Class of 2020 Registration DUE
- 18-26 Easter Vacation
- 19 No Games or Practices
- 29 Virtus Training, LIB

Important Traffic and Parking Reminders

All parents and student-drivers are urged to remain mindful of all parking and traffic laws. Recently, there have been a number of reports concerning unsafe driving and illegal parking in the vicinity surrounding campus. Specifically, please do not block driveways of neighbors' homes. Beyond the inconvenience this presents for our neighbors, blocking driveways (even if only temporarily) poses a major safety risk. As such, the sheriff's department will be notified immediately whenever this violation is brought to the school's attention.

Secondly, parents of student-drivers are asked to please speak to their students about refraining from parking in the green zone directly in front of the school. This area is reserved for parents and others who are conducting business on campus – not for those parking for the duration of the school day. Students with permits to park on campus should plan to arrive to school on time to avoid having to park on the street after the gates close at 8:00 a.m.

Finally, all drivers in the vicinity of campus should never double park. Law enforcement has increased its patrol of the school, especially during drop-off and pick-up times, and will issue citations to those who violate this basic traffic regulation.

Thank you to all parents for their assistance in maintaining safety and good relations with our neighbors!

Planning Ahead: Back to School 2019-2020

Looking ahead to the upcoming school year, orientation for all freshmen (class of 2023) will take place on Thursday, August 15 and Friday, August 16, 2019. Classes will begin for all students with a full day of school on Monday, August 19, 2019.



STUDIES OFFICE SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

Bishop Amat Summer School begins Monday, June 17 and ends Friday, July 19. Classes will meet Monday through Friday, with the exception of July 4 and 5. As per school policy, any student who earned a first semester grade of F in any course is required to attend Summer School at Bishop Amat. Requests to be excused from summer classes due to planned vacations or participation in athletic travel teams, summer jobs, etc. will not be accepted.

Summer School registration forms and information packets will be available in the Front Office and on the school website beginning Monday, April 8. Students with first semester failing grades, or those who wish to enroll in elective courses must submit registration forms to the Main Office by Friday, May 17 to avoid incurring a \$25 late fee. Students are reminded that select courses such as Health Education and computer-oriented courses reach maximum enrollment quickly, so registering early is highly recommended.

The cost for Summer School is \$350 for one class, \$475 for two classes, and \$600 for three classes. Tuition for Health Education is \$125 due to its abbreviated schedule (see article below for specifics regarding the Summer 2019 Health Education course). Payment is required at the time registration forms are submitted to the Main Office. Please contact any school counselor if you have questions pertaining to Summer School 2019.

A Note Regarding Health Education

Completion of the Health Education course is a requirement for students to earn a high school diploma. Most Bishop Amat students fulfill the state-mandated health course through their participation in PE during the ninth grade; however, the Health Education curriculum is not completed by students enrolled in Marching Band or select athletic team-specific PE classes. For these students, the summer school Health Education course is offered. Students **MUST** complete this course during any summer prior to their senior year in order to earn a diploma at the end of twelfth grade. Any student currently in the eleventh grade who has not completed the Health Education course should plan to do so during the Summer School 2019 session. There are two sessions for which students may enroll, based

on their preference or availability as follows:

Session I: Monday, June 17 – Friday, June 28

Session II: Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 19

Due to the abbreviated schedule, students must attend all ten class sessions in order to receive credit for the course. For questions regarding Summer School Health Education, please contact your student's counselor.

Report Cards: 14-Week Grading Period

April 12 marks the end of the 14-week grading period. Report cards will be processed and available online Wednesday, April 17. Parents can also access their student's grades via the Parent Portal on April 17. You may review your student's grades by following the step-by-step directions on page 51 of Lancer Life. 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. Please emphasize with your student that the consequence of a semester failure is mandatory attendance at Bishop Amat summer school, this summer. Any student who receives three semester failures may be required to withdraw from Bishop Amat High School. If you have any questions about the reporting of grades, please call Ms. Christine Shaw at Ext. 7421. To inquire as to why your child received a particular grade, contact his or her teacher.

PARENT HOURS

The May deadline for completed parent hours is fast approaching! We are in need of volunteers in the Infirmary. If you are Virtus certified and are willing to earn some parent hours, please call the Attendance Office (ext. 5876) to sign up for the Infirmary.

ASB

ASB Elections - Applications will be available the week of April 1 in the ASB office for current juniors interested in being school leaders. Applications are due at the mandatory meeting after school on Monday, April 8 in Room 201. Elections will take place on Thursday, May 2. Class Officer applications for current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors interested in being leaders for their class will be available the week of May 6 in the ASB office

STUDENT SERVICES

Prom

The 2019 Prom will be held on Friday, May 3, 2019 at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Check-in and pictures will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and dancing to follow. Prom is open to juniors and seniors only. Sophomores may be a guest, but freshmen are not allowed to attend. Tickets will be available through Wednesday, April 17, 2019 and can be purchased on the Bishop Amat website for \$95 per person or \$190 per couple.

Parents are reminded that tuition accounts must be current for students to be eligible to attend Prom.

Prior to the dance, all students attending the Prom must read, sign and submit a Student/Parent Agreement Form either electronically (if purchased online) or a hardcopy (if purchased in person). The formal dance dress code is listed on the Student/Parent Agreement Form. It is very important that all students, including guests, abide by the dress code expectations. In an effort to avoid what could be an awkward situation at check-in, ALL dresses, including those of guests, must be approved before the dance. Students will be required to provide a picture of the student wearing the dress, which should be submitted along with the agreement form or guest pass request form no later than Wednesday, April 17, which is also the last day to purchase a prom bid.

The use of drugs and/or alcohol before and/or during the dance is against school policy and is illegal. An Interquest representative will be at this event to ensure that this event is drug and alcohol-free. Our school policy will be enforced if these substances are found on any student or if their use is detected.

Please refer to the our website for more information, necessary forms and online ticket purchasing.

FINANCE OFFICE

2019-2020 Registration Fee

The \$300 Registration Fee-Part I was previously included on the March tuition statement for all current students in grades 9 -11. Parents are reminded that this fee is non-refundable as it represents a commitment for your student to remain enrolled at Bishop Amat for the 2019-2020 school year. The Registration Fee-Part II (\$500) is billed to student tuition accounts in June. All current ninth and tenth grade students should have already submitted all necessary course registration forms to their counselor. The submission deadline for current eleventh graders to do so is Wednesday, April 17.

Class of 2019 Graduation Fee

The Graduation Fee of \$400 has been added to the April statement of all current senior students. Included in this fee are the costs associated with Grad Nite at Disneyland Resort, Senior Luau, Senior Dinner, caps/ gowns, and the various other graduation-related events. Congratulations Senior Parents... the end of high school tuition and fees is near!

Important Notice Regarding Prom

Please be advised that if your tuition account is delinquent, your student will not be allowed to attend the Junior/Senior Prom on May 3, 2019. There will be no exceptions to this policy. Students with delinquent tuition accounts will not be allowed to purchase a Prom Bid or attend the Prom as a guest of another student. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Ms. Oswald, Director of Finance, Ext. 7444.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Christian Service Awards

Congratulations and appreciation goes to Elizabeth Elias, Jeanette Rodriguez and Marissa Rodriguez who were this year's recipients of the Archdiocesan Christian Service awards. They were recognized on March 19, 2019 for their dedication to Christian Service. The ceremony was held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels after the celebration of the Holy Mass presided by Archbishop Jose Gomez.

Christian Service Requirement

Thursday, April 11 is the date in which all students must submit their records of completed Christian Service hours for the current school year. Every student is required to fulfill at least twenty hours of service per school year and must submit all necessary documentation by the April 11 due date. Seniors who are deficient in Christian Service participation do not earn a diploma and will not participate in the May 31 commencement exercises. Students in grades 9 – 11 who have not earned sufficient hours may be required to do so during Summer School 2019 by enrolling in the Christian Service class under the supervision of Mr. Kasilag, our Christian Service Moderator, and must pay applicable summer school tuition fees. Parents with questions are encouraged to contact Mr. Kasilag at extension 5710 or bkasilag@bishopamat.org.

Family Ministry

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Mass for Amat Dads on March 28. Similarly, a Mass for Amat Moms is being planned.

The Senior Family Evening of Reflection will take place on Thursday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. This event is open to all of our senior families. We ask that our seniors attend with at least one parent or guardian. Please join us to reflect on your journey to and after graduation. Parents attending this event with their senior student will receive one parent hour and seniors attending with their parent or guardian will receive one student service hour. For planning purposes, please register for the event by emailing Ms. Nicole Pfiester at npfiester@bishopamat.org with the number of people attending the event.



2019 Christian Service Award Winners

(From Left to Right)

Jeanette Rodriguez, Elizabeth Elias, Marissa Rodriguez
and Mr. Kasilag, Christian Service Director