



President's Newsletter

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Dear Bishop Stang Friends and Family:

In his exhortation, "Gaudete et Exsultate" (Call to Holiness), Pope Francis reminds us, "We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves." The theme for the 2018-19 school year comes from this reminder that we are all "Called to be Saints." St. Paul also reminds us; "To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 1:2). When we think about the Saints we often think of Mother Teresa, Saint John Paul II, St. Anthony, or St. Therese. They are great witnesses of faith because they were ordinary people who tried their best every day to answer God's call to follow Him. We are given this same calling. To be called to be a saint is to be called to love one another, to care for the poor and most vulnerable in our society, and to speak of and lead others to Christ. During this school year, I pray that we all may find the strength to hear and believe our own calling to be the saints of today to all who we encounter. God bless!

Love and Prayers,

Amanda Tarantelli
Director of Campus Ministry

Important October Dates

Holiday, Half-Day, Conferences

In observance of Columbus Day, there will be no school on Monday, October 8th. The Business Office will also be closed. Wednesday, October 10th is a half-day for students (no school for seniors), followed by Parent/Teacher Conferences from 1-4 and 5-7 pm.

Parent - Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, Oct 10th

Parents are encouraged to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 10th. Teachers will be available from 1:00 – 4:00 pm and 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Parents may attend either session.

Photo Day for 9, 10 and 11th Grades

Thursday, Nov 8th

Color photo packages will be available on Thursday, November 8th on stage in the gym during homeroom period, free periods and both lunch shifts. Package information and forms will be distributed to homerooms prior to photo day in order that the students bring them home to the parents.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd

Senior Parent Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, Oct. 4

Bishop's Mass 10:00 am

Monday, Oct. 8

No School- Columbus Day

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Half - Day for Students- Grades 9,10,11

PSAT Exams, Senior College Visits

Parent Teacher Conferences

1:00-4:00, 5:00-7:00 pm

Monday – Friday Oct. 15– Oct 19

Spirit Week – Homecoming Week

Wednesday, Oct. 17

After Prom meeting 6:30 pm

Friday, Oct. 19 - Saturday, Oct. 20

Homecoming Events

Sunday, Oct. 21

Hall of Honors Induction 1:00 pm

Monday, Oct. 29

Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Senior Class Non-Uniform Day

[Important Links](#)

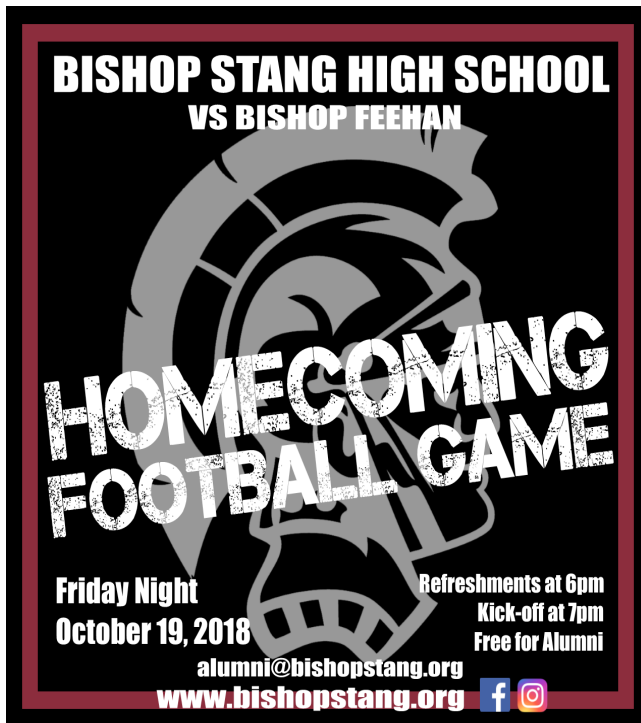
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Homecoming Festivities

Oct 19th: Senior Walk & Football Game- Welcome Alumni!

Oct 20th: Homecoming Dance

Homecoming Game - Friday, October 19th the Spartans will kick off against Bishop Feehan at 7:00 pm. All senior fall student-athletes and their parents/guardians should report to the scoreboard end of the stadium at 6:15 pm for the senior walk, scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm.

Alumni Homecoming Game Reception - Alumni and their families are invited to enjoy pre-game refreshments and free admission to the game! The Alumni Homecoming celebration begins at 6:00 pm.

Homecoming Dance - Saturday, October 20th the dance will be in the John C. O'Brien Gymnasium from 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Tickets are limited in number and will be sold to seniors first, and the remainder will be sold to underclassmen.

Freshman Retreat *Saturday, November 17th*

The annual freshman class retreat will be held on Saturday, November 17th beginning at 12:00 pm running until 10:00 pm. Registration starts at 11:30 am. Parents are invited to stay for coffee and pastries served in the foyer. We are expecting 100% participation from the freshman class. Fifty seniors will run the retreat and twenty-five juniors are assigned as prayer leaders. More than twenty adult chaperones will also attend. Parents of freshmen are invited to the closing Mass at 9:00 pm at St. Julie Billiart Church. Parents will receive an email with details by the middle of October. If you do not receive an email, please contact Mrs. Tarantelli at, atarantelli@bishopstang.org. Thank you to everyone involved for making this an unforgettable day.



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Yearbook

Order by Wednesday, Nov 1st

The 2019 yearbook is now on sale! Visit <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> and enter our school code: 12591919. Order before November 1st to receive a discounted price! All seniors will receive a free foil name on the cover. Underclassmen can purchase the foil name stamp for \$7.00. Senior parents please e-mail a baby picture of your son/daughter to Mrs. Dias as soon as possible: ndias@bishopstang.org.

NHS Blood Drive *Wednesday, Nov 14th* *100 Unit Goal for 2018*

The National Honor Society will sponsor a blood drive in the John C. O'Brien Gymnasium on Wednesday, November 14th from 9:00 am –2:00 pm. NHS has set a goal of 100 units collected for the 2018-19 school year. Participation in the program will qualify Bishop Stang to be eligible for American Red Cross scholarships. Parents and faculty are encouraged to participate. You may sign up at any time by logging into the American Red Cross website and selecting the link "find a drive". Instead of typing in a zip code, please enter code: BISHOPSTANG.

Stang Online Keeps You Informed

Remember to visit the Stang website at www.bishopstang.org to get information and updates throughout the school year. You'll also find links to our sites on [Facebook](#) as well as [Flickr](#), [Twitter](#), [Vimeo](#) and [Instagram](#).



From the Guidance Department

SAT Registration - Nov 3rd Administration

Deadline Friday, Oct 5th

SATs: The regular deadline to sign up for the November 4th SAT administration at Bishop Stang is October 5th. Visit www.collegeboard.org to register.

PSAT Testing for Grades 9, 10 and 11

Wednesday, Oct 10th

PSATs: On Wednesday, October 10th, students in grades 9-11 will be taking the PSAT. Students should get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast and arrive to school on time. There is no make-up administration of the PSAT. Dismissal for students will be at 11:30 am. Students in grades 10-11 with approved extended-time testing will finish around 12:30.

Senior College Visit Day

Wednesday, Oct 10th

Seniors should use this day off to visit colleges and work on their college applications! If they are submitting an application with a November 1st deadline, their materials must be turned into the Guidance Department by October 18th!

Host Families Wanted

Each year we are fortunate to welcome international students into our school community. Many Bishop Stang families become host families for these students and provide room and board, a supportive environment, and transportation between school and home. If you would like to learn more about hosting for a year or substitute hosting for vacations, contact Ms. Nora Hebshie at nhebshie@bishopstang.org.

From the Admissions Office

ADMISSIONS EVENTS

SPARTAN-FOR-A-DAY PROGRAM

Begins Thursday, Oct 4

The highly popular Spartan-For-A-Day visitation program starts in October. Eighth grade students who are interested in a "Day-in-the-Life" of a Spartan are encouraged to spend a day at Bishop Stang High School with one of our friendly student ambassadors. Visits are scheduled by appointment only. Please call the Admissions Office at 508-996-5602 x435 to schedule your visit.

OPEN HOUSE FOR ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Sunday, November 4th

Open House for prospective students and their families will be held on Sunday afternoon, November 4th from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Activities include student-guided tours, an overview of academic programs, religious activities, co-curricular activities and athletics.

Come learn more about the Bishop Stang Difference!



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Morning Drop-Off

Thank you to parents and students for your help in keeping our parking lot safe and the traffic flowing smoothly. The Dartmouth Police Department has directed the following traffic pattern for our use:

- There will be two lanes of traffic.
- Drop-offs must be made in the right lane beyond the crosswalk. Absolutely no drop-offs in the left lane; this is against the law. Please wait until the faculty traffic person waves for you to drop off students. If you are in the left lane, the traffic person will stop the traffic to allow you to enter the right lane. Drop-offs are only allowed in the drive-through lane. Anyone who parks in the front parking lot must use the crosswalk to enter school.

Thank you for your continued patience and assistance.



2018-2019 ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

Available Online

The 2018-2019 Application for Admission is available online at www.bishopstang.org. Call the Admissions Office 508-996-5602 x424 or x435, if you have any questions.



PLACEMENT EXAM

Saturday, Dec. 1st & Saturday Dec. 8th

Placement Exam (HSPT or SSAT) results are a requirement for all grade 9 applicants. Bishop Stang will offer the Scholastic Testing: High School Placement Test (HSPT) on Saturday, Dec. 1st or Saturday, Dec. 8th from 8:00 am - 11:30 am. Pick the date that works best for you.

Placement Exam Pre-registration is available [online](#) however, walk-ins are always welcome. The top ten placement exam scorers earn the Fr. Leonard Mullaney Scholarship (\$1000 toward freshman year tuition at Bishop Stang.) Students can qualify for the scholarship by taking the placement exam at BSHS on Dec. 1st or 8th or as students of a DFR Catholic elementary school (exams will be taken at their respective schools and submitted to BSHS).

Student Ambassadors Announce New Leadership 2017-2018 Executive Officers

The Student Ambassador program trains students in leadership and service. The Student Ambassador Executive Board, comprised of over 20 members, is responsible for planning and staffing all Admissions events as well as running the Peer Mentor Program. Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Executive Board Officers: President Katey Alberto '19, Vice-President Jennifer Chen '19, Secretary Lauren Mauretti '19, Training Officer Eric Payette '19, and Junior Officers, Myles Forgue '20 and Chikamadu Okafor '20.

Parent Appeal

Thank you for your generosity!

Sincere thanks to all the Bishop Stang families who have already made a commitment to give to the Annual Fund to help us provide the best for our students. So many of you have contributed, pledged and volunteered in response to the Parent Appeal. If you haven't returned your Parent Appeal Form yet, please do so and drop it off in the main office or mail it in today!

Thanks again for being a part of the Bishop Stang family, and for believing in our mission and investing your time, treasure and talent to provide students the best educational experience!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR THE AUCTION

Auction 2019 Planning Has Begun... Join the Fun!

What will the theme be this year!??? Come find out!

Planning Meeting, Tuesday, November 13th

Parents are asked to join the Auction Committee for the first meeting of the year on Tuesday, November 13, at 7:15 pm (following the SPA meeting) in the library. There are lots of different things to do as we prepare for the 30th Annual Bishop Stang Auction! The Auction is our largest fundraising event of the year, and requires the help of lots of people to make it a success!

The 2019 Spartan Raffle Calendar

Raffle Calendars more chances to win in 2019!!

This month we will launch our student fundraiser – The 2019 Spartan Raffle Calendar! Again this year, over \$15,000 in cash prizes will be awarded! Look for a special announcement with all the details in your email and sent home with our students later in the month.



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FLIK Dining

NEW THIS YEAR FULL SALAD BAR!!

Enjoy healthy eating with FLIK chicken wraps and salads contain hormone free roasted or grilled chicken. Additional healthy options include fresh fruit cups, individual greek yogurt, hummus w/ pretzels, crudite cups and many more options. We continue to serve the old time favorites, Char Grilled Angus Beef Burgers, Chicken Patty Sandwiches, Chicken Tenders, Grilled Cheese and Assorted Brick Oven Pizza.

For students and faculty with food restrictions, please stop by the kitchen in the early morning and introduce yourself. We will be happy to prepare something for you.

DON'T FORGET - load up your My School Bucks account! If you do not have one, please visit [Bishop Stang's website](#), to setup your new account. You can replenish My School Bucks account by credit card. Credit card transactions may take up to five hours to upload to the POS system at school. Checks are also accepted; made payable to FLIK; those funds are available immediately. It is important that your child's account is up to date; we cannot allow negative balances. As always, feel free to contact Chef Manager Jennifer Levine at 508-996-5602 x151 or at jlevine@bishopstang.org.



From The Athletic Department:

Winter Sports

Sign Ups, Nov 1st

Sign-ups for all winter sports will be held after-school on Thursday, November 1st. A reminder to parents and students who are interested in winter sports: trying out for a sport and not making the team does not fulfill the physical education requirement. We strive for a great athletic experience for all so we offer sports that due to their structure, typically have cuts (i.e. basketball), while others are always open to all (i.e. winter track, boys swimming/diving). This year for ice hockey, numbers will dictate if a junior varsity program will exist. A reminder that over four years, students need to complete two sports in two different years or participate in the strength and conditioning class to fulfill the physical education requirement.

Weight Room

The weight room is open for Winter Sports Teams; a weekly schedule will be posted for each team. There will be supervision in the Weight Room daily until 4:30 pm. Students who are not in season with a sport, are encouraged to use the weight room when in season teams are not using it.

Team Schedules and Facility Locations

Posted online

Check our web page, www.bishopstang.org for team schedules, email notifications, results and facility locations to away games. Follow the link to athletics, then schedules. Parents can communicate with coaches via email addresses found in the coaches directory on the athletics page. For updates on Twitter follow [@Stang Athletics @Bishop StangAD](https://twitter.com/StangAthletics).

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE

Compliance Asbestos Notice

Bishop Stang High School is required by federal law to have a plan in place to protect the health and safety of students, teachers and other occupants of our building from asbestos-containing materials. The purpose of this notice is to inform you that our facility has been inspected and is in compliance with federal regulations regarding asbestos. The AHERA Management Plan is available in our school office should you want to review it.



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Gillette Stadium *Smoke House Grill - Near Championship Banners*

Be a part of the Spartan Event Staff at Gillette! Stang will be working concerts, soccer games, and Patriots games. Our concession stand, "Smoke House Grill" located under the Championship banners, provides an incredible opportunity to raise funds for the After Prom party, scholarships and other activities to benefit our children. Much help is needed to make this fundraiser the successful event it has been in the past. Join the fun, meet other parents, and help add to the success! There are many events scheduled in October, November and December. Any senior family who works eight events will receive two additional tickets to the 2019 graduation. If interested, please contact Parent Coordinator David Pacheco at 774-888-7293 or pach5ster@gmail.com for full schedule or more information.

Sign up today!!

Student Accident Insurance *2018-2019 School-Time Accident Coverage*

All students have school-time accident coverage for the 2018-2019 school year through Lefebvre Insurance Company. Enrollment forms, coverage description, and 24-hour coverage plans are available on our [website](#). Please note parents are responsible for reporting all claims within ninety days of the date of the injury.