



President's Newsletter

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Dear Bishop Stang Families and Friends,

It is hard to believe that it's already December and the Advent season is here. I love this holy time of the year as the Church draws us in to conscious reflection and preparation for the coming of the Christ child. This November, I was blessed with the opportunity to visit the Holy Land; to see and touch the places where Jesus lived and taught, including the place where the Angel Gabriel spoke to Mary, and the cave in Bethlehem where Jesus was born. My understanding of these realities has certainly grown.

Just as Mary and Joseph were asked to take on more than 'usual', this time of year often asks us to do the same... to see more, to do more, to be more; to reach out to those in difficult situations, those who are less fortunate. Our theme this year, Called To Be Saints, gives us added opportunities to do just this, whether it be through a listening ear, a smile, or donating time, talent, and treasure to a worthy cause.

Reflecting on how these opportunities are continuously alive here at school, I share with you a few examples. In the fall, our National Honor Society collected over 6,000 lbs. of non-perishable food for local food pantries, and led a successful blood drive. Our students continue to volunteer at My Brother's Keeper, and all of our freshman have spent time volunteering at Gifts to Give. Student Council provided 25 food baskets for needy families and prepared over 150 meals for a shelter in New Bedford for Thanksgiving. In the upcoming weeks, students and faculty will be wrapping presents for the families serviced by Catholic Social Services and My Brothers' Keeper.

In other school related areas, faculty and staff have been working on our school's Self-Study, a report prepared for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in preparation for a re-accreditation visit in the fall of 2019. Although this process is long and arduous, it is a truly wonderful way to reflect on our strengths as well as areas for improvement as a school. It will allow us to plan for the future in a way that best reflects our mission and serves our students and families.

On a spiritual note, our seniors and freshmen have enjoyed their class retreats, and Fr. Roy visits weekly to offer Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sophomore and junior retreats will be offered second semester. Our Advent Reflections written by students, faculty, and alumni begin this Sunday; I hope you will find them inspiring!

As we journey through Advent and once again welcome the Christ child into our hearts and homes, may we remember to keep Him at the center of our lives! May you have a wonderful Advent and a Blessed Christmas!

Prayerfully,

Kathleen Ruginis, Obl. SB
Assistant Principal of Academics

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 1

Placement Exam 8:00 am

School Store 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tuesday, December 4

Winter Sports Parent Meetings 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 8

Placement Exam 8:00 am

School Store 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tuesday, December 11

Auction Meeting 7:15pm

Thursday, December 13

Christmas Concert 6:30 pm

Thursday, December 20

Recent Grad Reunion 1:30-3:30 pm

Friday, December 21

Christmas Vacation Begins 11:30 am

Wednesday, January 2

Classes Resume

Tuesday, January 8

Auction Meeting 7:15 pm

Wednesday, January 9

After Prom Meeting 6:30 pm

Monday, January 21

No School- MLK Day

Tuesday- Friday, January 22-25

Mid-Term Exams

Monday – Friday January 28 – February 1

Catholic Schools Week

Important Links

[Parent Portal](#)

[Bishop Stang Website](#)

[Monthly Calendar](#)

[Athletic Policies and Registrations](#)

[National Catholic Educational Association](#)

[Parent Newsletter](#)



Auction '19: Join the Committee!

Upcoming Meetings: December 11th and January 8th

Many Hands Make Light Work! Join us at the next auction meetings: Tuesday, December 11th and Tuesday, January 8th in the library at 7:15 pm. Enter through the Chapel Door. Parents interested in being a part of this fantastic evening are encouraged to join. The theme for this year's 30th Annual Auction is "Calling All Superheroes!" Come and share your time, treasure or talents with the Stang community. The Auction helps fund the well-rounded education and programs Stang students enjoy and keeps tuition more accessible for everyone. If you are unable to come to the meeting, but would like to contribute in some way, just email auktion@bishopstang.org.

Check out the Auction page on bishopstang.org

Save the Date- April 5, 2019 for Auction 2019

Bishop Stang

Christmas Concert

Thursday, December 13th

6:30 pm



Sounds of the Season

Annual Christmas Concert December 13th

Experience the joy of the holiday season as the Bishop Stang music department presents a Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec.13th at 6:30 pm in the John C. O'Brien Gymnasium. Directed by Mrs. Melissa Murphy-Leite, the concert includes the Chorus, Concert Band, Select Choir, Jazz Band and many more! Admission is free, with voluntary donations accepted at the door to support the music department. Please join us as we ring in the Christmas season with traditional favorites and contemporary selections.

Diocesan Immigrant Welcome Package Project

The Week of December 10th

This Christmas, the Student Council will participate in the Operation Gratitude / Pets for Vets project. Students will write letters to troops stationed overseas, and Student Council members will collect and mail these letters to Operation Gratitude, an organization which will add letters to care packages sent to troops stationed overseas. In addition, students will be asked to donate \$2 with all proceeds going to Pets for Vets. This is an organization that trains shelter pets to become service dogs for military veterans. Students donating \$2 will be able to participate in a holiday sweater dress down day. The voluntary letter writing campaign will take place during the flex periods the week of 12/10. The donations for the Pets for Vets will take place that week as well, with those contributing getting a Christmas sweater non-uniform day on 12/14.



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Spiritwear for Christmas *School Store Open for Shopping Dec 1st & 8th*

Get the perfect gift for your favorite Spartan! The school store at Bishop Stang will be open for holiday shopping during Placement Exams on Saturday, December 1st and 8th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Parents may also shop during regular school hours. Contact Mrs. Jill Pelletier at jpelletier@bishopstang.org for more information.

Holiday Schedule

*Christmas Break
Starts Dec 21st-January 1st*

Christmas Break for the students begins at 11:30 am on Friday, December 21st following the Christmas service. Classes resume on Wednesday, January 2nd 2019. The Business Office will be open from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm on December 26th, 27th, 28th and 31st. The office will be closed Dec. 24th, 2018. Students have no school on Monday, January 21st, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Storm Closings

Update Your Contact Info

Parents will be notified by phone/email of school closings or delays via the Parent Alert System. Notifications will continue to be broadcast on local television and radio stations. If you are not receiving school reach notifications, or wish to change your contact information, please call Ms. Jackie Lovegrove at 508- 996-5602 ext. 435 or email jlovegrove@bishopstang.org.

Late Bus Schedule

Resumes March 25th

The late bus will resume service for the first day of spring sports on Monday, March 25th. The late bus does not run during the winter.



Spartan Raffle with Calendars

*Final Turn-In Date Approaching!
Drawings begin January 1, 2019*

Thank you to all of our students and families who have been doing an outstanding job selling Raffle Calendars this year -- remember there are only a few more days for your sales to be counted towards our great prizes! Get your envelopes turned in!

If anyone wants additional Raffle Calendars, they are available in Advancement. **The next turn in date is Wednesday, December 5th.** **This is the FINAL turn in for your sales to be included in the incentives!**

Congratulations to all who have already qualified for the non-uniform week December 17th- 21st by selling 6 or more raffle calendars, and those who have earned entry into the grand drawing for a \$500 shopping Amazon spree by selling 8 raffle calendars!! Remember, every 2 sold beyond your first 8 will earn another entry!

Will our school earn a day off? Which class will have a Christmas Party? Just a reminder: all students are expected to sell four raffle calendars, and must do so to qualify for the group prizes being offered for homerooms, classes and school-wide.

March For Life

January 17th-19th, 2019

More than 70 students in the March for Life Group will be traveling to Washington DC on the morning of Thursday, January 17th . The Pro Life Apostolate will be leading the group, with Mrs. Tarantelli, Ms. Deramo, faculty and parent volunteers chaperoning. The group will attend a Mass on Thursday night. Friday they will join thousands of other pilgrims from all over the country and the world in peaceful witness to our belief in the value of human life. After the march, the Stang contingency will go on an evening tour of Washington. They will leave Saturday afternoon after Mass with the Diocese and arrive back at Stang late Saturday night. Students attending the march are excused from school on Thursday and Friday. The days out of school will not be counted in the absentee policy, but they will count as missed classes and work will need to be made up.

2019 Mid Year Exam Schedule

	8:00-9:30 am	9:50-11:20 am
Tuesday, January 22nd	Mathematics	Science
Wednesday, January 23rd	Social Studies	Theology
Thursday, January 24th	World Language	English
Friday, January 25th	Business/Health/Fine Arts	Conflicts and Make-up Exams



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Yearbook Orders

Deadline Jan 1st

Click here for [2019 Yearbook Orders!](#) Order before January 1st to receive the final discounted price of \$75.00. If you prefer you can pay by cash or check, these payment types can be turned into Mrs. Dias. The school code is 12591919. For yearbook questions contact Mrs. Dias (ndias@bishopstang.org).

After Prom Meeting

Going Tropical!!!

Meeting Jan 9th

Plans are well underway for the "Tropical" After Prom Party. The committee invites all Stang parents to help. We welcome donations for the end of the night raffles in the form of larger dorm items, gift certificates and monetary donations. Any donation is greatly appreciated. The next meeting for the After Prom Party is Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Music Room. Join the committees and help make this event a tremendous success! Please direct any questions to Ms. Amy Rodgers at arodgers@bishopstang.org



From The Admissions Office

Thank you for the great enthusiasm and fantastic questions from the many prospective families who joined us for Open House. We hope you enjoyed your time with us just as much as we enjoyed hosting you! Our most sincere appreciation also goes out to the many BSHS students, parents, faculty and alumni who volunteered their time to make the afternoon such a tremendous success. Spartan Village is an amazing place to live because of all of you!

Admission Applications:

Access the application link on the Admissions page at: [Admission Application](#). Be sure to include an email for a recommender as the Recommendation Form is automatically sent to them when the application is electronically submitted. The Student Guidance Report must be downloaded and forwarded to the appropriate office at the applicant's current school with ample time to be completed by the deadline dates.

Deadlines:

Freshman Admission Applications: January 4, 2019 to be processed for first review.
Financial Aid Application (for families with an incoming freshmen): January 4, 2019.
First round decision letters will be mailed beginning January 28th, 2019.
Transfer Student Applications: March 1st, 2019.

Placement Exam:

Scholastic Testing: High School Placement Test (HSPT) will be administered on Saturdays, December 1 & 8, from 8:00 am - 11:30 am (7:45 am arrival time suggested). Walk-ins are welcome at either exam. \$20.00 testing fee is paid on exam day. A pre-registration form, scholarship information and test-taking tips are available online. [Placement Exam Information](#)

For Parents: During both exams, a financial aid informational meeting will be held at 8:00 am and school tours for anyone who missed Open House will be given. Spartan School Store will also be open from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Spartan-for-a-Day at Bishop Stang:

Applicants are encouraged to spend a day with one of our friendly student ambassadors to see if Bishop Stang is the right fit for their high school experience. The program is open to 8th graders and transfer students. Contact Mrs. Jaclyn Lovegrove at jlovegrove@bishopstang.org.

Financial Aid Information for the 2019-2020 School Year:

Early Application Process (for the families with an incoming freshman only):

- 1-Apply online at FACTS using 2017 tax information. [Financial Aid Application](#) (Deadline: January 4, 2019)
- 2- Receive an ESTIMATE of your financial award with your acceptance letter
- 3- Send in 2018 tax documents to FACTS by March 1, 2019.
- 4- Receive a FINALIZED award letter at the end of March.

Regular Application Process (for all other grades):

- 1-Apply online [Financial Aid Application](#) (Deadline: March 1, 2019)
- 2-Parents are reminded that a financial aid application must be submitted every year.
- 3-Complete your 2018 tax forms early as a copy is required to complete the application by March 1, 2019.
- 4-Please note: If you have an incoming freshman with older siblings, you can apply for everyone in the family by 1/5/19.



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Attention Seniors

Midyear Report will be sent to colleges

After the completion of mid-term exams, mid-year reports will automatically be sent to all colleges/universities you applied to (you do not need to request them to be sent). The mid-year report will include your updated GPA, second quarter grades, teacher comments and midterm exam grades. Continue to work hard in all your classes!

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.

FLIK Dining

We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

A reminder to all students, parents & guardians please make sure you have money on your My School Bucks Account. You can choose online automatic payments, send in a check or money with your child. If you have signed up for notification, [My School Bucks](#) will send an email reminder for low account balances. All accounts should be up to date. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Levine at jlevine@bishopstang.org.



From The Athletic Department:

Fall Sports

Thank you for a great season!

Thank you to all who gave such great support to our Spartan teams this fall! Our students competed hard, continued to grow in their relationships with one another, and were highly successful on the fields, and on the courses. Special congratulations go to our Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Football, and Cross Country Teams for advancing to the State Playoffs. Our Golf Team had a tremendous showing in the Cape & Islands Sectional Tournament, finishing 2nd, as well as in the State Tournament, finishing 5th in Division Three.

Winter Sports

Registration on Family ID

Tryouts and Practice for winter sports began on Monday, November 26, 2018. All students must be registered through the Family ID Program, in order to be eligible to try out for winter teams. Even if a student participated in fall sports, they must register for each of the sports seasons (fall, winter and spring) The following is the link to register in Family ID:
<https://www.familyid.com/organizations/bishop-stang-high-school>

Winter Sports Parent and Guardian Meetings

Starting Dec 4th

Winter Sports meetings for Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Track and Field, and Cheerleading, will be held Tuesday, December 4th, 6:00 pm, at Bishop Stang. Families with students in Girls and Boys Ice Hockey, as well as Girls and Boys Swimming, should look for communication from the head coaches of these programs for meeting times, dates and location. These meetings may be scheduled at the school, rink, and or at the pool. Please pay attention to these times and dates. Parents and guardians will have the opportunity to meet the coaches of Winter Sports teams.

Reminder for Winter Sports During Vacations

Practices and Games Held

Winter sports will have practices and games during the Christmas break. Spring sports are the only sports without practices or games scheduled during vacation.

Strength and Conditioning

Weight Room Opens Dec 3rd

We strongly encourage students to play as many sports as possible here at Bishop Stang. Our Winter Sports teams have first priority in the weight room, because they are in season. In addition, we also offer strength & conditioning opportunities for off-season athletes. The Weight Room will be open, Monday – Friday, beginning at 2:30 pm, starting on Monday, December 3rd, for off-season athletes. If a Winter Sports Team reserves the weight room first for a teamwork out, then off-season student-athletes will begin at 3:15 pm.

Spring Sports

*Start March 25th
Vacation Schedule*

Spring Sports tryouts and practices begin on Monday, March 18, 2019. If you intend to be on a Spring Team, you must be at all practices and games. April Vacation begins on Friday April 12, 2019. We will resume all Spring Sports practices, games, and team obligations after April Vacation on Monday, April 22, 2019. Please keep this in mind as you plan your spring vacations and review the Athletic Department policies in the Student Handbook.



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Team Schedules 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 @BishopStangAD](https://twitter.com/BishopStangAD).

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](#).