



# President's Newsletter

April 2019

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Dear Bishop Stang Friends and Families:

As we journey through Lent as a Bishop Stang community, we look forward with hope to the joy of Easter and Christ's resurrection.

Our seniors are filled with hopeful anticipation as their college acceptances are rolling in. It is a stressful time for our seniors as they make life-defining decisions, but also one of excitement and tremendous promise. Let's all be sure to keep them in our prayers!

We are looking forward to the upcoming April spring break week, which also happens to be Holy Week! I pray that it be a time of true peace, rest and rejuvenation for all within our school community.

Thank you and God Bless,

Peter Shaughnessy  
President/Principal

## Tuition Raffle

**(or a money option of \$5,000!)**

*Win FREE Tuition for a Stang Student for 2019-2020*

## Tickets are On Sale Now!

- The lucky winner will choose either a full year of Bishop Stang tuition for the student of their choice in 2019-20, or a \$5,000 prize!
- Tickets may be purchased online at [www.bishopstang.org/auction](http://www.bishopstang.org/auction), by mail (you may use the invitation reply for convenience), or in the Main Office at Bishop Stang.
- Tickets are \$75 each, or two for \$100. Sales will be limited to a total of 500 tickets.
- The winner will be drawn live at the Auction on Friday, April 5, 2019 (winner need not be present).
- For more information, contact Maura Manning: [mmanning@bishopstang.org](mailto:mmanning@bishopstang.org) or call 508-996-5602 ext. 485.

## April Vacation

*April 15th – 22nd*

School will be closed for April vacation from Monday, April 15th (Patriots Day) through Monday, April 22nd. The Business Office will be open from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Tuesday, April 16th through Friday, April 19th. Parents may access the voice mail system twentyfour hours a day.



## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, April 2**

Junior Wellness Day

**Wednesday, April 3**

After Prom meeting 6:30 pm

**Friday, April 5**

3rd Quarter Ends

30th Annual Auction-

White's of Westport 6:00 pm

**Saturday, April 6**

Heart Assoc Book Sale 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

**Monday, April 8**

4th Quarter Begins

Sophomore Retreat

**Tuesday, April 9**

Stang Parent Association 6:30 pm

**Wednesday, April 10**

Special Wellness Presentation: Katie DeCubellis  
Memorial Foundation

**Thursday, April 11**

College Search Night 6:00 pm

Visual Arts Night 6:00-8:00pm

**April 15 - April 22 Spring Break**

**Monday, April 22**

NO SCHOOL

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday April 25, 26, 27**

Stang Theatre Company Presents: Les Miserables  
7:00 pm Performance Each Evening

**Tuesday, April 30**

Blood Drive 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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## From The Admissions Office

### Incoming Freshmen Reminders

It was wonderful to see the Class of 2023 together for the first time at Course Registration Night! As a reminder to parents, all of the paperwork included in the folder should be completed and returned by March 30. Contact us if you have any questions.

- **Freshman Course Selection Form** (Salmon)
- **Interscholastic Athletics Form** (Light Pink)
- **Questions from Parents Form** (Dark Pink, return only if you have questions)
- **Student Health Record and Information Form** (Yellow, complete and return in the envelope addressed to the Health Office along with a copy of a current physical/immunization record)
- **Tuition Payment Preference Form** (Green, this form must be completed and returned for all students)

- o All new students must also have a FACTS Tuition Payment Agreement in place by March 30 (see the only exception to this rule below). This is your plan for paying tuition and must be completed whether you applied for financial assistance or not. FACTS Tuition Payment Agreement

- o Any new student with an older sibling also enrolled for 2019-2020 will only return the green Tuition Payment Preference Form. The Tuition Office will add the new student onto your family's current FACTS Tuition Payment Agreement for you, therefore a new agreement is not required. '

### Upcoming Event Reminders:

**Saturday, April 6 - Math and World Language Competency Exams and Instrumental Auditions**

**Wednesday, May 22; 8:00 am - 5:00 pm - Lands' End Fitting Event**

**Friday, June 14; 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Incoming Freshman Picnic**

## From The School Counseling Office

### Spring College Fair

*Thursday, April 11th*

#### **For any interested students and parents!**

On Thursday, April 11th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm in the Bishop Stang cafeteria representatives from colleges and universities will be present to meet with students and parents. This is a great opportunity for juniors to start building their college lists!

### SAT/ACT Registration Deadline

The deadline to register for the May 4th administration of the SAT(held at Bishop Stang) is Friday, April 5th. Visit [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) to register. The deadline to register for the June 8th administration of the ACT (held at Bishop Stang) is Friday, May 3rd. Visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register.

### College Decision Day

College "Decision Day" is Wednesday, May 1st. Bishop Stang will celebrate our seniors by inviting them to dress down and wear college gear on Wednesday, May 1st. Non-uniform guidelines apply and one major article of clothing must be collegiate gear. If you would like to dress down but you are not sure where you are attending by May 1st or don't have your specific college gear yet, just support any college or university!

### Admissions Decisions

This is a reminder to seniors to please inform the counseling office of all college admissions decisions. We also ask that you bring in copies of your acceptance letters and financial award notices that contain merit and grant scholarships.



## SPOTLIGHT

### SENIOR CORNER

#### **After Prom Meeting**

*It's Luau Time!*

*April 3rd*

The After Prom Party meetings will be held in the Music Room. All parents, not only senior parents, are invited to this meeting and are encouraged to become involved in the event. We are in need of donations for the end of the event raffles whether it be dorm items, themed baskets or gift cards. For information on how to support the After Prom Party, contact Ms. Amy Rodgers, Senior Advisor, at [arodgers@bishopstang.org](mailto:arodgers@bishopstang.org)

#### **Senior Breakfast**

*Tuesday, April 30*

Seniors will enjoy breakfast together as a class as they embark on their last weeks of class and be welcomed to the pending status of 'Alumni' and what that means all the days of their lives.

#### **2019 Yearbook**

*Time to Order- Limited*

*Quantity*

*Delivery May 20th*

If you are interested in purchasing a 2019 yearbook, orders must be placed through Mrs. Nicole Dias by cash or check. The cost of the yearbook is \$80.00 and checks should be made out to Bishop Stang High School. Books will be delivered on May 20th. A limited number of books are remaining and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### **Graduation Tickets**

*Four Tickets per Student*

The family of each graduate will receive four (4) tickets for the graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 29th at 5:00 pm. Those without tickets are invited to watch a closed circuit broadcast of the graduation ceremony in the cafeteria. Anyone in need of handicap parking or seating, please contact Amy Rodgers at [arodgers@bishopstang.org](mailto:arodgers@bishopstang.org) or 508-996-5602 ext. 483. Family and friends are encouraged to join the class for Baccalaureate Mass on Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30 pm. at St. Julie's. Tickets are not required for the Baccalaureate Mass.



## Heart Association Book Sale-

*Saturday, April 6th*



The 8th Annual Bishop Stang book sale is Saturday, April 6th, from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm. Choose from a cafeteria full of fiction and nonfiction books as well as movies and cd's. All proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association in memory of former teacher Richard Flynn and Joseph Silva. For any questions, please contact Ms. Colleen Silva at [csilva@bishopstang.org](mailto:csilva@bishopstang.org)

## Theatre Company Presents:

*Les Miserables April 25th, 26th, 27th*

The Bishop Stang High School Theatre Company is proud to present the world's longest running musical, *Les Misérables*, for the 2019 Spring Musical on April 25th, 26th, and 27th at 7:00 pm in the John C. O'Brien Gymnasium. A true modern classic based on Victor Hugo's novel features one of the most memorable scores of all time. In nineteenth century France, Jean Valjean is released from years of unjust imprisonment, but finds nothing in store for him but mistrust and mistreatment. He breaks his parole in hopes of starting a new life, initiating a lifelong struggle for redemption as he is relentlessly pursued by police inspector Javert, who refuses to believe Valjean can change his ways. Finally, during the Paris student uprising of 1832, Javert must confront his ideals after Valjean spares his life and saves that of the student revolutionary who has captured the heart of Valjean's adopted daughter. The musical is full of powerful songs such as *On My Own*, *I Dreamed A Dream* and *One Day More*. Featured players include seniors: Jacob Thompson, Samantha Landry, Kenneth Mackenzie V, and Henry Ucci; juniors: Xavier Markey, Lily Saulnier, Myra Wong, Chikamadu Okafor, Caleb Hughes, and Phoenix Carreiro; sophomores: Ellen Scarano, Julia Lavoie, and Austin Strawn; and freshman Aiden Guay and Nathaniel Wollenhaupt with stage manager Lindsey Leonard and assistant stage manager Alexis Cole. This show also features area youth performers Aleah Braun of Westport Elementary School, Logan Cabral of Guiteras Elementary School and Mary Coady of St. Stanislaus School. This show features an ensemble cast of an additional 50 members of Bishop Stang students. The show is directed and musically directed by Mrs. Melissa Murphy-Leite with assistance by Mrs. Amanda Tarantelli. Costume, prop and set design by Jodie Braun and Erika Fernandes. The show is rated PG-13 as it has a mature themes. Ticket prices are \$8 for children, students and seniors, and \$12 for adults.



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### Students Support MS Walk

*Sunday, April 7th*

Bishop Stang students involved in the FIAT program will be joining Mr. Tom Kennedy and his wife Patty to raise funds and awareness for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society on Sunday, April 7th at the Dartmouth MS Walk. The MS Walk will commence at James M. Quinn Elementary School at 9:00 AM. Students are seeking pledges and will be walking a three mile course through Buttonwood Park. Last year our students raised over \$9,500 for the 2018 Dartmouth MS walk. To make a pledge please contact Mr. Kennedy at 508-996-5602 ext. 447 or make an online donation ([Dartmouth MS Walk - Patty's Pals](#)). Thank you for your generosit

### Don't Miss Visual Arts Night!

*Thursday, April 11th*

Visual Arts Night will be held on Thursday, April 11th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Academic Resource Center. Student artwork will be displayed from all art classes: Foundations of Art, Honors Art II and III. Students pursuing further study in the visual arts after graduation will exhibit work as "Featured Artists." Enjoy complimentary refreshments and live entertainment. Come vote for your favorite pieces and celebrate our students' amazing work!

### Save A Life - Stang Hosts Blood Drive

*Tuesday, April 30th, 9 am-2 pm*

The National Honor Society will host a blood drive on April 30th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Parents can walk in or register in advance by going to <http://www.redcross.org/blood> and enter the sponsor code BISHOPSTANG. Students between 16 and 18 years of age need a signed parental consent form. The consent form is a mandatory requirement. American Red Cross regulations require a photo ID with proof of age (driver's license, school ID). Contact Mrs. McDougal for more info at [dmcdougal@bishopstang.org](mailto:dmcdougal@bishopstang.org).



## International Student Program

Each year, working with international student placement agencies, we welcome a number of international students into our school family. Each student is placed in a host family from within our school community. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please email: Ms. Nora Hebshie; School Counselor & International Student Coordinator, [nhebshie@bishopstang.org](mailto:nhebshie@bishopstang.org) or Christine Payette, Admissions Director, [cpayette@bishopstang.org](mailto:cpayette@bishopstang.org)

### General Information on Hosting:

- We ask that families consider hosting a 10 month commitment. We will ask your family and the international student to re-evaluate the living arrangement at the end of the first academic year to decide if you would like to continue or not.
- International students generally arrive mid to late August and return home at the end of the school year in June. While you may select your student's gender and age range, we are not able to guarantee a student from any particular country.
- All our international students come through two companies: ISES (International Student Educational Services) and EduBoston. The companies coordinate all aspects of the students' applications through their arrival as well as maintaining continuous contact with the students' families in their home countries.
- You will also have direct contact with Bishop Stang's International Student Coordinator, Nora Hebshie.
- Every person 17 or older who is living in your house must have a CORI background check on file with the Diocese of Fall River. They must also participate in a 3 hour Abuse Prevention Training session with Catholic Social Services.
- Students should have their own bedroom (with a bed, dresser and closet) and a quiet study area with a desk. The study area does not need to be in the bedroom. Students also need access to showers/baths, laundry and common living areas.
- The host family is compensated \$1000/month to offset the expenses for providing room and board. This includes breakfast and evening meals Monday to Friday and breakfast, lunch and evening meals on Saturday and Sunday. Students pay for their weekday lunches with a pre-paid stipend.
- The host family provides transportation to and from school. If your student will be taking the bus, the host family is responsible for the cost of the bus pass. Host families also assist with transportation to and from extra-curricular activities when it can be reasonably coordinated.
- Be prepared to assign chores, rules, privileges and consequences consistent with other family members. Most of the international students are not accustomed to a lot of rules or chores, so providing encouraging reminders is important.
- Students are allowed to travel only if they obtained permission from their host family and from their organization prior to departure.
- All international students are covered by health insurance. You will be given a copy of their insurance card and policy



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### Spartan Raffle Calendar Winners!

*We have awarded \$7,400 to date, with three months more of cash prizes to come!*

One winner generously donated their cash award back to Bishop Stang. Congratulations to the Spartan Raffle Calendar Winners in January, February and March:

DATE	Amount\$	Ticket#
1/1/2019	\$2,000	01279
1/2/2019	\$100	01577
1/4/2019	\$100	00035
1/7/2019	\$100	00777
1/9/2019	\$100	03386
1/11/2019	\$100	03084
1/14/2019	\$100	00031
1/16/2019	\$100	02791
1/18/2019	\$100	01278
1/23/2019	\$100	04187
1/25/2019	\$100	02742
1/28/2019	\$100	00044
1/30/2019	\$100	03992
2/1/2019	\$1,000	02931
2/4/2019	\$100	03841
2/6/2019	\$100	00975
2/8/2019	\$100	00143
2/11/2019	\$100	01870
2/13/2019	\$100	01586
2/15/2019	\$100	02814
2/20/2019	\$100	00240
2/22/2019	\$100	00585
2/25/2019	\$100	02146
2/27/2019	\$100	04272
3/1/2019	\$1,000	02029
3/4/2019	\$100	00200
3/6/2019	\$100	04244
3/8/2019	\$100	02324
3/11/2019	\$100	03992
3/13/2019	\$100	02357
3/15/2019	\$100	04300
3/18/2019	\$100	02850
3/20/2019	\$100	04258
3/22/2019	\$100	00954
3/25/2019	\$100	04374
3/27/2019	\$100	02837
3/29/2019	\$100	00050



## From the Athletic Department

### April Vacation Policy (April 12 - 22)

*Attendance required through Thursday, April 11th*

Spring sport participants must be at all practices and games unless granted a waiver per Athletic Department policies in the Student Handbook. If you intend to be on a Spring Team, you must be at practices and games up to, and including, Thursday, April 11th. The April Vacation break begins after school on Friday, April 12th and ends Monday, April 22nd, since that is the day after Easter this year. No games, or mandatory practices, will be scheduled during this time. Coaches may conduct optional practices for those who remain at home during the vacation week. Mandatory practices resume on Tuesday, April 23rd. Keep this in mind as you plan your vacations.

### Athletic Schedules Online

Download the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association ([MIAA App](#)), and follow your favorite Spartan teams quickly and easily online! Visit [bishopstang.org](#) and click on Athletic Schedules under [Quick Links](#), or visit the [Athletics homepage](#).

- The [MIAA schedule](#) can be viewed for all teams, or for specific teams.

Sign up for email notifications of schedule changes as they happen (choose teams and click on schedule notification options).

- You can also download the [MIAA app](#) on your favorite device – search for it on iTunes or your preferred app location.

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](#).

### Summer Offerings

*Weekly Clinics for Students in Grades 3-9  
June, July, and August*

Bishop Stang is offering a wide variety of summer opportunities for students. These include 13 Sports specific clinics, as well as four co-curricular activities, Theater, Academic Writing, STEM, and Study Skills. These sports and activities are offered at the high school level to Stang students during the school year. The summer programs are geared for students entering Grades 3 – 9.

In the near future, you may visit Summer Clinics, on the Athletics page of our website for information and for registration. All clinics will be staffed by Bishop Stang teachers and coaches.

***Roll SPARTANS!***

### 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](#).



## SPOTLIGHT

### Volunteers Needed

*Gillette Stadium Events*

The new season at the Bishop Stang booth at Gillette has begun! Parent coordinators Bob Paquette, Susana Medeiros, and Manny Paiva and our many volunteers work tirelessly at each event. Once again, we need your help! There are several sporting events and concerts scheduled for this spring and summer that need coverage. If you are interested in helping at any of these events, please contact them at [gsvolunteers@bishopstang.org](#).