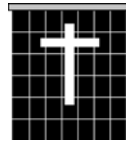


President's Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Students, and Friends,

Over the past fifteen years Mrs. Miskel has worked diligently as Academic Principal at Bishop Stang High School. Our vigorous academic programs have excelled and have become well established and are well-known throughout the area. Mrs. Miskel is to be congratulated for her dedication and total commitment to our school and its mission. Over the years she has always exhibited tireless energy in carrying out her duties as Principal. Writing a personal note to every student on report cards is an indicator of how she has gone beyond what was expected. She will be truly missed as she begins her well deserved retirement. She will now have much more time to spend with her family, especially her grandchildren. On behalf of everyone at Bishop Stang, I thank Mrs. Mary Ann Miskel for all she has done for this school and her alma mater.

The Diocese of Fall River's administrative model includes a President, Principal, Assistant Principal for Academics and Assistant Principal for Students. Bishop Feehan and Coyle already use this model. Bishop Stang will be adopting this model as of July 2010. The positions of Principal and Assistant Principal of Academics have been advertised and interviews will take place in March and April. Stang looks forward to having our new administrators continue in the tradition of excellence for which Bishop Stang High School is known.

God Bless,

Theresa E. Dougall
President



INCOMING FRESHMEN COURSE REGISTRATION NIGHT March 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome to the incoming Class of 2014!

Students who have deposited their registration fee will have an informational evening regarding the course registration process for the 2010-2011 school year on Tuesday, March 2nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the John C. O'Brien Gymnasium (snow date is March 4th.) Freshmen will receive their course level placements and additional information about course selection for our next school year. The guidance department will review placement exam results. We will also cover topics such as the FACTS tuition management program, transportation options, and many other pertinent topics to help families with their ongoing transition into Bishop Stang High School.

Administrators, guidance counselors and department chairpersons will be available to answer your questions. Textbooks will also be available for your review. The school store will be open for purchases from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Please note that **Harvey Uniforms will be available** from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., prior to the Freshmen Course Registration presentation, to take measurements and orders for incoming students. Harvey Uniforms will also have representatives at St. Margaret's School in Buzzards Bay on April 13th from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., at St. Mary's School in New Bedford on April 13th from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., at St. Joseph's School in Fairhaven on April 29 from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. and at St. Francis Xavier in Hyannis on May 5th from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Harvey Uniforms is located in Seekonk, MA and may be reached at 1-800-462-8192 or www.harveyuniforms.com.

IMPORTANT DATES Bishop's Day -NHS Fundraiser – Professional Day

Through the generosity of Bishop Coleman, students and faculty will celebrate **Bishop's Day** on Friday, March 12th (no school.) The **Diocesan Professional Day** is scheduled for Thursday, March 18th. This is a day out of school for all students. Athletic practice schedules will be determined by the coaches. The **NHS St. Patrick Day fundraiser** will be held on Wednesday, March 17th. Passes may be purchased in advance for \$2, and students may wear green and white. Proceeds will benefit the Sisters of Notre Dame.

CARDBOARD TENT CITY 2010 FIAT Program Raises Funds and Awareness

The fifth annual Cardboard Tent City will take place on Saturday, March 20th. Students and faculty will once again brave the elements in order to raise funds for the homeless in our area. Each participant will be asked to collect a minimum of \$50.00 in donations, which are given to Catholic Social Services to help the homeless. A portion of the contributions is used to purchase hats, scarves, mittens and heavy socks which are given to local homeless shelters. Students will spend the night in their cardboard shelters. They will eat a "Spartan" food-pantry style supper and breakfast while sharing their experience with each other. The event will take place on the football field of Hugh J. Carney Stadium – rain, snow or shine.

AFTER PROM PARTY

Planning continues for the After Prom Party. The Senior Class has chosen its theme and the Decorating Committee is planning to create the wonder, beauty and thrills of "Under the Sea/Pirates" right here at Stang. It's not too late to join in the fun! Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 3rd**, at 7:00 pm in the Music Room. For general After Prom information call Mrs. Grant at 508-996-5602 ext. 470 or email rgrant@bishopstang.com.

MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

We ask parents to limit requests for delivery of messages to their sons and daughters during the school day to **emergency only**. Non-emergency requests for message delivery interrupt classroom instruction. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.










REPORTING ILLNESS AND OBTAINING MISSED ASSIGNMENTS

A reminder to all parents: if your son or daughter is out sick you must report their absence to Mrs. Williamson at ext. 417 by 10:00 a.m. on the morning of the absence. You may call the night before or before school hours and leave a voice mail message. It is the student's responsibility to obtain homework for the period missed by either accessing Moodle or emailing the individual teachers for homework. A teacher's email address is their first initial and their last name @bishopstang.com (e.g. jdoe@bishopstang.com).

AUCTION EXCITEMENT CONTINUES

Join us for Auction "Under the Sea"- April 9th

Invitations are in the mail! Your ship is ready to set sail for the tropics – keep an eye out for mermaids and dolphins (and pirates!) It's not too late to donate that special 'one of a kind' item, service, sponsorship, or event tickets. Thank you to all who have donated so far! Some of the exciting items you can bid on include:

-  Golf Clubs and Accessories
-  Theater Tickets
-  Red Sox Tickets
-  Vera Bradley Bags
-  Framed Print by Frank McCoy
-  Celtics Tickets
-  Cape Cod Getaway
-  Photo Safari for two to South Africa
-  Foursomes at Fabulous Golf Courses

Send in your raffle tickets, and you might win your choice of prizes: A four day/three night vacation to The Fairmont, South Hampton, Bermuda OR a fantastic MacBook computer. Reserve your seat or table for the auction early; we expect they will go quickly! Join us for an evening of great food and fun, while helping the scholarship fund grow.

WHO WILL BE MR. STANG 2010 ???

Find Out March 19

Senior class men will soon be competing for the coveted title of Mr. Stang, the most spirited and suave man of the senior class. The fourteenth annual Mr. Stang Contest will be held on Friday evening, March 19th, at 7:00 pm in the John C. O'Brien Gymnasium. After an interview and screening process to qualify to compete, senior men must endure a grueling formal competition followed by a talent competition before a panel of judges. Eight finalists will advance to a level of questions and answers. In addition to obtaining the title of Mr. Stang, the winner will receive complimentary tickets, tuxedo, and flowers for the prom. Tickets to the Mr. Stang Contest may be purchased in advance for \$5; the cost at the door is \$7. Proceeds from the evening are designated to Joseph's Apprentices.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Winter Sports Banquet scheduled for March 11 has been cancelled. Teams will have their own individual team banquets this year.

REMINDER – NHS BLOOD DRIVE MARCH 4

The Sr. Teresa Trayers, SND Chapter of the National Honor Society is holding a Blood Drive on Thursday, March 4th at Bishop Stang. The blood drive is Sponsored by the Southcoast Community Hospitals, and open to any potential donor age 17 or older. Students who wish to donate may sign up through NHS officers during the school day. Members of our community who would like to participate should call Donna Rogers, RN in the Health Office (Ext. 426) to set up an appointment.

PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING MARCH 9

A very special thank you to all the parents who provided the fabulous breakfast and luncheon for faculty and staff during Catholic Schools Week! The Parent's Association will meet Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Focus of the meeting will be planning for the April fundraiser, dinner at Texas Roadhouse. All proceeds will benefit the after prom party and senior scholarship awards. Parents will also be planning for Cardboard Tent City, Senior Class Night, and Joseph's Apprentices.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTEND CONFERENCES

Eight students from Bishop Stang will be attending the Annual Massachusetts Association of Student Councils (MASC) Spring Leadership Conference from March 11th to 13th in Hyannis. Student Council members chosen to attend are seniors James Sabra, Murphy Lester, Kaitlin Denney, Corinne Ainsworth, and Melanie Cordeiro; juniors Bobby Arruda and Connor Dunn; and sophomores Jill McHenry and Hailey Ketschke. Students will participate in workshops, listen to inspirational speakers, and attend an awards banquet with over 1200 peers from the entire state. Student Council Advisors are Ms. Custadio and Mrs. Theberge.

SENIOR WELLNESS DAY

Seniors will be attending an innovative presentation on March 9th during periods 2 and 3. Professionals from the New Bedford women's center and other key speakers will cover relevant topics, with a focus on domestic/dating violence. The entire program promises to be useful and informative to all seniors.

2009 YEARBOOK STAFF WINS AWARD

Congratulations to the yearbook staff of the 2009 Torch, who have been awarded Honorable Mention recognition by Taylor Publishing for their dedication, effort, and accomplishments. The BSHS Yearbook will be included in the *2010 Yearbook* publication. Finalists were evaluated in the areas of cover design, theme development, layout design, photo content, and secondary packages. Taylor Publishing honors only the top fifteen percent of yearbook staffs with this award. Kudos to the entire '09 staff, including editors Kathryn Tongue, Sarah Moniz, Chris Fidalgo, Patrick Griffin, and Cory Medeiros – all members of the Class of '09, as well as to advisers Mrs. Jen Thomas and Mrs. Lori Cooney.

CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS *Penance Services*

Penance services will be held for the senior class on Tuesday, March 2nd and for the Junior Class on Tuesday, March 9th. The sophomore class will hold penance on Wednesday, March 16th, followed by the freshman class on March 23rd. Students will attend services with their entire class during the day.

Stations of the Cross

All are invited to join us for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 2:25 in the chapel.

Faith Night

Please join us for Campus Ministry's **Lenten Faith Night** on Friday, March 26th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Annunciation. Experience an evening of song, praise, Scripture and witnessing. Everyone is welcome.

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR CLASS BASKET

The Stang Parent Association is once again preparing baskets of goodies from each of our four classes for the upcoming Scholarship Benefit Auction. Parents are asked to donate a dollar or two to purchase items or gift cards for the baskets. Each class has a theme:

- Class of 2010 "College Comforts"
- Class of 2011 "Italian Gourmet"
- Class of 2012 "Summer Days"
- Class of 2013 "Sports Fanatic."

The deadline for donations is March 19th. Contact Mrs. Miskel at 508-996-5602 x 416 with any questions. Thank you for your help!

GRADUATION TICKETS *Baccalaureate Mass*

The family of each graduate will receive four (4) tickets for the graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 6th at 2:00 p.m. Those without tickets are invited to watch a closed circuit broadcast of the graduation ceremony in the cafeteria.

Family and friends are encouraged to join the class for Baccalaureate Mass on Saturday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Julie's. Tickets are not required for the Baccalaureate Mass.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ADVOCACY DAY

Visit your Senator and Representative on Capitol Hill

The Parents Alliance for Catholic Education (PACE) invites you to join parents, teachers, administrators and students for this important Statehouse rally on March 10th. Your active participation will help determine the outcome of legislation and budget requests that impact all of us. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. with time following to visit with legislators (appointments are recommended). If you cannot attend the rally, please call your legislators to voice your support of the many issues PACE supports for Catholic education, such as school nursing, substance abuse services, early education initiatives, and much more. Visit the PACE website at www.paceorg.net or link through the parent links portal at www.bishopstang.com. If you'd like to be a PACE representative for Bishop Stang, or get more information about Advocacy Day, please contact the Advancement Office at ext. 485.

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT *A Special Night for Juniors and Parents*

Juniors and their parents are invited to College Planning Night on Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This excellent program was designed by our guidance department to provide student specific information regarding the college admissions process. This is a very different evening from the recent Nuts and Bolts program, and will make the application process less stressful for everyone. All junior families will be receiving more information.

Visual Arts Night

Bishop Stang High School APRIL 7TH 7:00-9:00

Awards and Prizes given away to
select artists chosen by the audience

2009-2010

Student Exhibition

On Display:

Featured Artists

Photography

Drawing & Painting I, II, III

3-Dimensional Design

Technical Drawing & Design

In the Music Room from 7:45-8:30 Performances by the PEP BAND & IMPROV GROUP with refreshments

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