



INFORMATION NIGHT GRADE 11 AND 12

Welcome and thank you for
coming

Outline of the Evening

- New this year
- Did you know?
- College readiness
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New this Year

- Power 2 Achieve
 - Compact-4-Excellence
 - 2-way communication
 - Goal Setting
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Did you know?

- 100% of the Class of 2010 graduated and went on to college
 - Bishop Grimes has had a 100% graduation rate for over 20 years
 - The 82 graduates of the Class of 2010 were offered \$8.6 million dollars in scholarships and grants.
 - That's an average of over \$98,000 per student.
 - Over 20% of the class earned full tuition scholarships to college
 - Many of these included awards towards room and board, books and other expenses
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College Readiness

- Bishop Grimes college preparatory program is recognized by colleges as a “value-added” component for admissions and scholarships
 - Opportunity to earn college credits at Le Moyne starting after 9th grade
 - Students can earn 24 college credits during high school
 - AP courses to earn college credit
 - May earn an Advanced Regents diploma and have the added benefit of “rigorous college preparatory program”
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Communication Tools

- Email found on the left side of the website “staff directory”
 - Telephone
 - 437-0356 for main office
 - 463-8133 for Guidance
 - www.bishopgrimes.org
 - Online grading system – email needed
 - Progress notes and/or report cards every 3 weeks
 - School Reach telephone and email system
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
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School Counseling Service

- Director of Guidance/High School Counselor – Mrs. Susan R. Nedza
 - Middle School Counselor – Mrs. Mary McCarthy (on Maternity Leave)
 - Middle School Counselor – Miss Jessica Mancini
 - Intern – Miss Jennifer Camenga (Fall 2010)
 - ADAPEP Counselor – Mrs. Jackie Musto
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School Counseling Services Continued

- Academic advisement and assistance
 - Group and individual counseling
 - Mediation and conflict resolution
 - School, family, friend and community concerns
 - College counseling
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Graduation Requirements

- English – 4 years (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)
- History – 4 years (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)
- Math - 4 years (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)
- Science - 4 years (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)
- Religion - 4 years (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th)
- Foreign Language – 3 years (8th, 9th and 10th)
 - A fourth year is required by most colleges to waive the general education requirement at college
- Art/Music – 1 year of either one (will be Art this year)
- Health – ½ credit
- PE – ½ credit each year

Graduation Requirements Continued

- Regents Exams for Advanced Regents
 - Math (Algebra 1R, Geometry 1R and Algebra 2R/Trigonometry)
 - Science (Two exams - one physical setting and one life setting)
 - History (Global 2R, and US History R)
 - English (ELA)
 - LOTE (Proficiency after Level I and Regents after Level 3)
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Honors Program

- Honors credit is available in any class
- Teachers will announce honors information in the first few weeks of class
- Students must meet all deadlines throughout the year for the paper or project
- Honors credit in progress will show as a comment on each term on report cards
- Honors credit awarded will show at the end of each year
- Courses taken for honors credit that earn a high school credit will receive five additional points when calculating the weighted high school GPA

Grading

- Passing grade is a 65%
 - Final average is 75% for the Term 1-6, + 12% for the midterm + 13% for final exam
 - General rule of thumb – if you receive a 60% first marking you are “in the hole”, you need at least a 70% to make up those points...
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Eligibility

- Handbook page 17
 - Two or more failing grades = academic probation
 - Structured study hall two times per week for a full six weeks
 - Continued failing grades will result in ineligibility for all extracurricular activities and continued structured study hall
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GPA

- This is your high school cumulative average for all final grades in classes that earned high school credit.
 - PE does not count in this average
 - Only computed at the end of each semester – February and July
 - Weighted rank includes +5 for Honors, AP, and Advanced (in title of course)
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Testing Day

October 13, 2010

- Grade 7 will have planned activities
 - Grade 8 will take the EXPLORE
 - Scholarship for Bishop Grimes high school tuition
 - Also, gives career and achievement information
 - Grade 9 will stay home
 - Grade 10 will take the PLAN
 - Predicts scores on the ACT
 - Grade 11 will take the PSAT
 - Predicts scores on the SAT
 - National Merit Scholarship
 - Grade 12 will stay home
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ACT/SAT

- End of Junior Year
 - April 9, 2011 (register online by March 1st)
 - May 7, 2010 (register online by April 1st)
 - Register Online
 - ACT - act.org - Code - 181170
 - collegeboard.com – Code - 331748
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Junior Handbook available on BG website

- Timeline
 - Valuable Information to prepare
 - Procedures
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College Application Process

- Top 5 of varying levels
 - Use commonapp.org for as much as possible
 - Apply NOW
 - Student does the application, essay, pay fees etc
 - Request letters of recommendation to Guidance NOW
 - Request a transcript and I will send it with your letters of recommendation.
 - Follow Up
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Scholarships

- Guidance will post scholarship opportunities near our office and in senior homerooms
 - Guidance will sometimes reach out to students based on criteria of the scholarship (Dollars for Scholars by District...)
 - Students and families should check with employers, bank/credit union, Elks, other associated groups....
 - Preparing a resume is a good idea (school, work, volunteer/service...)
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Financial Aid

- Packet
 - Do taxes in January
 - Then do FAFSA **even if you do not think you qualify**
 - Colleges will not process/look for other aid without a FAFSA on file
 - Scholarship posting in Homerooms and file in Guidance
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Questions
