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Bishop Weekly Update: December 6, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

TOMORROW - 12/7 (Fri): Spirit(wear) Day!

Morning Coffee: Mental Health (Katie Martin, School Nurse)

PLAY Grades 4-5 Auditions and Call-backs

12/10 (Mon): PLAY Parent Volunteer Meeting 7:00 pm

12/11 (Tues): Parent-teacher Conferences, **Early Release 11:15 - No Lunch Served**

12/13 (Thurs): Evening Conferences, **6:00pm-8:00pm**

12/21 (Fri): Early Release 12:00 pm - **No Lunch Served**

12/24-1/1 NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Bishop Community ~ Conference Season in December

Conferences will be held on **Tuesday December 11th, with EARLY RELEASE of students at 11:15am (NO LUNCH SERVED)** -

Evening Conferences will be held on Thursday, December 13th from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS AT THE BISHOP - All lost and found items will be on display in the Bishop lobby during the week(s) of December 3rd and 10th. As you enter the building on your way to your parent/teacher conference, and if you suspect that your son or daughter might be missing something, please take a moment to look for any articles of clothing, lunch bags, and/or water bottles. All remaining items will be donated to a local organization.

News From the Library

The New Book Sale is NEXT WEEK. December 10th-17th!

Please use [this link](#) to sign up to help out during the Sale, and to see the time of your child's library class. We need more help with a number of K-2 classes, and after school when things can get pretty busy, so please consider combining a little holiday/window shopping with your good deed for the day! We are dependent upon volunteers to make the Sale a success!

This is a fun event for the students that supports updating and expanding our book collection. During your child's regular library time, they will be offered the chance to either buy books, or create a wish list to bring home to you to discuss what books they would like to buy. We will also have teacher wish lists so that classrooms can get even more books all while supporting the Library! There is NO OBLIGATION to purchase and we also ask students to make recommendations of books they would like us to purchase for the Library with the funds raised. Students who make suggestions for Library purchases are entered into a raffle to win a book or other item from the Sale.

The Sale will be open during the day on Monday 10th from 12:00-3:00, Tuesday-Friday from 8:15-3:00 (please note Tuesday is an early release day for conferences but the sale will remain open) and again on Monday 17th from 8:15-10:00. This year we are also opening the Sale during the evening conferences hours on Thursday, December 14th from 6:00-8:00PM! Please come with (or without!) your children to support the Library! If you do send in money or a check (payable to Bishop PTO) during the week, please make sure that it is in an envelope or Ziplock with your child's name on it.

Thank you so much for your support!
Alison Vaishnaw and Justine Bloch

Send holiday wishes to your teachers by telling them they are *STARS!*

The Arlington Education Foundation *Stars* program is a way to tell teachers and school staff, "Thank you for all you do!"

For a donation of \$20 or more, the teacher or school staff member of your choice will receive a certificate that honors him or her with a gift to the Arlington Education Foundation in his or her name . You will receive a receipt for your tax-deductible donation.

Stars donations go back into our schools as funding for AEF grants both large and small, including Continuing Scholar Awards and Innovations in Education grants that go directly to teachers. Read more about AEF grants here:

<http://www.aefma.org>

You can give a teacher a **Star** at any time during the year, but the give early this month to ensure delivery before the holiday break.

A mail-in form was sent via your child's home-to-school folder before Thanksgiving.

You can also:

Give your Star Online: <https://www.tfaforms.com/393046>

Winter Craft Festival at Arlington High School

Hello!

Come to the Winter Craft Festival at Arlington High School on Saturday, December 15, from 9-1pm! This is a great way for kids to celebrate the holidays and practice their creativity! Ages 0 - 10, all are welcome.

Crafts include gingerbread houses, snow globes, mug warmers, snowflakes, and more!

Admission is \$7! Please respond with interest to classofficers2020@gmail.com

See you there!

2018-19 District Calendar Link

<http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/calendar/>

2018-19 MCAS Dates

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/cal.html>

I will send out a detailed calendar in the next month for your planning purposes.



PTO NEWS

Attention All Gamers--Purchases Can Benefit the Bishop School PTO!

Humblebundle.com is a site that sells video games for the PC and other platforms, and shares some of the purchase price with a charity of the buyer's choice. The Bishop School PTO is in their database, so anyone using the site can change the default charity to give a donation to the PTO. The site runs different "bundles" throughout the year, but right now there's a particularly good one for the holidays--"[Jingle Jam](#)". For one payment of \$35, you get new games unlocked every day through December 25th. Also, that entire \$35 can be allocated to Bishop PTO! Most of the games are activated on Steam.

Shop for Bishop at Stop and Shop

Did you know that every time you buy at Stop & Shop, you could be helping Bishop (and at no additional cost to you!)? The Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program allows Bishop to earn points every time you purchase anything at Stop & Shop. All you need to sign up for a Stop & Shop card (if you don't have one already) and register online and select Bishop. You can find instructions at the [end of this newsletter](#).

Other (online) retailers and a percentage of all your shopping comes right back to Bishop at no extra charge to you. Click around, shop around, but remember to start [here!](#) (Please note that we need to update the Amazon account.) Better yet, bookmark the online pages for all your future shopping. Please ask your friends and family to participate.



UPCOMING PTO-SPONSORED EVENTS

Bishop Holiday Craft Fair - Tonight!

Thursday, 12/06, at Knights of Columbus, 15 Winslow Street, 6 PM to 8:30 PM

Join us for a festive night out for the whole family! The annual Bishop Holiday Craft Fair is a great event for kids and adults to do some holiday shopping and get in the spirit of the season. We have invited local crafters who make jewelry, baked goods, soap and lotion, knitted goods, etc....as well as several of Bishop's own students selling slime, scrunchies, hair accessories, scarves, and other handcrafted items. We look forward to seeing you!

Bishop Play 2019

Important Dates to Note on Your Calendar:

Grades 4-5 Call-Backs: Friday, December 7

PARENT VOLUNTEER MEETING: Monday, December 10, 7 PM

If you registered a child/children for the play, you will receive communications in the coming weeks confirming enrollment and payment as well a cast list and details for rehearsals for your cast. For questions, please email thebishopplay@gmail.com or visit the www.bishopschoolpto.com/bishop-school-play

Green Team

Friday Mornings @ 7:30 AM

This week we will be meeting in the conference room in the main office. For the next several weeks we will be preparing to participate in the Bishop Craft Fair. This week we will be making eco-friendly cleaning supplies and brainstorming other ideas. Come learn something new and share your ideas.

Please contact [Jen Davidson-Jardeleza](#) with any questions or suggestions.

Green Initiatives

Button Battery Collection Box - Main Office

Help our Green Team and our planet by recycling your button batteries. Keeping button batteries out of the trash keeps mercury and other toxins out of our environment. Last year, some of the proceeds from collecting button batteries, was gifted by Arlington's Garden Club, to help pay for the pollinator garden that our Green Team planted and maintained.

December Enrichment Update

Our first enrichment of the year is coming up in December. Lots more programs for all grades coming in 2019!

Thursday, 12/6, for 5th Grade

Museum of Science - States of Matter

Students will observe how solids, liquids, and gases change phases when subjected to extreme temperatures, and learn how to define the states of matter. The Museum of Science's demonstrations involve intensely cold liquid nitrogen. Students will see balloons shrink, a tea kettle whistle without a stove, and lids pop off snack cans.

Monday, 12/17, for 1st grade

Discovery Museum - Lights and Lasers

As students compare white light and laser light they identify key properties including how light must be reflected in order to be seen. Students work with flashlights, prisms, lenses, and a variety of materials that block, reflect, or allow light to pass through.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT!

Each week we spotlight a member of the Bishop staff on the bulletin board outside the main office to get to know them better. Can you figure out who this week's spotlight is?

STAFF OF THE WEEK:

Family: twin brothers, niece and nephew
Birthday Month: August
Hobbies: knitting, watching football, reading
Pets: none
Favorite Book: Watership Down
Favorite Food: anything with cheese!
Favorite Color: green
Favorite Candy: Life Savers, Dum Dum Lollipops
Favorite Vacation: The White Mountains, New Hampshire
Favorite Music: Country
When I grow up . . . I want to travel the world!

Stay tuned next week for the big reveal!

From Last Week:

Family: lots of nieces and nephews!
Birthday Month: May
Hobbies: sewing, girl time, walking, driving
Pets: none
Favorite Book: A Theory of All Things
Favorite Food: cheeseburgers
Favorite Color: purple and navy blue
Favorite Candy: Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream
Favorite Vacation: Paris
Favorite Music: R&B, Disco, Country, Rock
When I grow up . . . I want to be a pilot!

Answer: Yvonne Gonsalves



COMMUNITY NEWS

**Arlington Food Pantry, December Food Drive
Until Wednesday, 12/19**

Volunteer coordinators are collecting donations for Arlington Food Pantry until Wednesday, December 19th. We are asking 5th grade to contribute this month but all donations are welcomed and appreciated. Bins are outside the gym in the lobby of Bishop. For a full list of items to donate please visit:

<https://arlingtonfoodpantry.org/donate-food/>

Monetary donations are also accepted. If you would like to donate, please leave a check or gift card in the front office with Mrs. G in an envelope marked Arlington Food Pantry.

History of AIDS Presentation and Discussion by The History Project
TONIGHT, December 6th at 7pm, Senior Center, 27 Maple Street, Main Hall
Intergenerational event, open to all ages, FREE

Please join us for an important and thoughtful lecture and discussion, including information about some of the relevant History Project collections relating to AIDS, and the importance of LGBTQ archives.

Co-sponsored by the Arlington Council on Aging, Mystic LGBTQ+ Youth Support Network, and the Arlington Rainbow Commission.



Contact Marci Shapiro-Ide, LICSW at 781-316-3419 or at mshapiro-ide@town.arlington.ma.us with any questions.

Parent Forum: UNSTUCK: An OCD Kids Movie
Wednesday, December 12th, 7:00-8:30 pm, Arlington Youth Counseling Center, Whittemore Robbins House, 670R Mass Ave

Snow date: Thursday, December 13



UNSTUCK: An OCD Kids Movie: Movie screening and panel discussion

From the [UNSTUCK website](#): *In the fear and confusion of OCD, six kids offer hope. By letting kids and teens speak openly about Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), UNSTUCK reveals the complexity of this mental health problem and allows young people to explain how they learned to regain control of their lives.*

Presented by: [Arlington Youth Counseling Center](#) (AYCC) & [OCD Massachusetts](#)

Free admittance and light refreshments served. Donations gladly accepted.

RSVP to bys.arlington@gmail.com. Maximum capacity: 60

Sponsored by the Arlington Public School's Parent Forum Committee, the Board of Youth Services, & the Arlington Youth Counseling Center.

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Bishop PTO Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BishopPTO/>

Websites:

Bishop School: <https://bishopschool.net> **NEW!**

Bishop PTO: <http://www.bishopschoolpto.com/>

Contact PTO Executive Board members:

Co-Presidents: [Sarah Eastman](#) (Senior) and [Elisa Komoni](#) (Junior)

Co-Treasurers: [Ami Fatula](#) (Senior) and [Karin Moellering](#) (Junior)

Fundraising Coordinator: [Christian Na](#)

Communications Coordinators: [Junko Nagano](#) and [Christina Marko](#)

Recording Secretary: [Sheelagh Stirling](#)



How to Register for Stop & Shop A+ Rewards

To support Bishop school PTO (and one more school, if you like), you first need your 13-digit Stop & Shop Card number found on the back of the card.

- Visit www.stopandshop.com, click on **SIGN IN, MANAGE MY ACCOUNT, SAVINGS & REWARDS** to create or log into your on-line account.

If you have a Stop & Shop Card but do not know your 13-digit Stop & Shop Card number, call the Stop & Shop Card Hotline at 1-877-366-2668 and select Option #1. The representatives will be able to provide you your Stop & Shop Card number. If you need a Stop & Shop Card, please visit your local store to obtain one or click here: [I NEED A STOP & SHOP CARD](#). It can take up to seven (7) days for a new card to get into the system. After your first purchase, it can take an additional seven days to see the points from your initial purchase to appear on your receipt.

More info on the Stop & Shop A+ Rewards Program is available here:

<https://stopandshop.com/frequently-asked-questions/#!/faqs/a-plus-school-rewards>

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