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Bishop Weekly Update: December 13, 2018

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Today & Tomorrow, 12/13-12/14: New Book Sale
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)

1/4/19 (Fri): Spirit (Wear) Day
1/11 (Fri): Movie Night (Kindergarten sponsor)

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Bishop Community ~ Conference Season in December

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 13th evening conferences. 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!

Hello!

Please remember that the New Book Sale is open in the Library this week, (including after school each day, and 6-8pm Thursday evening) as well as next Monday morning.

Most classes have Library time on Thursday or Friday so watch out for wish lists coming home in the next two days. We can accept cash, checks or, if you are visiting in person, credit cards.

You can double-check when your child has Library time on this schedule:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094eaeaa23a3f49-newbook5>.

There is no obligation to buy. Proceeds go towards new books and supplies for the Library.

Thank you

Alison Vaishnaw and Justine Bloch

Bishop Library

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 please 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 9am-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/)

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

[2018-19 MCAS Dates](http://www.doe.mass.edu/mcas/cal.html)

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



PTO NEWS

Craft Fair

A HUGE thank you to Jen Davidson and Heather Breslau for organizing such a wonderful Craft Fair! It was a huge success! Lots of crafts, food, and fun were had by all. Thank you to our talented crafters - students, parents, teachers, and community participants - for sharing their art. Happy Holidays!

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 Play 2019

If you registered a child/children for Mary Poppins Jr, you should have received emails about the cast list, the tentative rehearsal schedule, the Bishop Player Behavior Contract, and additional details. For questions, please

email thebishopplay@gmail.com or visit the www.bishopsschoolpto.com/bishop-school-play

- [Mary Poppins Jr Cast List](#)
 - [Tentative Rehearsal Schedule](#)
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SAVE THE DATE Bishop Movie Night (Kindergarten Sponsor)

Friday, 1/11/2019, at 6 pm

Bishop Family Movie Night is a great way to kick-off the New Year with our school community. This is a kindergarten parent volunteer event, so a call for volunteers will be sent out shortly to all kindergarten parents. Movie is TBD. More details to come.

Green Team

Friday Mornings @ 7:30 AM

This week we will be meeting in the conference room in the main office. 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.



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: Husband, daughter, mom, dad, brother

Birthday Month: March

Hobbies: decorating, organizing, watching HGTV

Pets: two-year-old dog, Katie

Favorite Book: A Day at the Beach

Favorite Food: Cheese and crackers with apples

Favorite Color: Periwinkle blue and pale green

Favorite Candy: Milk chocolate and peanut butter

Favorite Vacation: Disney, beach, New Hampshire in the Fall

Favorite Music: When concentrating: classical; free time: classic rock (80s and 90s)

When I grow up . . . I want to work with animals at Habitat, a zoo, or an aquarium.

Stay tuned next week for the big reveal!

From Last 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!
Answer: Marian Nolan, Special Education Team Chair

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.



Math Blizzard & Snowflake Workshop December 14, 4-6pm, 14 Church Street, Belmont

Frosty the Snowman creates winter every year and he needs your help! This year, he needs all of the helpers he can find to decorate the winter landscape, solve puzzles, and enjoy his games. Join us with your family and friends as we get ready for winter and the holidays!

Winter Craft Festival December 15, 9am-1pm, Old Hall at Arlington High School

The Winter Craft Festival is a great way for kids to celebrate the holidays and practice their creativity. The suggested ages are 0-10 years old. Crafts will be available for kids to make, such as gingerbread houses, snow globes, mug warmers, paper snowflakes, and more! There will also be a bake sale and holiday music. Admission is \$7 and can be paid at the door. Please respond with the number of people you plan to bring at: classofficers2020@gmail.com. See you there!



Maestro Musicians Academy

Looking for a good Christmas or Hannukah gift for the kids? Enhance their academic and interpersonal skills with music lessons at the Maestro Musicians Academy! We are the FASTEST GROWING MUSIC SCHOOL in the greater Lexington area and parents and kids love our music instructors. Lessons in Piano, Violin, Voice, Guitar, Cello, Trumpet, Sax, Drums, and much more!

If you contact us to sign up for a month of lessons before Dec. 25 and quote "PTO30", we'll give you FREE registration (\$30 value)!

Signing up has never been easier. Request info at maestromusicianslexington.com/request-info, lessons@maestromusicians.com, or 857-756-5230. Find out more today!



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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: **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/faq/a-plus-school-rewards>

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