



Respect, Responsibility, and Regard

10.8.20



Dates for the Calendar

No School (Columbus Day) - Monday, 10/12

School Picture Day - Friday, 10/16 and Monday 10/19

Original Works - 10/14-10/23

Bishop Pumpkin Sale - Saturday, 10/17

Bishop Diversity and Inclusion Group (DIG) Meeting - Thursday, 10/22 at 6PM

Virtual Walkathon - Friday, 11/6

BISHOP BEARS

Hello Bishop Community ~



Today was Cohort B's first day of living the **new arrival procedure** of reporting to school at 8:10am and immediately entering the building. There were still many unattended students as early as 8:00am on school grounds. I understand that this is a new procedure with timing still being worked out. I am confident, however, that students and grown-ups will adjust their arrival time closer to 8:10am moving forward. I want to thank you, again, for your collaboration as we develop safe and accountable systems and structures at the Bishop!



A Message from the Bishop Library

Welcome to Bishop Library, 2020!

We hope you are settling into the new routines of school and hybrid/remote learning. If your child has Library as a current special, you can see Library time looks a little different this year! However, your Library team of Ms. Vaishnaw and Ms. Bloch will remain the same with Ms. Vaishnaw teaching Library class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Ms. Bloch teaching Library class on Thursdays and Fridays.

For this year, specials are divided into quarters, so your child will have Library 2x/week for a period of about 12 weeks. Please make sure your child has joined their Library Google Classroom which should be linked in their teacher's Google Classroom.

Your child can expect remote Library class to look like this:

- Welcomes students and takes attendance**
- Read aloud and book discussions**
- Movement/brain break**
- Read another book if there is time**
- Closing**

Please have your child bring drawing paper and drawing utensils, and a favorite stuffy, is welcome as well

At Bishop, we are not yet able to circulate books from our Library collection. We were lucky enough to have the rug in the Library entirely replaced over the summer but many of the books were moved into bins and need to be re-shelved and reorganized before we can begin to loan them out.

In the meantime, you and your child can visit our [Bishop Library Website](#) which we will be continuing to update with exciting resources and as well as information for how to check out Library books from the public Library. Also, feel free to reach out to us by email at avaishnaw@arlington.k12.ma.us or jbloch@arlington.k12.ma.us with any questions.

Warm regards and stay well!

Justine Bloch

Alison Vaishnaw



After School Program at the Arlington Boys & Girls Club

The Arlington Boys & Girls Club has limited space and van transportation on Thursday and Friday from Bishop to the Arlington Boys & Girls Club. Parent drop off is available as well Monday-Friday.

The program is licensed by the Department of Early Education and Care and is closely following re-opening guidelines. Swimming, out door play, art and many other activities are enjoyed daily in a safe way.

For more information or to register please email Amy Carlson, the Afterschool Program Administrator at afterschool@abgclub.org.



School Picture Day

Friday, October 16th and Monday, October 19th

Bishop School picture days will be Friday, October 16 and Monday, October 19 to accommodate both of our hybrid cohorts. There are also designated times for the Remote Academy students to participate on both days. Please view the schedule [here](#).

Covid-19 protocols, in accordance with CDC guidelines, will be in place to ensure optimal health and safety. These guidelines can be viewed [here](#). =

In order to make this event as smooth as possible, we are looking for volunteers to assist with crowd control, social distancing, reminding students to fix their hair and straighten their clothes and generally keeping the line moving. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please [sign up here](#).

Orders can be easily placed online by visiting www.coffeepond.com and clicking on the big red button that says "Order School Portraits." If you prefer to pay with cash or check, please print out [this form](#) and send it with your child(ren) on their scheduled day. Forms will also be on hand on the actual days, but pre-planning will certainly assist with efficiency and reduced contact.

If your family is in need of scholarship assistance, please reach out to Principal Mark McAneny at mmcaneny@arlington.k12.ma.us ahead of time.

We look forward to a successful event!

BISHOP PTO UPDATES

[Annual Fund](#)

Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year! This will undoubtedly be a memorable year at Bishop Elementary and we are so thankful for our wonderful community of students, parents, teachers, and staff to help us navigate this unprecedented time.

Life has changed dramatically over the past six months, and while our PTO activities have changed, our goal remains the same -- to enrich our children's educational experience and build community spirit at Bishop School. This goal is more important than ever as we begin this extraordinary year with our Bishop students enrolled in both hybrid and remote learning models. As your PTO Board, we have been working diligently to plan for reduced fundraising because of COVID-related restrictions, while balancing a greater demand for classroom and remote learning initiatives.

In the past, the PTO has asked Bishop families for a suggested donation of \$135/child towards the [PTO Annual Fund](#), which helps support supplementary programs and costs, such as teacher and classroom funds, online subscriptions that enhance math/science/spelling/etc., and enrichment programs and field trips, just to name a few.

This year, we are once again asking families to consider donating \$135/child to the PTO Annual Fund so we can continue supporting our teachers, classrooms, and students to the best of our ability during these trying times. We realize there are many challenges facing Bishop families, including economic hardship due to the pandemic, and humbly ask you to consider your own economic situation when making your donation.

(The broken link that was previously shared has now been corrected)

Donations to the Bishop PTO Annual Fund can be made by any of the following ways:

- PayPal via the PTO Website - <http://www.bishopschoolpto.com> (please scroll down and click on the PayPal link in the "Quick Links" section)
- Check payable to "John A. Bishop PTO" (this can be dropped at the Bishop main office). Please also print and complete this [online form](#) and include it with your check

Thank you for your consideration and support of our fantastic Bishop community! If possible, we would greatly appreciate that you make your donation by November 1, 2020 so we can provide support to our teachers and classrooms out of the PTO Annual Fund as soon as possible this school year.

PS - Did you know you can select John A. Bishop PTO for your company's corporate match program? Please direct any corporate match questions to David Brecht, PTO Co-Treasurer, at taavi4598@gmail.com.

Please note: the Bishop PTO is a volunteer non-profit and all funds raised go towards supporting our children and teachers with the exception of a nominal cost for overhead expenses.

Bishop Pumpkin Sale

Saturday, October 17th from 10am-2pm

We are happy to announce the Bishop Pumpkin Sale will go on this year with a few changes. Thank you to Karin Moellering, our Pumpkin Sale Chair, for reimagining our favorite fall event so that we can still gather safely, buy pumpkins, and support the Bishop School! The event will be held Saturday, October 17th from 10am-2pm in the Bishop School Parking Lot. Bishop Spirit Wear will also be available for purchase.

In order to make the event a success, we need your help to set up, clean up and to assist with sales. If you are interested in volunteering at this fun event, please click [here](#).

Bishop Diversity and Inclusion Group (DIG) Meeting

Thursday, October 22nd at 6pm via Zoom

The Bishop Diversity and Inclusion Group (DIG) invites all Bishop parents, guardians, teachers, staff, and community members to a Welcome Meeting on Thursday, October 22 at 6pm via Zoom. Meet the DIG Advisory Board members, learn about our past initiatives, and share your thoughts and ideas for promoting diversity and inclusion at Bishop this school year.

The Bishop DIG strives to create an atmosphere of equity and inclusion at the Bishop School, create spaces to empower those who are traditionally excluded to speak, influence Arlington institutions and groups to incorporate diversity in practice as well as in policy, inform people who live or work in Arlington about issues related to diversity, increase the diversity among staff in the Arlington Public School, and offer each other mutual support as we carry out our mission. For more information, please visit our website at <https://bishopdig.weebly.com/>. To join our mailing list, please email bishopdig@gmail.com. We hope to see you soon!!

Zoom Information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81979117298?pwd=ZmIRQUJ5Sk9PbGc1UXpCU2xNVno3dz09>

Meeting ID: 819 7911 7298

Passcode: 711512

Original Works

Art Due by Friday, October 23

Original Works is back in time for the holidays! This is our yearly, art-based fundraiser where your child(ren)'s artwork can be transformed into individual, quality products that can be shared with family and friends.

The company has improved their platform this year to make remote ordering easy! Once complete, you will be able to see your child(ren)'s artwork on products in their online gallery. Send a link to extended family to allow them to shop too, or better yet, shop for holiday presents for them! And, new this year, the finished products will be delivered right to your home.

Hybrid students--look for the packet with more information in your backpack mail. Remote students--look for the information in your Wednesday pick-up.

Shop AmazonSmile for Bishop!

Did you know you can sign up for AmazonSmile in just three steps? AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to Bishop (search for John A. Bishop PTO) at no cost to you! In a time when we are ordering more online and donations are more important than ever, this is an easy way to support Bishop.

You can make a difference while you shop Amazon Prime Day deals on October 13 & 14. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/22-3198215 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app and AmazonSmile donates to Bishop (John A Bishop PTO).

[Bishop School Directory \(coming soon\)](#)

Our Bishop School Directory Coordinator, Jessica Tsymbol, is hard at work planning for the 2020-2021 school directory. We will be using a new system this year to create an online, easier, and more secure method to access the Bishop School Directory. Look for more information and instructions on how to sign up and register coming soon!

In Search of Volunteer Roles

- **Arlington EATS Snack Coordinator** - Did you know Arlington EATS provides healthy snacks for any Arlington Public School student that needs one? This is an important service, especially this year. In order to make this happen, Arlington EATS needs a Bishop Elementary School Snack Coordinator. Responsibilities include raising funds to purchase snacks, creating a snack wish list on Amazon for parents to purchase from, and purchasing bulk snacks to repackage. If you are interested in learning more about this important volunteer opportunity, please contact bishopschool.pto@gmail.com.

Community News:

Interested in getting information to the Bishop community? Information that you'd like to share with the Bishop community can be included in the weekly Principal's Update. Please email the relevant information to Amanda Maltais (Communications Coordinator, Bishop PTO) at aemaltais@gmail.com.

Varallo Orthodontics Partners in Education Program

Over the past several years, budget cuts have affected our local schools. To offset some of those cuts, Varallo Orthodontics has started the Partners in Education Program, or P.I.E. For every patient in grades K-8 who starts orthodontic treatment with their office, they will donate \$25 to the patient's school PTO. This program runs until 12/31/20. To schedule a free consultation or find out more, visit them at varalloortho.com.

Stay Up to Date

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

Websites:

Bishop School (general info, links to the school system): <http://www.arlington.k12.ma.us/bishop/>

Bishop School (news and events): <https://bishopschool.net/>

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