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From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Prayers

Please keep the following in your prayers as they or members of their family face illness or recover from surgery: Mr. Jaime Aquino, father of Alanna and Alyssa, who is recovering from heart surgery; Ms. Jennifer Berry, whose father Ray Berry, is being treated for lung cancer; Attika Cox, who is recovering from surgery; Ms. Tina Garcea, as she recovers from knee surgery; Sister Carol George, who is undergoing radiation therapy; and Ms. Jennifer Johnson as she recovers from illness.

Please keep in your prayers those members of our community who are going through the difficulty of losing a family member: Mrs. Diane Horton, whose mother, Mrs. Mary Dwinnell, passed away last Saturday; Nathan Garcia, whose grandfathers, Santos Morales and Wencesloa Garcia, passed away in May and July respectively.

Please keep in your prayers former staff member, Ms. Konstanze Sims, who passed away recently. Ms. Sims worked in the Bishop Dunne Guidance Department in 1973 and 1974, helping many students with college preparation. Ms. Sims left Bishop Dunne to move to Wichita Falls, returning to Dallas several years later. As she has no family in Dallas, Bishop Dunne is collecting funds for her headstone. If any alumni wish to contribute, please contact Mrs. Lydia Torrez at ltorrez@bdhs.org.

For Your Child

If your child has asthma or diabetes, please come by the school to meet Nurse Yvonne Price and to obtain the forms that must be completed as soon as possible. An Asthma Action Plan must be on file in the clinic to ensure that your child receives the appropriate care for his or her asthma. A Diabetes Plan of Care must be on file to ensure that your child receives the appropriate care for his or her diabetes. In addition, medication forms are available in the front office in case

your child must take medications during school hours. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Nurse Yvonne Price, MS, RN, CNS, via email at yprice@bdhs.org or phone at 214 339 6561 extension 298. Preventive medicine is the best medicine!

Breakfast on the Brain

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. How many times have we heard that? Breakfast is an important meal though. Breakfast is breaking the involuntary fast after a good night's sleep. Getting our children to eat anything for breakfast can be a challenge, but it should be a priority. Study after study has shown that children concentrate and make better grades, if they eat breakfast. A healthy breakfast will help your child achieve a stable blood glucose, which improves concentration, focus and calm. Bishop Dunne offers breakfast every morning in the cafeteria. Grocery stores sell many items to make eating on the go fast and convenient, such as yogurt, breakfast bars, and protein bars. Send your child to school with a small container of peanut butter and a banana or apple. Help us help your child to achieve his or her personal best at Bishop Dunne with a properly nourished brain!

Students with Learning Differences and ADHD

If you have a student with a learning difference or ADHD and you are seeking accommodations, please notify our Learning Resource Specialist, Mrs. Leslie Oeftering, as soon as possible. For a student to qualify for accommodations, testing must be current within the last three years or a doctor's statement within the last year with a diagnosis of ADHD. Mrs. Oeftering's email address is loeftering@bdhs.org and her phone number is 214 339 6561 extension 293

Please also make an appointment in the first month of school with me, so that we can be sure that we understand your child's learning difference.

Help With a Good Start to the School Year!

Please check EdLine and grades. If you are concerned about your student's progress, please email teachers for further clarification, help, or advice. Parents are very welcome to meet with Mr. O'Sullivan, Mr. Johnson, or me to review grades as frequently as parents or students would like. These meetings are to support students, set a tutorial program, review learning styles, and study skills. Sometimes very bright students are not achieving well because they are unused to the block schedule, to the work load, or they are not really sure how to study. It is always good to understand a child better, particularly his or her style of learning. Sometimes organization can be a problem. Students can benefit from a monthly calendar of events, different colored notebooks and folders for each subject or for red and blue days. A special place for studying and completing homework at home is important, especially a place away from the television or other distractions, but one that can be supervised by parents. Preparing for the next school day before a student goes to bed is also an important tip for organization.

Student Directory

The Student and Family Directory this year will be accessible via Edline and will be password protected. The Bishop Dunne Administration in no way endorses the distribution of our families' names and addresses for business or solicitation purposes, and we ask our parents to please respect our families' privacy.

Tutorials

Attached, you will find the Master Tutorial Schedule. The email and voicemail list for all Bishop Dunne personnel is on our website. All teachers at Bishop Dunne are available for tutoring, and the schedule will allow your student to plan sessions and record them in his or her planner. Email is a preferable form of communication.

Please be reminded that there is Math coaching in the mornings and that the library and writing lab are open in the mornings.

Study Hall

This year, after school will be done completely differently. Whereas there will be community programs such as karate and dance for our students and interested students in the community, other students will have Study Hall.

Study Hall will be in classrooms and supervised by teachers. Study Hall will be silent and all students left on campus will have to attend, even those who are waiting for athletic practices. Study Hall will be in teachers' classrooms and not in the library and there will be no charge. All students must be in tutoring, with a coach, or in Study Hall. Students in Study Hall are expected to complete homework, study, or read silently. Calling on cell phones and eating snacks in Study Hall is prohibited. Students will be dismissed to the Front Office only when parents come in to pick up their child. There will be a receptionist until 6:00 p.m. to facilitate parents coming in to sign out their child. After 6:00 p.m., a significant fee will be charged for Study Hall.

Bishop Dunne 100 Dinner

Bishop Dunne Catholic School will host the eighth annual Bishop Dunne 100 Dinner on October 29, 2008, at The Hilton Anatole Hotel. The proceeds from this event are used to provide financial aid for those students who otherwise would be unable to attend Bishop Dunne.

Bishop Dunne welcomes our new superintendent, Sister Gloria Cain, and is proud to announce that Sister will be our keynote speaker for this event. Sister Gloria of the School, Sisters of Notre Dame, has been the Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Victoria since 1996 where she also served as a Co-Director of Affairs for the Protection of Children and Young People. Prior to her work in Victoria, she was Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana. She also has

extensive experience as a principal and classroom teacher. Sister Gloria earned a Master's degree in Administration/Supervision from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

At the Dinner, the Voyager Award for outstanding service to the greater Dallas community will be presented to Father Timothy Scully, C.S.C., of The University of Notre Dame who will accept the award on behalf of the Alliance for Catholic Education program. Father Scully is a professor in the Department of Political Science at Notre Dame and the Director of the Institute of Educational Initiatives. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master's of Divinity degree from The University of Notre Dame and a Master's of Arts degree and a Doctorate from the University of California at Berkeley. Father Scully founded ACE in 1994. The ACE program provides college graduates an opportunity to earn Master of Education degrees while serving as teachers in understaffed Catholic schools. Bishop Dunne currently has the highest number of present and past ACE students in the nation: Veronica Alonzo; Kevin Braun; Lauren Bugos; Jesse Flores; Nick Hurt; Katie Kinner; Tim McManus; Patrick O'Sullivan; Tom Perez; and Tiffany Roman, and we will be celebrating the tremendous gifts that those teachers have brought to Bishop Dunne.

Parents are very welcome to attend the dinner to help support our tuition assistance program. If you are interested in sponsoring a student or need ticket information or wish to sponsor advertisements for the Bishop Dunne 100 Dinner Program, please contact Mrs. Lydia Torrez, Director of Development for Bishop Dunne Catholic School at 214 339 6561 extension 297.

Senior Presentation Mass

Bishop Dunne will introduce the Class of 2009 to our community on Wednesday, September 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. during the Senior Presentation Mass held at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church. This annual event recognizes the role of the seniors not only as the leaders of the school, but also as leaders within the Oak Cliff community through their service to many schools, hospitals, and other non-profit organizations within Oak Cliff. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Mike Dugan, pastor of St. Elizabeth of Hungary parish.

The seniors have been serving the Oak Cliff community as part of the senior curriculum since the early 1970's. Many elementary schools, both public and parochial, are visited by our students, where they help with tutoring and act as teachers' aides. Senior service extends to St. Elizabeth Catholic School, St. Cecilia Catholic School, Notre Dame School for Special Children, Maria Moreno Elementary, Mark Twain Elementary, Anson Jones Elementary, and Immaculate Conception Catholic School. Some of the organizations that the seniors serve are the Promise House, Charlton Methodist Hospital, Dallas Methodist Hospital, Crescent Place Elderly Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and the Vogel Alcove Child Care Center. We have made plans to add Metrocare Services of Dallas (a community mental health and mental retardation center serving the residents of Dallas) and the Hampton-Illinois Branch of the Dallas Public Library system this school year. All in all, it should be a great year for our seniors to both give and receive from the Oak Cliff community.

The Mass on Wednesday, September 10, will be followed by a reception in the cafeteria at Bishop Dunne Catholic School. Parents and families are invited and encouraged to come. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mini-School Night

Please join us on Tuesday evening, September 16, 2008, for Mini-School Night. Parents are asked to report to their child's A block class by 6:30 p.m. at the latest. Parents will then receive a schedule so that they can follow a Red and a Blue school day. Parents will meet the teachers and will be given an overview of the course, classroom expectations, and assessment procedures. Course outlines and syllabi, assessment procedures and timeline will be available through EdLine. Mini-School Night is not a parent/teacher conference night, but it is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teachers and understand more about the classroom and the curriculum. The evening will be over by 8:30 p.m.

Alert Now

Bishop Dunne employs the services of Alert Now for notification of events or emergencies if necessary. The Alert Now system contacts you with a recorded message by phone. It is important that your contact information be up to date. If any of your information changes please make sure you notify the school.

Construction Update

The new athletic field house is taking shape and excitement is building as Bishop Dunne now has one of the best athletic facilities in Dallas. The field house exterior is finished with stucco work completed, and doors, windows, HVAC and plumbing are being installed this week. While the track is complete, there has been a significant manufacturing delay with the new field lights, necessitating our insurance adjustors to advise that football not be played until the lights are fully installed. We will play our scheduled home games away until we receive further clarification on this issue. Please rest assured that we are doing everything we can so that our students can enjoy their beautiful new facilities as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Pesticides

Our fields are regularly sprayed with chemicals and pesticides for weeds and fire ants. Please know that we do not allow students on the fields during these times.

Asbestos

The old building was built in the early sixties and has minimal asbestos materials in the floor tiles and ceilings. Whereas most of this asbestos has been either encapsulated or removed, some is still exposed. We have an asbestos management plan and an aggressive

policy of removing all asbestos materials even though it is perfectly safe and annual safety inspections show that there is no friability. Each year, we renovate more parts of the old building, replacing flooring and ceilings.

Edline

Parents are reminded that Edline is one of our primary ways to send information out to you and for you to receive information about the school, the calendar and upcoming events as well as your child's classes. If you have not set up your Edline account yet, please send an email to Mr. Wood at pwood@bdhs.org. Please include your child's name and grade level.

Please note that when you log in should you see FILE LOCKER in the top left column of the screen you are using your child's account and your child is losing out on valuable features available to him or her. If you have any technology related questions, please feel free to get in touch with pwood@bdhs.org.

Fall College Scholarship and Financial Aid Night

A representative from Texas A&M University Office of Financial Aid will share the latest information on changes in financial aid and important information about maximizing students' chances to receive scholarships. The evening is September 9, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Bishop Dunne auditorium.

College Fair

Please mark your calendar for Bishop Dunne's very own college fair. College representatives will be on hand to answer questions about admission and scholarships to their universities. The college fair will be on September 25, 2008, from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the gym and all students and parents are welcome.

Application Nights

This fall the Guidance Department will sponsor two application nights for senior students. The purpose of these evenings is to give the seniors an opportunity to complete and submit college admission applications and spend time outside the school day with our College Counselor, Mrs. Keisha Brown, asking any questions they might have about the application process. Pizza will be provided and students need to indicate their attendance in advance.

The first application night will be on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and the second application night will be Wednesday, November 19, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The application nights will be held in room 304. Due to a limited amount of space, interested students must sign up on Naviance to attend this event at www.workspacek12.naviance.com.

College Chats

The Guidance Department will be offering designated nights when they are available to chat about college admissions. These chats will be conducted through the new College Guidance page on Edline. Look for more information in next month's *Falconer*.

Uniforms

At Bishop Dunne our goal is to teach our students to dress for success. I have listed a few friendly reminders for your convenience. Please familiarize yourself with our uniform policy. Our uniform policy is on pages 37 through 39 of our student handbook. Please note that you may also access the student handbook on our web site.

Uniform Reminders

- Female students are not allowed to wear sweatpants or pajamas under their skirts
- All boys 15 and older and boys who have begun to shave must come to school clean shaven
- Please note that athletic shoes may be worn with the Khaki Shorts, Skorts and Pants
- White Shoes may be worn only with the Khaki shorts
- Khaki Shorts may not have side pockets
- Students are not allowed to wear oversized clothes
- Students will be sent home for oversized or sagging clothing

Talon Tube

Talon Tube is up and running on the website at http://www.bdhs.org/oncampus/talon_tube/ and is in need of our students' latest video creations. Whether creative, intending to inform about our community at large, or simply recording an event such as a school outing or game, we would love to help you share it on the school website. Videos already edited should be in a basic format such as QuickTime, WMV, mpeg, or AVI, but we will also accept some unedited footage for limited editing and publication processing. Please do not submit video already published in the DVD format. To submit video for Talon Tube, please contact Mr. Beattie at dbeattie@bdhs.org, Mr. Wood at pwood@bdhs.org, or Mr. Stevens at kstevens@bdhs.org.

Student Council Club Fair

In an effort to activate students' voices and be an outreach for all clubs who represent Bishop Dunne in our community, the Student Council will host a club and organization fair for the 2008-2009 school year. The Club Fair will take place on Friday, August 28, 2008, during lunch periods. Students will be able to receive information about the different clubs available in our Bishop Dunne family.

Students and parents need to be aware that being part of a club is very important for high school résumés and college applications. Students need to keep in mind that joining a club is not just about putting a name on a list but about performing service, representing Bishop Dunne well, forming leadership skills, and making a difference to our community.

National Hispanic Institute Summer Update

The following students attended various NHI leadership programs this summer. Below is a list of the participants, their positions, and awards. Please join us in congratulating these students for all their achievements.

Youth Leadership Conference at Austin College, Sherman, Texas Cross Examination

A team of two students prepare a speech and support their position, either affirmative or negative. Both students then present their position and then prepare a cross examination for the opposing team. Then the judges decide who has the better argument.

Sebastian Saldivar, Elizabet Hernandez, Michael Ricard, Lorenzo Almanza, Ramiro Marroquin

Extemporaneous Speaking

A team of four students prepare an opening statement and support statements and a closing. They are given various situations yet they do not know which one will be chosen. The day of the competition, they must answer the situation and then describe the reasoning for that choice. They must convince the judge why their choice was the best for that specific situation.

Kristina Munoz, Pedro Soares

Mock Trial

A team of two students pairs up to be an attorney and a witness. This competition is similar to cross examination, but the students must protect their witness and the attorney must give an opening speech on an affirmative or negative point of view. Then the opposing team and the attorney question the witness.

Mariah Morales, Matthew Galvan, Karen Torres, Paula Castillo, Elia Lara, Juan Medina, Gabriel Medina, Michael Solares

Oratory

A team of two students has a different topic, and must write a speech on either an affirmative or negative argument. The speech is written on the spot and then it is read to the judges. After another team presents, the opposing council can ask questions regarding the speech. The students have the option of arguing their viewpoint in Spanish.

Crystal Hernandez, Mayra Martinez, Gabriela Cruz

Individual Awards

Congratulations to Sebastián Saldivar who made it to finals of adjudication and to Mariah Morales, Matthew Galvan, and Kristina Munoz who placed in the competition. Congratulations also go to the Bishop Dunne coaches: Cameron Cox; Marco Obregon; Astrid Fuentes; Rebecca Fernández; and Alexa Medina.

Youth Leadership Conference at Loyola University at Chicago, Illinois, and Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas

A legislative format provides the forum for public debate, for ideas to be presented and challenged, and for innovative, inventive, and imaginative leaders to emerge. There is a President, Senate, and House of Representatives. Attorneys were Briana Aranda, Astrid Fuentes, and Lauran White. Astrid made it to the finals, and received an award for being a member of the top attorney team. Members of the House of Representatives were Cameron Cox, Rebecca Fernandez, Sarai Morales, and Martin Paz. Cameron received an award as the most persuasive speaker in the House at the national competition, and Rebecca Fernandez received an award for being one of the top three debaters.

Collegiate World Series at New York University, New York, New York, and Texas A&M at College Station

Teams of students were organized with specially invited college admissions counselors, from over one hundred top universities to serve as coaches and advisors. Students compete with each other to be “drafted” to the school of their choice and to negotiate the best financial package possible.

On the evening of their arrival, there is a mock graduation, and the top two students in the program are presented with valedictorian and salutatorian. Bishop Dunne had the honor this year of receiving both awards at the Texas A&M site out of a total of Texas’ top eighty National Hispanic Institute students. The valedictorian was Arturo Hererra and the salutatorian was Monica Dominguez. Major League All-Star Award Recipients were Veronica Aviles, Monica Dominguez, Cecilia Hernandez, and Nicolas Ramos. Other participants who placed were Alfred Avila, Rachel DeLeon, Ariana Hamilton, Robert Koole-Valdez, Evan Kuterbach, Alfredo Martinez, Cristal Ortega, Anni-Jo Pardo, Paolo Sintobin, and Jenni Suter.

Catholic Charities Partnership

We are very proud to be associated with the good work at Catholic Charities. Bishop Dunne is now an integral part of Catholic Charities’ food pantry, storing and organizing food items in a specially designed storage area in St. Mary’s Hall. Catholic Charities is a family of human services working together to strengthen families, and has been in existence since 1891 with a mission to put into action the Gospel mandate to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and care for the sick. Senior students will help Catholic Charities keep inventory and distribute food.

Faculty and Staff Summer Activities

Bishop Dunne faculty members are encouraged to use their summer to engage in education activities and projects, to travel, enjoy family, relax and rejuvenate.

Mr. Michael Alferts hosted basketball camps for boys and girls from elementary through secondary school age. He also conducted workouts for the boys' basketball team and began an athlete mentoring program. Mr. Alferts completed background research on a potential new history course on the impact of the sixties in modern history and enjoyed a family reunion. **Dr. Veronica Alonzo** attended a workshop on GIS at the University of Texas in Austin. This workshop focused on *Mapping Our World* — GIS lessons for Educators v.9.0, ArcGIS tutorials, and over 40 hours of hands on exercises and exploration to ensure success at bringing this technology into the classroom. Incidentally, the award-winning *Mapping Our World* book series was written by our very own Technology Instruction Specialist, **Mrs. Christine Voigt**, and Geotech Coordinator, **Mrs. Anita Palmer**. **Ms. Isabel Arista** spent the summer enhancing our school with facility improvements and renovations. **Mr. Brad Baker** worked to establish the GIS Intern Program, where GIS students will gain professional experience in the Bishop Dunne GeoTech Research Lab working on GIS programs with the Dallas police, United Response Search and Rescue, and other Bishop Dunne community partners. This summer, the Search and Rescue Tech Team made a series of maps for a missing person case in Tennessee. Mr. Baker also attended the ESRI International GIS Conference in San Diego and gave a presentation titled "Safeguarding our Community – GIS in schools." The presentation highlighted the homeland security mapping of the school, search and rescue maps, and hot spot maps for the Dallas police – all created by our GIS students. Mr. Baker also met up with Bethany Munoz, Class of 2007, who is currently a GIS intern for the Bureau of Land Management. She gave a conference presentation on GIS management of wildfires in California National Parks. Bethany will be working with our seniors and juniors to promote GIS internships in the future with the Student Conservation Corps.

Mr. Isaac Bell attended some professional seminars and enjoyed the company of his newborn daughter. **Ms. Jennifer Berry** completed her course work for grades 8 through 12 English/Language Arts teacher certification in the State of Texas. Additionally, she completed freelance work writing press releases, book reviews, and author biographies for a public relations firm that specializes in literature. She also completed freelance work with a self-publishing company, where she evaluated the quality of new manuscripts and established revision plans for authors to generate publishable works. **Mr. Ivan Birch** won a Teacher Quality Grant, allowing him to attend Abilene Christian University for a four-week course designed specifically for chemistry teachers. Mr. Birch was also involved in scientific research in electrochemistry at Abilene Christian University. **Ms. Marylee Boarman** completed a Summer Institute in Advanced Placement Government at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth and attended the National Educators Computing Conference in San Antonio. She also traveled to Florida and the Caribbean with her family. **Ms. Wanda Boesch** traveled to Honduras with Bishop Dunne students for the summer global solidarity field trip. She also started her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership in Catholic Schools at the University of Dallas. **Mr. Kevin Braun** spent most of

the summer at the University of Notre Dame enrolled in a 7-week summer semester through the ACE program. He was able to take classes towards earning his Master's Degree in Education, which he should complete in May 2009. He was able to spend the remaining time at home in Pennsylvania, taking in a few Phillies games, and spending time with family.

Ms. Lauren Bugos spent her summer at the University of Notre Dame, where she worked to complete her Master's degree in Education. She enjoyed days of long classes, intense discussions about curriculum, and numerous hours of sand volleyball. She explored new and exciting activities for her classes this upcoming year, and she is very eager for the school year to start. She also traveled home to Chicago, where she visited with her younger brothers and sisters and rested for the upcoming school year. **Ms. Kelly Bush** moved from Davenport, Iowa, and decided to explore her new home town, visiting the Dallas Arboretum, the Sixth Floor Museum, and the Dallas Zoo, as well as discovering her favorite ice cream shop and deciding that a Texas summer beats an Iowa winter any day! **Mrs. Thelma Cooper** attended a Dr. Harry Wong National Training Conference entitled *The Effective Teacher*. **Ms. Bethany Dies** took an education course at the University of Texas at Dallas. She traveled through California for two weeks exploring, climbing, rafting, and biking in beautiful Yosemite National Park. She also spent quality time with her family in Austin and Galveston, and went scuba diving and deep-sea fishing. **Mrs. Iryna Dovzhanska** taught an on-line Latin course. She also attended the Dr. Harry Wong conference. **Ms. Kristen Eklund** was busy with her new baby but also attended Bureau of Education and Research seminars and the Texas Adolescent Literacy Academy for English Language Arts teachers, where she learned to pinpoint reading issues that could prevent our students from being successful readers due to common decoding, fluency, and/or comprehension difficulties. She also attended the Harry Wong conference. **Mrs. Marcela Garcini** participated in the Pre-AP Summer Institute at UT Arlington. She visited a public high school in Mexico to learn more about different populations and class management. She was then able to travel for six weeks in Mexico and Panama. **Mrs. Eleanor Graham** spent three weeks researching family roots in Cornwall and Wales and taking a "literary tour," visiting museums and birthplaces all over England that are dedicated to famous British writers. Sites visited were those associated with Chaucer, Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Coleridge, Jane Austen, Virginia Woolf, Dylan Thomas, and Gerard Manly Hopkins, among others. **Mrs. Mariana Griggs** kept busy as a Biology teacher at Richland Community College, a volunteer with the Soupmobile, Community Gardens of Oak Cliff and Crossroads Community Services. She also started Community Garden in Cockrell Hill, visited family in central Mexico and the Rio Grande Valley, and rescued Buzz the dog and found his owners.

Mr. Tim Hall enjoyed being home with his 8 month old baby, Avery, and also took online professional education courses. He also developed and taught our new accelerated online SAT/ACT Preparation course. **Mr. Myron Hawthorne** spent the summer coaching and mentoring student athletes here at Bishop Dunne. **Mr. Nicholas Hurt** travelled to the Diocese of Trujillo in Honduras with our students on the global solidarity service trip and began working on becoming a certified Spiritual Director by studying in the Post Masters Certificate in the Practice of Spirituality program at Boston College. He also attended a four-day Ignatian silent retreat

at the Jesuit retreat center at Lake Dallas and helped his parents clean and move back into their home after the devastation of the June Midwest flooding. **Mr. Michael Johnson** assisted with summer football workouts, and travelled to his alma mater, Louisiana Tech, to work with the Ryan Moats Football Camp. He also worked at the Jay Novacek Football Camp at the University of North Texas and attended Dr. Wong's conference. **Mr. Michael Kistner** was very involved in volleyball and the girls participated in the Pantego Christian Academy Summer Volleyball League, where they placed second and third in the two different categories. He also ran a very successful 5th through 8th grade volleyball camp, and had the girls compete in the All-American Volleyball Summer Camp. On the academic side, Mr. Kistner began research on a paper on destroyer warfare during World War II that he hopes to publish. **Mr. Bill Lalla** spent some time relaxing and preparing for this year's French tutoring. He was able to provide a good home for Mongo the stray cat. He also visited his family in Austin and spent time exercising and assisting the high school football conditioning program. **Mr. Chris MacLellan** was on the program staff for Young Neighbors in Action, a week-long service retreat focused on the Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teachings. He spent one week each for YNIA in St. Louis, Detroit, and DC. **Mr. Jim Martin** travelled to the west coast to meet up with family and enjoy Oregon. He also travelled to Washington D.C., to meet with Colman McCarthy, who heads the Center for Teaching Peace. Mr. McCarthy was the guest social justice speaker at the 2006 GeoTech Conference where he met with students and urged them to become more socially and politically aware. Through Mr. McCarthy's leadership and curriculum, Mr. Martin developed the Peace Studies classes at Bishop Dunne. Mr. Martin also visited theologian Shane Claiborne, who promotes the teachings of Jesus in an inspirational way. **Mr. Tim McManus** began his summer by helping to lead the Diocese Young Adult Mission Trip to Trujillo, Honduras. He spent two weeks there working in impoverished neighborhoods and helping out at an orphanage. He then traveled to Guanajuato, Mexico, where he studied Spanish and lived with a local family. Towards the end of the summer, he joined Campus Minister Jim Martin on a trip to meet journalist Colman McCarthy in Washington, D.C. to discuss peace education. The remainder of Mr. McManus' summer was spent with his family and friends in Boston. **Mr. Alex Meza** spent July at the ECAP summer academy, obtaining certification to teach high school Spanish. He learned more about teaching techniques and looks forward to implementing them in the classroom.

Ms. Sherry Nelson attended a Pre-AP workshop at SMU Legacy to gain more insight into Middle School teaching techniques. She attended a workshop at St. Paul's in Richardson for further instruction on literacy for adolescents. Ms. Nelson was then able to spend time in Louisiana catching up with her friends and family. **Ms. Joanne Noller** attended classes on early childhood development and visited other schools' early childhood programs, where she learned new policies and procedures that she will adapt into the Bishop Dunne Early Childhood Center. Ms. Noller also attended a seminar in foreign economics and prepared for her 6th grade World Cultures class. **Mrs. Molly O'Sullivan** travelled to San Francisco for the annual conference of the International Baccalaureate Program, a program that Bishop Dunne is considering adopting for grades 6 through 10. The conference gave her much insight into this rigorous international program and how we may institute it here. **Mr. Patrick and Mrs. Molly O'Sullivan** enjoyed travelling with

their daughters to Missouri, Colorado, New York, and Virginia. Mr. O'Sullivan taught the first online Biology and Psychology classes for advanced credit. **Mr. Tom Perez** trained for seven days this summer to become a certified Laying the Foundation trainer. LTF created vertical teaming materials used in Pre-AP classes to prepare students for the demands of AP courses. Following his certification as a trainer, Mr. Perez led an in-service for thirty one McKinney ISD teachers so they could begin using the LTF material with their own students. **Ms. Meile Peterson** worked in her art studio developing her body of paintings and completed continuing education classes with the Dallas County Community College District. She also travelled to Mexico and worked on photography there. **Mr. Scott Ramirez** traveled to Austin, Corpus Christi, and Honesdale PA. He also spent time learning Spanish through podcasts, researching soccer theory and tactics, and gaining a better understanding of music theory. **Mr. Josh Rasmussen** had a busy summer, returning to live in his childhood hometown of Dallas after six years in Austin. With a baby girl due in October, the Rasmussens spent most of the summer making their new home ready for their first child. Mr. Rasmussen has been familiarizing himself with new course materials in preparation for his Latin students and is excited about the year.

Mr. Jeremy Ratliff traveled to Guanajuato, Mexico, to study Spanish for three weeks at Instituto Falcon. Instituto Falcon is one of the most reputable Spanish language immersion academies in Mexico. He had four hours of intense Spanish language immersion a day, and then spent his free time exploring Guanajuato with fellow students and teachers from the Institute.

Mr. Bill Rhyan attended a Mathematics Pre-AP Algebra I/Geometry workshop at the Advanced Placement Summer Institute at Texas Christian University where he learned more about teaching techniques and concepts related to the AP classroom. **Mr. Mario Root** had the opportunity to visit Orlando, where he spent time on the campuses of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach and the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Bethune-Cookman is a small private historically black college with an excellent nursing program. The University of Central Florida is a large comprehensive university with offerings across a wide variety of disciplines. **Mr. Kyle Stevens** attended the National Educational Computing Conference in San Antonio where he networked and brainstormed with educators from across the globe. He completed graduate courses at Regis University; nearing completion of a Master's degree in Education. He also coached for the Team Texas Women's Freestyle Wrestling Team in Fargo, ND for the third year. The women's team successfully defeated Team California in the team competition to win the USA Wrestling Women's National Championship. **Mrs. Vivian Toole** attended the Pre-AP workshop at SMU Legacy. She was able to travel to Portland Oregon and the Oregon Coast, and to Lawrence, Kansas to help her son get situated at Kansas University. She took time to read and catch up with both old and new movies.

For the fourth year, **Mrs. Lydia Torrez** coordinated the Diocesan Catholic High School Global Partnership Trip to Honduras. This year forty students from Bishop Dunne, Bishop Lynch, Ursuline and John Paul II participated in this growing ministry. The goal of this diocesan project is to work in solidarity with the Catholic Diocese and the people in Trujillo, Honduras to help create better

educational opportunities, construct more chapels that also serve as community centers, and to provide better health care. The Bishop Dunne students piloted a new project this year by studying Honduras more in depth through an online course. The students spent 17 weeks studying the history, culture, politics, education, and social justice issues that impact the country. After completing the work with the villages during the first ten days of the trip, the Dunne students remained in Honduras for an additional five days and toured the country, visiting Pico Bonito, a beautiful park in the mountains of La Ceiba, the ancient Mayan ruins in Copan, and the capital of Honduras, Tegucigalpa. The students and chaperones have dealt first hand with the challenges of Honduras, but have also witnessed the beauty of its people and its environment. **Ms. Adarely Trejo** spent time with family, researched law schools and completed some dance classes. **Mrs. Christine Voigt** attended the Education Blogger Conference prior to the NECC Conference in San Antonio which focused on the use of Web 2.0 tools in Education. At the NECC conference, Mrs. Voigt presented on Bishop Dunne's use of iPods in the classroom. **Mr. Delone Williams** attended the Dr. Harry Wong National Training Seminar on How to Be an Effective Teacher. He assisted Coach Hawthorne with the football team's summer strength and conditioning program which consisted of weight training, conditioning, and 7 on 7 passing camps. He also participated in the Jay Novacek (former Dallas Cowboy Tight End) football camp held at the University of North Texas and the Ryan Moats (Philadelphia Eagles Running Back) football camp held at Louisiana Tech University. **Mr. Daniel Wilson** became an Advanced Placement Scorer and spent a week in Daytona, Florida, scoring AP English exams. He attended the AP Annual Conference in Seattle and brought back lots of great information to share with his AP Department. He visited the North Oregon Wine Country and scouted out the locations from the film *The Goonies* on the coast of Oregon. He also trained and ran with the Bishop Dunne Running Camp all summer. **Mr. Paul Wood** attended the National Education Computing Conference in San Antonio and also attended the Constructing Modern Knowledge Workshop in Manchester, New Hampshire, where he met and conversed with such educational technology leaders as Peter Reynolds, Sylvia Martinez from GenYes, Gary Stager, Alfie Kohn, and Marvin Minsky, also known as the father of Artificial Intelligence. He also visited MIT and the MIT Science Museum. Mr. Wood writes of his adventures at his blog at <http://whatisyouritvision.blogspot.com>. **Ms. Robbie Zeske** attended a week-long workshop on Christian Iconography at St. Basil's church. She was able to create her own icon of the Theotokos, the Eastern Orthodox name for St. Mary. She also attended a workshop on Texas Hispanic Art and floated down the Guadalupe River with her family.

Bishop Dunne Academy

Welcome back to all our middle school academy students! The attendance at our first Parents' Night and skating party was phenomenal and the Sky Ranch Camps and Bishop Dunne Campus Ministry Team, led by Mr. Jim Martin, offered lots of fun opportunities for our new and returning students to get to know each other and learn some positive ways to have a great school year. The academy teachers and director, Mrs. Sherry Nelson, would like to remind parents that one of the key components of a successful

education is parent involvement. There is no more critical time in your child's education than these middle school years and parents are encouraged to be involved in their education on a daily basis. Some tips: stay in touch with the teachers through your Edline account and email; discuss your child's day over dinner in the evening; ask check planners and homework; plan an activity during the weekend to further educational opportunities at museums, the zoo, special exhibits at other venues, and the library; have lots of reading materials in your home and encourage your student to read – regularly – and not just textbooks and assigned reading. Also, please be a presence here at school. Your involvement and presence is a visible sign to your child of the importance of education and your partnership with the teachers and administration. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Sherry Nelson at snelson@bdhs.org if you wish to discuss your child's progress.

Student Center for Community Leadership

The beginning of this school year brings with it the opening of a new office at Bishop Dunne. The Student Center for Community Leadership will be located in the front office, to the right of the receptionist's desk and across from the Campus Ministry office. The Center will focus on providing students with opportunities to be more active in the community, to become involved in social issues, and to develop leadership skills. Through the Center, students may apply to chair a committee on an issue of concern, or they may choose to work on an existing committee aiding the student chairperson. Students have already begun working on a committee to address relief issues in Sudan. They will be working in cooperation with Mr. Santino Athian, a Sudanese refugee and one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan," who will be traveling back to his home country in the fall. For more information about the Student Center for Community Leadership, please contact Mr. Tim McManus at tmcmanus@bdhs.org.

Nova Scotia Field Trip

There will be an informational meeting for all 8th, 9th and 10th grade students and their parents who are interested in attending the Nova Scotia field trip. The meeting is September 5, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 101. We will be discussing the price, itinerary, and expectations of the trip. Please e-mail Ms. Barnett at ebarnett@bdhs.org if you have any questions or are unable to attend the meeting.

Inauguration 2009

With all of the excitement surrounding this year's presidential election, the 8th grade and 11th and 12th grade students will be embarking on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Washington D.C. Students will be traveling from January 17 through January 24 with the Close-Up Program to participate in the Presidential Inauguration.

The students will be taking part in many of the Inauguration week events, including the Inaugural Parade, Presidential Oath, and Inaugural Address. In addition, students will be sharing the

classroom with other students from around the nation to debate current events, discuss issues with policy experts and will learn how the media shapes policy. Finally, students will meet with Members of Congress, tour the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam and Korean War Memorials, the Washington Memorial, and the World War Memorials. The week will conclude with students attending their own Inaugural Ball with the other schools who are participating.

Please check the Bishop Dunne website in coming months, as students will be preparing blogs to share about their anticipation for the trip. Participating students and teachers will be posting daily blogs and videos on the website so everyone at home can share in this unique experience.

Boxtops for the Early Childhood Center

Thank you to all who have collected boxtops for us in the past. Last year we received a check for over \$200. This year our goal is \$500. Boxtops can be found on a variety of items such as Cheerios and Kleenax. Please check the website at <http://www.boxtops4education.com> for a complete list of items. If every student in the school brought in just 10 boxtops throughout the year we would exceed that goal. Thank you all in advance for your help.

From the Athletic Department

Swimming

The Bishop Dunne Swim Team is open to students in grades 6 through 12 and is a fast growing group that is focused on competitive swimming. While we encourage all levels of swimmers to participate, conditioning, aerobic abilities and stroke technique will make up the majority of our practice time. Special pre-season sessions in early September will be available for those who are just learning to swim or who are not familiar with all of the strokes. Our swimming season officially starts in late September/early October, but workouts are on land. Running and core conditioning will begin prior to pool practices.

If you are interested in joining the Bishop Dunne Swim Team, please visit the Bishop Dunne web site and click on the athletics link. Navigate through any of the sports buttons to find swimming. Fill out the form attached to the link and return it completed to Coach Zeske in room 402. There will be a mandatory parent/swimmer meeting in September before practices begin. Sizes for suits and other gear will need to be made at that time. Check the website or email Coach Zeske at rzeske@bdhs.org for later details.

Golf

Golf tryouts for high school boys and girls will be held during the second half of September. The exact date will be announced following Labor Day. All high school boys and girls interested in trying out should listen for announcements about the tryouts.

Students can also ask Coach Perez in room 111. Golfers need to have their own golf clubs in order to participate.

Please congratulate 12th graders Brian and Sean Luke for their golf success this past summer. Both young men won tournaments on the Texas Legends Junior Tour over the past two months. Brian won the Chad Campbell Junior Tournament at The Tribute Golf Course in The Colony. Sean won the North Texas Junior PGA qualifier at Twin Creeks Golf Course in Allen. Sean's win qualified him for the Junior Byron Nelson Tournament and the Junior PGA Championship where he placed tied-11th and tied-20th respectively. We are very proud of both golfers' accomplishments.

The First Tee of Dallas will begin a new session on September 13, 2008. The First Tee has many programs for beginning junior golfers (up to the age of 18). Please visit their website at firstteedallas.org for more details about this highly acclaimed program.

The golf team would like to thank Twin Wells Golf Course and The Golf Club of Dallas (Oak Cliff Country Club) for allowing the team to use their facilities free of charge. Both courses have supported the golf program for the last five years and have been integral to the success of our golfers. Please consider both locations for your business when playing golf.

Baseball

After qualifying for the state playoffs last season, Falcon baseball players are excited to get back to work preparing for their 2009 campaign. Offseason workouts and practices will begin this month. Also, Bishop Dunne baseball players will compete together on a "fall ball" team. There will be a meeting with information about both on Thursday, August 28, 2008, at 3:10 p.m. in the auditorium. Interested players or parents can speak with Coach McManus personally, or can email him at tmcmanus@bdhs.org with any questions.

High School and Middle School Tennis

The Bishop Dunne Tennis Program will begin off-season Open-Court workouts in October. All students and player levels are welcome to attend. Experienced players, please come out and warm-up your skills before Spring season begins! If you are a beginner, or are interested in learning how to play tennis, we would love to teach you! You will need a current athletic physical on file with the school to participate. Please contact Coach Beth Dies (Rm. 413, bdies@bdhs.org) or Coach Nick Hurt (Rm. 106, nhurt@bdhs.org) for more information. See you on the courts!"

Middle School Football

Bishop Dunne will have two Middle-School football teams competing for DPL championships this season, one for the 7th and 8th grades ("varsity," made up of 34 players), and one for the 5th and 6th grades ("junior varsity," with 18 players). Both teams comprise students from Bishop Dunne as well as from other

Catholic elementary schools in the area. The DPL season kicks off on Sunday, September 14. For information, contact Coach Guerrero or Coach Lalla.

Middle School Cheerleading

The new Middle School cheerleaders recently attended camp at Bishop Dunne. The camp was hosted by the Bishop Dunne Varsity cheerleaders and the National Cheerleader Association. In addition to Bishop Dunne, there were four other schools in attendance at the camp, The Highlands School, Krum High School, Red Oak High School and Henry B. Gonzales Elementary School. There were over 80 cheerleaders learning cheers, dances, stunts and competing for three long days.

The Middle School cheerleaders worked very hard and their work paid off. They earned one excellent and three superior ribbons. Congratulations to Allissa Anderson for being named an All-American Cheerleader. Three young ladies were nominated for All-American, Alissa Anderson, Kelly Merlino and Sidney Stubbs. The 2008 Middle School cheerleaders are Alissa Anderson, Tianna Carr, Drue Dixson, Nina Gavos, Jade Jacobs, Sara Medina, Ashley Sarmiento, Catherine Sellers, Sidney Stubbs and Keyerra Washington.

Bishop Dunne Catholic School - Master Tutoring Schedule - Fall 2008

Subject	Teacher	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Special Notes
U.S. History & AP	ALFERS		7:45-8:25		7:45-8:25		Room 109; also by appointment
World History	ALFERS		7:45-8:25		7:45-8:25		Room 109; also by appointment
Chemistry & preAP	ALONZO	7:30-8:30					Room 211
Spanish Lang & Lit	ALONZO		3:15-4:15		3:15-4:15		Room 211
GIS	BAKER	8:00-8:25; 3:00-3:45	8:00-8:25	8:00-8:25; 3:00-3:45	8:00-8:25	8:00-8:25	
World Geography	BAKER	8:00-8:25; 3:00-3:45	8:00-8:25	8:00-8:25; 3:00-3:45	8:00-8:25	8:00-8:25	
Survival	BAKER	8:00-8:25; 3:00-3:45	8:00-8:25	8:00-8:25; 3:00-3:45	8:00-8:25	8:00-8:25	
History/Geog (8th)	BARNETT						By appointment
Health	BARNETT						By appointment
Graphics/Animation	BEATTIE	3:15-4:30	3:15-4:30		3:15-4:30		By appointment only
Webmastering	BEATTIE	3:15-4:30	3:15-4:30		3:15-4:30		By appointment only
PreAlgebra	BELL						Red days 7:45-8:20; Room 114; Afternoon avail. by appt.
Earth Science	BELL						Blue days 7:45-8:20; Room 114; Afternoon avail. by appt.
English II & II preAP	BERRY		7:30-8:15		7:30-8:15		
English III	BERRY		7:30-8:15		7:30-8:15		
Journalism	BERRY		7:30-8:15		7:30-8:15		
Chemistry	BIRCH	3:00-4:00			7:45-8:30		Room 211
Forensics	BIRCH	3:00-4:00			7:45-8:30		Room 211
Environ. Science	BIRCH	3:00-4:00			7:45-8:30		Room 211
U.S. History AP	BOARMAN		3:10-4:00		3:10-4:00		Drop-ins also available most mornings
Government & AP	BOARMAN		3:10-4:00		3:10-4:00		Drop-ins also available most mornings
World War II	BOARMAN		3:10-4:00		3:10-4:00		Drop-ins also available most mornings
Broadcast Journalism	BOARMAN		3:10-4:00		3:10-4:00		Drop-ins also available most mornings
Modeling Physics	BOESCH	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	Room 209
Physics AP	BOESCH	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	Room 209
Alg II preAP	BOESCH	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	7:50-8:25; 3:30-4:00	Room 209
Biology preAP	BOVE	3:00-4:00		3:00-4:00			Room 306
Biology	BOVE		3:00-4:00		3:00-4:00		Room 306
Precalculus	BRAUN	3:00-4:00	7:00-8:25	7:00-8:25	7:00-8:25		
Calculus	BRAUN	7:00-8:25	7:00-8:25	7:00-8:25	7:00-8:25		
English I	BUGOS	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25		
English II	BUGOS		7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25	Will change after volleyball season
Theology I	BUSH			3:00-3:30	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	Will change after volleyball season
Religion 6 & 7	COOPER	7:40-8:10; 3:00-3:30	7:40-8:10; 3:00-3:30		7:40-8:10; 3:00-3:30	7:40-8:10; 3:00-3:30	Or by appointment
French I, II, & III	DIES	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25; 3:05-4:00	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25; 3:05-4:00	by appointment
English II preAP	DIES	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25; 3:05-4:00	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25	7:45-8:25; 3:05-4:00	
English	DOVZHANSKA		7:50-8:30				Other times by request
Latin	DOVZHANSKA					7:50-8:30	Other times by request
Rdng/Wrtng (6th)	EKLUND	3:00-3:45			3:00-3:45	7:45-8:20	Thurs. & Fri. times by appointment only
Spanish	GARCINI		7:45-8:15; 3:15-3:45		7:45-8:15; 3:15-3:45		Room 414
Span II preAP & III preAP	GARCINI	7:45-8:15; 3:15-3:45					Room 414
English IV	GRAHAM						In the mornings as needed; Sign up in room 410
Science	GRIGGS		7:30-8:00; 3:00-3:45	7:30-8:00; 3:00-3:45	7:30-8:00; 3:00-3:45		
Health	GUERRERO		7:10-7:45		7:10-7:45		In front office
ACT/SAT Prep	HALL	3:10-3:45	3:10-3:45		3:10-3:45		Room 23 in St. Mary's
Study skills	HALL	3:10-3:45	3:10-3:45		3:10-3:45		Room 23 in St. Mary's
Theatre Arts I & II	HALL	3:10-3:45	3:10-3:45		3:10-3:45		Room 23 in St. Mary's
Religion 8	HURT	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15		
Theology II	HURT	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15		
Lord of the Rings	HURT	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15		
TX History (7th)	JENKINS	3:15-4:15	3:15-4:15		3:15-4:15		Tutoring between 7:45-8:15 is avail. By appt. only
History/Geog (8th)	JENKINS	3:15-4:15	3:15-4:15		3:15-4:15		Tutoring between 7:45-8:15 is avail. By appt. only
World Geography	JOHNSON	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	Room 417
History/Geog (8th)	JOHNSON	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	7:45-8:15	Room 417
English 8 & PreAP	KEARNEY	3:00-4:00				3:00-4:00	Or by appointment
Literature 8	KEARNEY	3:00-4:00				3:00-4:00	Or by appointment
Biology	KELLER	3:00-3:30	8:00-8:30	8:00-8:30	3:00-3:30		Room 306
Statistics AP	KELLER	3:00-3:30	8:00-8:30	8:00-8:30	3:00-3:30		Room 306

