



Friar Facts – August 10, 2017—Guidance and Learning Center

**GUIDANCE WELCOMES YOU TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!**

Welcome back, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and welcome to our new freshmen! Your counselors are looking forward to working with you this year. Counselor assignments are as follows:

**COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENTS 2017-2018**

COUNSELOR	FRESHMEN	SOPHOMORES	JUNIORS	SENIORS
Beverly Brin	A-Z			
Flo Mehlman		A – F	A - F	A - F
Jan Hublein		G – Ha	G - Ha	G-Ha
Shea Sanchez		He – O	He - O	He - O
Michelle Perkus		P – Z	P – Z	P - Z

**STUDENT ORIENTATIONS FOR  
SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS, AND SENIORS**

- Come dressed in full uniform
- Pictures will be taken
- Come immediately to the Atrium and Theater area
- All students current with tuition will receive a final copy of their schedules
- Student orientations are mandatory! Please be on time!

**Senior Orientation**

Thursday, August 10, 8:00 – 11:00 am

**Junior Orientation**

Thursday, August 10, 12:00 noon – 3:30 pm

**Sophomore Orientation**

Friday, August 11, 8:00 -11:00 am



## **FRESHMAN ORIENTATION DAYS: AUGUST 10 & 11**

This is an exciting time for you and for the Bishop Lynch community. To make sure that your start of school is as smooth as possible, your **freshman orientation days** are scheduled for **Thursday and Friday, August 10 and 11.**

On August 10, **come in full uniform, bring your laptop and a notebook and pen.** The day will be spent teaching you how to log onto and navigate our FriarNet to access grades and assignments and our Blackboard classroom management platform. In addition, you will learn of our policies regarding use of our network. You will also attend a presentation by our Dean of Students to familiarize you with our student handbook and the expectations we have for you as a student at Bishop Lynch.

### **Thursday, August 10**

#### **8:30 – 11:00 pm: Freshmen A-L**

Freshmen with last names beginning with A through L meet in the Atrium to receive instructions for the morning session.

#### **11:30 am – 2:00 pm: Freshmen M-Z**

Freshmen with last names beginning with M through Z meet in the Atrium to receive instructions for the afternoon session.

### **Friday, August 11, 12:00 noon**

All freshmen report to the Atrium in full uniform for ID pictures.

Students who are current with tuition will receive a final copy of their schedules.

**12:45-2:00--**Presentations by various departments with information on courses, your guidance counselor, activities and athletics

**2:10-3:39--**You will follow a practice run-through of your class schedule so you will know where to go on your first day of class

**3:45--**Freshmen dismiss for activities with the BL Ambassadors

**4:15--**Dismissal

## **Schedules for 2017-2018**

Next year's schedules have been posted on FriarNET. *Please be aware that, due to the balancing of the master schedule, you may have a class at a different period with a different teacher than what was originally posted. You will receive a final printed schedule at your student orientation.*

***Please remember the policy for schedules: no course changes allowed except for the following reasons:***

- an error, such as a full-year course with a different teacher spring semester



- a class period which has been omitted on your schedule, or 2 classes scheduled the same period
- a *levels* change, if approved by your teacher or counselor
- a *sports* change

If one of your chosen courses does not appear on your schedule, it is either due to a schedule conflict or the course not being offered. In this case, one or more of your *alternate* course selections has been substituted.

*If you have a reason to request a change, please see or email your counselor as soon as possible.*

*Please note, counselors are unable to grant specific teacher requests.*

If you need your FriarNET user name or password:

- Go to the BL web site
- Click “My FriarNET Login”
- Enter user name (first 4 letters of last name, first name initial, middle name initial, last digit of year of graduation—example: PerkMP7)
- Click “forgotten password” in red

*How to Read Your Schedule:*

*Please Read Before Contacting Your Counselor*

- A 5<sup>th</sup> period that begins “*Adv Course (DE) Status...*”: this is *not* a class—it is your dual enrollment status.
  - “*Adv Course (DE) Status Accuplacer Not Ready*”: retest is required. To schedule a retest, please email Pamela Malouf, Guidance Assistant, at [pamela.malouf@bishoplynch.org](mailto:pamela.malouf@bishoplynch.org).
  - “*Adv Course (DE) Status Reading/Writing Ready*” and “*Math Level 1, 2, or 3*”: you are qualified to take dual enrollment courses.
  - “*Adv*” before the course name: the course is **dual enrolled**.
- **After-school athletics** are scheduled as 5<sup>th</sup> period classes.
- All sports will be changed from the name of the sport to “**Athletics**” when school begins.
- **Online classes** appear in the 5<sup>th</sup> period slot; however, students work independently and do *not* meet for class after school. (Examples: 611OL Computer Applications, 612OL Office Applications)

## Dual Enrollment

If you have any questions about dual enrollment status, please contact Jan Hublein in the Learning Center: [jan.hublein@bishoplynch.org](mailto:jan.hublein@bishoplynch.org).



## **Should I Take the ACT or the SAT? Free Diagnostic Test Opportunity!**

The first of our two Kaplan Combo SAT/ACT Tests will be offered on Saturday, August 19, and is *for juniors and seniors only*. Along with the immediate diagnostic and practice test benefit for seniors, this free SAT/ACT Combo test will also be a great practice test for all **juniors** who will be taking the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test on October 11 for **National Merit Scholarship Program** consideration. An additional SAT/ACT Combo Test opportunity will be made available on January 13, 2018, for all sophomores and any junior who is unable to test on August 19.

Here is the link to the Kaplan announcement and registration for the August 19 Combo SAT/ACT Practice Test which is *for juniors and seniors only* (Please be sure to make note of the **Wednesday, August 16 registration deadline**):  
[http://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/blhs\\_satact](http://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/blhs_satact)

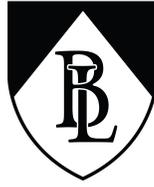
## **Free PSAT Practice Test Opportunity for Sophomores & Juniors**

Are you ready to take your PSAT test on this year's National Testing Day, Wednesday, October 11? The PSAT is a test that will help you prepare for taking the actual SAT, and is the qualifying test for juniors to establish eligibility for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition. To help you prepare for this test, we will be offering a free PSAT Practice Test on Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 AM in the Bistro for all BL sophomores and juniors. Please use the following link to register for this free practice test: [http://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/blhs\\_psat](http://kaplan.formstack.com/forms/blhs_psat)

## **PSAT Test Prep Course Offering for Sophomores & Juniors**

In addition to the free PSAT Practice Test on September 16, we are also offering a tuition-based PSAT Preparation Course tailored specifically for any sophomore or junior with strong academic standing who would like to pursue consideration for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition. We are able to offer this PSAT Test Prep Course at the BL campus through our partnership with Kaplan. The course will be conducted on two Saturdays and three Sundays in September and October just prior to the October 11 National Testing Day.

The tuition for this 16-hour course breaks down to just over \$30 per hour, which is less than half of what you would pay for private tutoring. Additionally, the college admissions and scholarship offers that you might receive as the result of your PSAT/SAT test scores could make this a very worthwhile investment of your time and money. Please click on the following link and take a look at the Kaplan flyer for course details (and make sure to use the Kaplan free promo code in the upper right-hand corner to receive the special course price along with free student access to Kaplan's online SAT and ACT test prep): <http://kaplanatschool.com/bishoplynch>



## Upcoming SAT and ACT Test Registration Deadlines

As a reminder (and especially for seniors), the next SAT testing date is August 26, and the late registration deadline is August 8-15. The next ACT testing date is September 9, with the registration deadline August 4 and the late registration deadline of August 5-18. If you are planning to take either of these tests, don't delay – register today, and take advantage of this summer to prepare, prepare, prepare!

## ACT Accommodations

Students who have never previously applied for accommodations for the ACT must contact Mrs. Hublein in the Learning Center before the registration deadline.

## Accommodations Plans For Students With Documented Disabilities

BL offers a limited number of accommodations to students with appropriate documentation. In order to meet the criteria of Bishop Lynch's, College Board's and ACT's extended time testing policies, medical notes from a personal physician in the case of both learning disabilities and ADD/ADHD are inadequate; a *complete psycho-educational evaluation is required*, with both cognitive and achievement testing. Documentation requesting accommodations at BL must meet the following stated criteria used by the College Board:

1. State the specific disability, as diagnosed.
2. Be current (less than three years old).
3. Provide relevant educational, developmental, and medical history.
4. Describe the comprehensive testing and techniques used to arrive at the diagnosis of the disability (including evaluation date(s) and test results with subtest scores from measures of cognitive ability, current academic achievement and information processing.
5. Describe the functional limitations supported by the test results.
6. Describe the specific accommodations requested and state why the disability qualifies the student for such accommodations.
7. Establish the professional credentials of the evaluator, including information about license or certification and area of specialization.

If your student has a documented learning difference, meets the documentation criteria, and would like to write an Accommodations Plan for the 2017-2018 school year, please send two copies of the documentation by mail to the attention of Jan Hublein in the Learning Center, even if you have already previously submitted the evaluation to Admissions. Or, you may email the documentation to Mrs. Hublein as an attachment. She is contacting parents for



appointments with you and your student beginning late July/early August. Please feel free to call or email: 214-324-3607 x 4132 or [jan.hublein@bishoplynch.org](mailto:jan.hublein@bishoplynch.org).