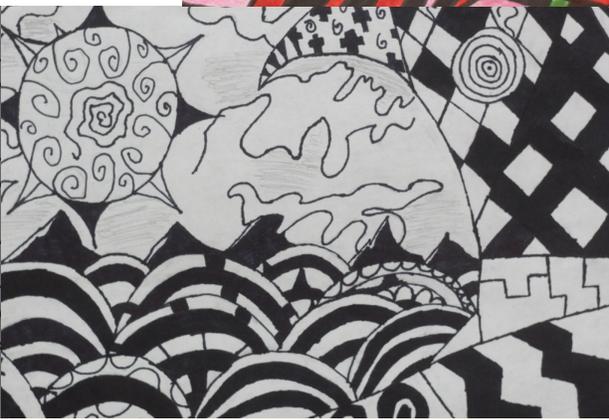
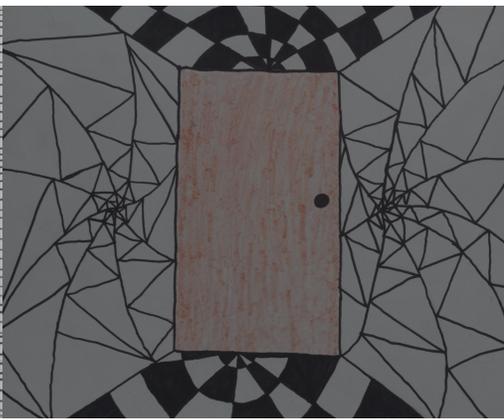
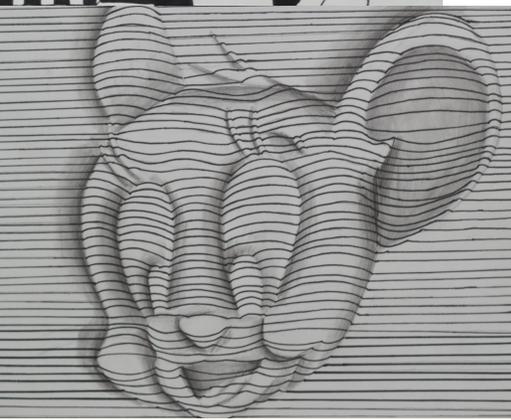
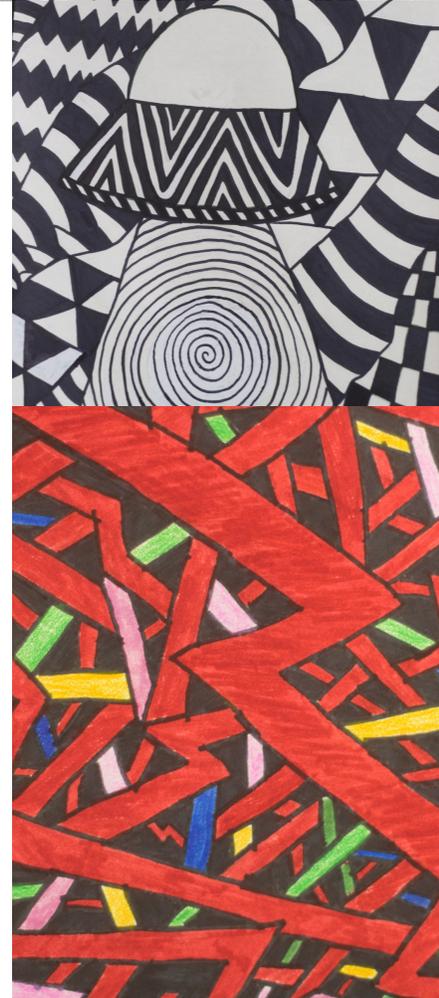


Parent Newsletter

November 2021

Pictured:
Art projects done by students in
Art Foundation studying "lines"



BEACON OF HOPE ON THE HILL SINCE 1908

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A LETTER FROM OUR SCHOOL PRESIDENT

Dear Bishop Ward families,

Being part of Bishop Ward for all of us should be a source of healthy pride. We can be proud of our history, our tradition, our academic excellence, our athletic achievements, our artistic creativity, and our faithful living of our mission as Christian disciples.

Today, as I write, I am especially proud of our current students. I am proud of how they conduct themselves in a positive, constructive, orderly manner. I am proud of the good academic work they are doing. I am proud of the scholarships our upperclassmen have won and are continuing to win. I am proud of the way our fall sports teams are all having great success. I am proud of the new artistic works displayed in our hallways. I am proud of our students for starting the new Friday morning "Jesus and Java" sessions, which I attended today to pray with some of them. I am proud that our theatre group will soon be performing a great story, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. We love our students for who they are, and we are proud of what they are achieving.

Of course, there are challenges. Some are relatively small matters, such as too many boys hiding facial hair behind their masks, while others may seem small but can become troublesome, such as gossip or "drama" among the students. But, on the whole, we are witnessing the positive, caring, Christian environment we promise you. And we are seeing students thrive in it.

Thanks for the blessing of sharing your children with us. Onward, Black & White!

Take care and God bless,
Jay Dunlap
President



For more information please visit:
www.wardhigh.org



MIND, BODY & SOUL

Happy Fall!

October is the month when we see the leaves begin to change from green to many splendid shades of yellow, orange and red.

As the month wears on and the colder winds of November blow in from the north, the beautiful leaves disappear. The sun sets earlier and earlier each day, up until the Winter Solstice, then we begin to add minutes of sunshine to each day. As we move into November our students should be deep into their learning and school routines.

October is mid semester, the semester is half over and we are moving toward the semester's end. During this time students may begin to feel a bit weary of studying and learning. This is the time to encourage them to keep working and to finish their semester strong!

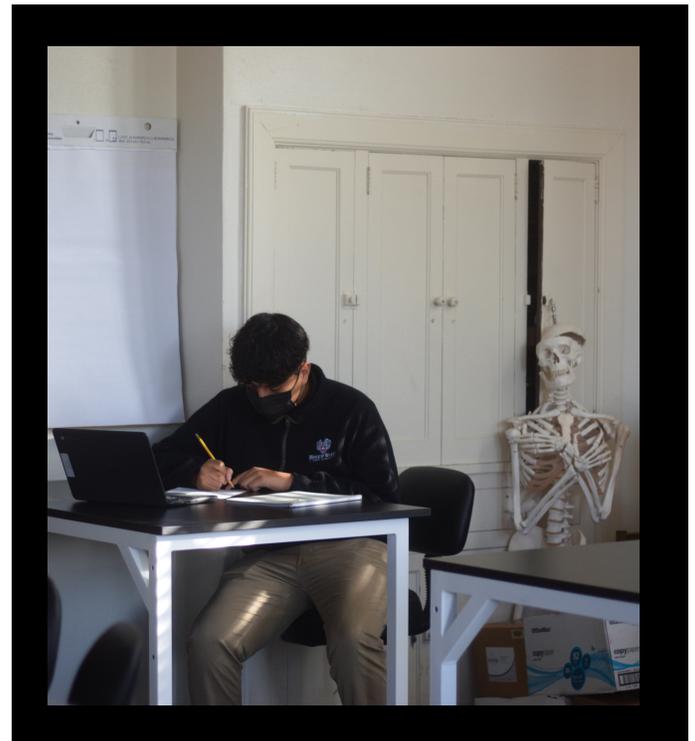
We are here to partner with you and to encourage your son/daughter to stay the course and to work hard to finish their semester on a strong note. Please call us if you need our assistance.

You may reach any of us by calling the main office number at 913-271-1201.

God Bless,
Dr. Michelle Olson
Principal

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**Pictured above:
Student studying the Cell unit in
Mr. Heying's Biology class.**

MIND, BODY & SOUL



Pictured:

Mr. Alonso, reviewing an experiment with his students in Principles of Bio-Medical Science.

They are investigating measures of blood drops when blood is dropped from different altitudes.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN CLASSES?

We are going into the month of November and there's a lot of buzz going on in our building. Teachers and students are extremely busy with the semester and are enjoying being back in the building. So many great things are going on in classes! A few are the following:

- Mrs. Pine's students are writing letters to politicians about the changes they believe are necessary based on Catholic teachings.
- Mrs. Paszkiewicz's students created found object sculptures that highlight current social issues such as alcoholism, homelessness, pollution, and murder. You can see these on the 2nd floor - they are incredibly moving!
- Mr. Eppolito's students set up ramps and built cars in his Physics class to study speed, distance and time.
- Ms. Kelly has our students out and about visiting colleges. You can see her in the hallway meeting with students to plan their next steps after Ward.
- Mrs. Evilsizer's class is working on persuasive speeches that include addressing important issues such as the right to life.

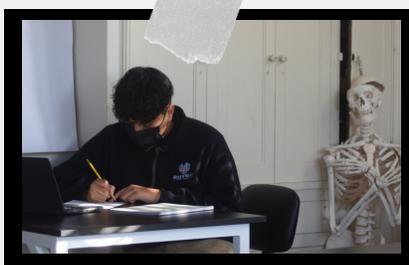
Teaching is not an easy job but we do it with energy, love and compassion!

GOOD STUDYING TIPS TO HELP STUDENTS

SET YOUR SPACE

Help your student, find an area in your house where he/she can sit comfortably and focus.

Make it separate from your family's relaxation space. Ideally away from TV screens or other distractions.



TAKE NOTES

Zoning out? Note-taking keeps students minds engaged. Every student is required to keep a notebook in every class.

PLAN YOUR DAY

Check your students planner for assignments and important dates.

Help your student maintain a list of things to study. Break it down into tasks and plan to help him/her complete the hardest tasks when he/she has the most energy.

LESSEN DISTRACTIONS

Set the phone aside so your student can concentrate on his/her school work.

CHANGE IT UP

If you notice things are becoming difficult for your student to focus on, have him/her take a 5-min break and come back to it.



TAKE BREAKS

Encourage your students to take breaks and eat healthy snacks.

SPEAK UP & ASK FOR HELP

If things get tough, please reach out to your student's teacher(s) and ask for help.



JOURNAL IT

Make sure your student has a journal he/she can use to write any questions he/she may have for the teacher.



MIND, BODY & SOUL

NEW DATES FOR THE FALL PLAY

The Performing Arts Program has moved the dates of the fall play: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe.

The new dates are:

Thursday, Dec 2nd at 7:00pm

Friday, Dec 3rd at 7:00pm

No Saturday performance

Sunday, Dec 5th at 2:00pm

Adults - \$8

6 & over - \$5

65& older, Religious, Military - Free

We hope that you and your family are able to join our cast members and watch this awesome show that the students have taken months to perfect.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING BISHOP WARD?

Ms. Luna and Mrs. Sanchez, in Admissions are preparing for Early Bird Enrollment which begins November 1st and ends December 3rd.

If you know anyone interested in transferring or becoming a Cyclone for Fall 2022, please make sure they know about Early Bird enrollment and the awesome incentives Bishop Ward offers for a limited time.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR ACCOUNT FOR TUITION FALLS BEHIND

Bishop Ward will have attendance disruption dates during the 2021-22 school year for accounts that have fallen behind. We recognize each family's efforts to keep your child in Catholic education and we understand that it gets difficult at times. If this may be the case for you, we suggest you reach out to the Business Department at Bishop Ward before the attendance disruption dates to find a way to not be affected.

The attendance disruption dates for the school year are:

November 15

December 10

January 19

February 23

March 21

April 19

May 10



"Become a Cyclone,
Join the Legacy"

Early Bird Enrollment

If you enroll between
Nov 1st - Dec 1st, you receive:

- \$500 Presidential Scholarship
- A free Bishop Ward P.E shirt
- December Placement Test Fee Waived

For more information
on how to enroll
contact admissions
at 913.371.1201



CYCLONES OF THE MONTH

Every month, the entire school is able to vote for a student and a staff of the month who embodies our mission statement - body, mind and soul.

Body - Dedication to health and wellness. A person who has a positive attitude and believes in good sportsmanship.

Mind - Excitement and enthusiasm for education. A person who has high expectations for himself/herself and welcomes a challenge.

Soul - A commitment to the Catholic faith, ready and willing to serve the Bishop Ward community. A person who is kind and respectful to all students and staff.

Congratulations! Go Cyclones!
In the month of October, we recognized:

Student of the Month
Corey Stewart - Junior

Staff of the Month
Ms. Gregory - Athletic Department



YOUR JUNIOR MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR KC SCHOLARS

Hello Parents of Junior Students,

We wanted to let you know that this year your student may be eligible to apply for KC Scholars. This is a \$50,000 scholarship that can be used at one of seventeen local colleges. As part of Junior Seminar students will work with teachers and leaders to complete the application. The first set of requirements are listed below:

- 11th grade student
- US Citizen or DACA eligible and DACA applied/approved
- 2.5 Cumulative GPA or 16 on the ACT

Juniors who meet the above requirements will be invited to attend an information session on November 3. We'll come back together on November 10 to verify financial eligibility and determine whether or not your family meets the following final requirement:

- Low or modest income

In preparation for this session, your student will need a copy of your 2020 Adjusted Gross Income and the current balance in your checking and/or savings accounts.

Please know that ALL Bishop Ward students will have different opportunities to apply for scholarships. If your student doesn't meet the qualifications for this one, we'll help him/her find another one.

If you have any questions, contact Dr. Emily Saatcioglu at 913-229-3884 or esaatcioglu@wardhigh.org.

Sincerely,
Ms. Kelly and Dr. Emily

P.S. - We implemented a KC Scholars mentoring program in 2019 and continue to have more winners every year! Check out our promising history below.



2021 - 12 winners
2020 - 17 winners
2019 - 6 winners
2018 - 5 winners
2017 - 1 winner



MIND, BODY & SOUL

WHY DO WE GO TO CHURCH?

Dear Bishop Ward family,

In this first semester of having everyone back together in the building for class, it has been a joy for me to celebrate Mass with the different Theology classes as well as with the whole school gathered together at St. Peter's Cathedral.

One of the questions that we can get as Catholics is why we put so much emphasis on going to Mass and making it to church on Sunday.

There are many answers to this question, but perhaps one of the most important reasons is that by going to church, we are sacrificing our valuable time to give thanks to God.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of just how blessed we are in our lives, even despite the real sufferings we've experienced due to the pandemic or any other family or work issue we have.

"God has given us 168 hours of life every week. The least we can do is give one those 168 hours back to him by going to church"

- Fr. Joel Haug

God has given us 168 hours of life every week. The least we can do is give one those 168 hours back to him by going to church!

It is very important to our school's Catholic identity that we go to Mass together as a community as much as we can during the school week, and it is even more essential that you are able to participate in going to Mass or church on the weekends together as a family. As Father Patrick Peyton often said, "The family that prays together, stays together."

We are all confronting many challenges as individuals and families, and we can easily feel anxious as it seems like things are spiraling out of control. By going to church and giving time every day to prayer, we give God permission to take care of our concerns, and very often we come away from any time that we give to Him with a greater sense of peace, even if nothing exteriorly has changed.

Jesus taught us to pray in the Our Father: "Give us this day our daily bread." When we go to church, we receive that "daily bread," and we receive the strength to get back into the great battle we are all fighting together!

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your families.

In Jesus' joy,

Fr. Joel

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs, Nov. 4th - All School Mass with Archbishop Naumann at St. Peter's Cathedral

Tues, Nov. 16th - Freshman Retreat at Reach KCK at Blessed Sacrament Parish

Wed, Dec 8th - All School Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at St. Peter's

Tues, Jan. 8th - Sophomore Retreat at Reach KCK

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR FAITH OUTSIDE OF BISHOP WARD:

All Saints Parish:

Bilingual Youth group, All Saints Parish, every Thursday, 7-8:30pm

Reach KCK:

NCYC, Indianapolis, IN
November 17th - 21st

Service Saturday

December 4th, Location TBD, 9-12pm

March for Life, Washington D.C

January 19-23

"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"

- Joshua 24:15



BRINGING FAITH INTO THE FAMILY AT HOME

Different ways to bring faith into the family is crucial to serving the Lord. Here are some ways you can bring Faith into the family beginning with home.

- Attend Mass together as a family.
- Create a prayer jar where each person in your family puts in a specific prayer request each week.
- Tape a prayer on your bathroom mirror that children and parents can recite vocally or mentally when in front of the sink.
- Recite a prayer before every meal
- Check to see if your parish has access to Formed.com account, some parishes have this account for free for their parishioner's to watch Catholic based movies/series
- Go on a prayer walk at least once or twice a week, recite a rosary when walking with your family.
- Praying in the car as a family.
- Having faith based or Catholic imagery in your home.
- Praying with your children at night before going to sleep.
- Being an example as a parent to your children of a Godly-man and a Godly-woman.

WE ARE WARD

Bishop Ward Catholic High School educates each individual body, mind and soul in Christ, enabling students from a diverse family community to be servant-leaders in right relation with God, self and others.

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