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Welcome, Class of 2026!

Freshman Information Packet



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Important Dates

Cheerleading Open Gym:	May 16th and 17th
PIAA Physical Form:	Due after June 1st and by July 27th
Band/Choir/String Registration:	May 13th
Music Parent Meeting:	May 17th at 7 PM
Studio Art Class Sign-Up:	June 15th
Flocco's Shoes Shopping Event:	TBA
Flynn O'Hara Shopping:	June 22nd from 5–8 PM
Chromebook Drop Off Date:	TBA - More Info Enclosed
Fall Sports First Official PIAA Practice:	August 16th (Golf August 8th)
Freshman Welcome Night:	August 30th





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Greetings from BSHS Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians of the Class of 2026:

Thank you for choosing Bishop Shanahan High School for your child. I am happy to welcome you to the BSHS community! Your child is about to embark on a journey where he or she is part of something bigger and not just a number or face in the crowd. A soon-to-be graduate from the Class of 2022 recently summarized her BSHS experience in this way: "I love Shanahan because it feels like my second home. All the students and staff are like family to me. I love how every day I am learning and growing as a person and growing in my faith as well."

Students at Bishop Shanahan High School are part of a community of people who care deeply about them as individuals and who strive to help each student to grow intellectually, spiritually, and socially. Please see the information contained in this packet as a valuable resource for you and your child during this time of transition to high school. In particular, please note the wonderful opportunities available, including private voice and instrument lessons; roster options for Related Arts, Studio Art, or Band/Chorus; and an open gym session for cheerleading.

Also included is Chromebook requirement information. Bishop Shanahan makes extensive use of Google applications across the student-centered curriculum. The Chromebook provides your student with the ideal tool to support their instructional needs.

Don't miss the FlynnO'Hara Uniform Company invitation for an **exclusive shopping evening** for Bishop Shanahan families on **Wednesday, June 22nd**. Flocco's Shoes will also be hosting a shopping event at Shanahan. Stay tuned for date and time information.

Later in the spring, you will receive additional information about the summer reading selections for our incoming freshman class in the Summer Information Packet.

We are very excited as we continue to plan for the newest members of the Bishop Shanahan High School community. Everyone at Shanahan is looking forward to welcoming you on campus this fall!

Please be assured of my prayerful best wishes as your child prepares to be a Shanahan Eagle. May these remaining days of 8th grade be for him/her a time of blessing.

Sincerely,

Rev. John E. Donia

Reverend John E. Donia
Principal





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Greetings from the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs

Dear Class of 2026,

You are about to embark on an adventure that will change your life forever. Your time at Bishop Shanahan presents you with an opportunity to grow closer to God, deepen your understanding of the world around you, and to form relationships which could last a lifetime.

As Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs, it is my job to help guide you along the academic portion of your Shanahan experience. In August, you will receive your roster for the 2022-2023 academic year, which will include information about all of the courses you will be taking as a freshman at Bishop Shanahan High School.

As your high school career unfolds, you will have many academic choices to make based on your interests and goals. I encourage you to start exploring our program of studies and course catalog at shanahan.org/bshsacademics, and to begin reflecting on what type of learning you are passionate about. Whether you are interested in STEM, business, fine arts, world language, social studies, healthcare, education, or other fields, we have many special programs that will help you develop your interest and fulfill your potential.

The one academic choice you do have to make this year involves how to fulfill your fine arts requirement; you will have the option to take either Related Arts, Studio Art, or Band/Chorus. There is more information about this choice in letters from Mr. Keating and Mrs. Thompson enclosed in this packet.

If you have any questions or concerns between now and September, do not hesitate to reach out to me at rmoran@shanahan.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Moran
Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs





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Greetings from Athletic Department *An Invitation to Cheer*

Dear Parents and Students of the Class of 2026,

On behalf of the Bishop Shanahan community, I would like to welcome you. Your high school years will encompass some of the greatest times of your life. Being involved in extra-curricular activities will make your high school experience very fulfilling.

We will be having Open Gym for incoming Freshman Cheerleading on Monday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 17 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in the Main Gym. Students must attend both sessions.

Throughout the school year, we participate in many activities including: Cheer competitions, a Halloween parade, a Christmas parade, community service projects, and many school-related events. If you are unable to make the above dates and times please call me at 610-343-6208 or send an e-mail to nriccardo@shanahan.org.

I am looking forward to meeting you!

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. Nancy Riccardo
Head Cheerleading Coach





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The Fine Arts Department *Band Class & Choir Information*

Dear Members of the Class of 2026,

The study of music is an integral part of a student's program of learning. It is an area of curriculum concerned with subjective responses, positive growth, and is dependent on structured experiences. The Music Department affords each student the opportunity to develop intellectually and aesthetically. Students are given careful attention so as to discover, develop, and nurture their God-given talents. The Music Department accepts the responsibility to provide a comprehensive experience that will foster good self-esteem, good citizens, and caring children of God.

Bishop Shanahan High School offers Concert Band, Choir, and Band/Choir as an elective course. For students entering 9th grade, this course will take the place of the Related Arts/Computer Applications I one-semester courses. This class will fulfill the related arts requirement, and those students will be required to take a full-year computer course in grade 11 to fulfill the technology instruction graduation requirement. For students in grade 10, it will take the place of Health/PE. These students are required to take Health/PE in 11th or 12th grade. These music courses will be a one credit course in which students will receive Honors credit. Students who participate in diocesan, district, region, and state competitions, or attend after school rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays will receive Honors credit for this course.

Students who are unable to fit Concert Band or Choir into their schedules are still able to participate. Instead of meeting during 8th period class, students will meet during arranged rehearsal times during homeroom periods and after school. Students will receive a grade for their participation, which will be part of their permanent record, but they will not receive quality points. All members of Concert Band are required to take a private weekly lesson with a staff instructor or with an outside private teacher. All members of the Concert Band are required to participate in the Bishop Shanahan High School Marching Band. The Marching Band performs at the football games, home and away, and parades. The Marching Band will be performing a field show this year! This is a fun activity that promotes school spirit. See The Arts page on the Shanahan website to sign-up.

Please follow the instructions in the box below to **complete the Band/Choir/String registration form by May 13th**. Contact me with any questions at ckeating@shanahan.org or 610-343-6218. There will be a meeting on **Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00PM for Freshmen and Parents** interested in Band, Choir, and/or String Ensemble. Student are asked to bring their instruments to this meeting.

Sincerely,

Mr. Chuck Keating
Fine Arts Department Chair
Instrumental Music Director

Band / Choir Elective Selection

- If not already selected, sign into SchoolAdmin.
- Locate the "Fine Arts Preference" form.
- Select Band, Choir, or Band/Choir.
- Check your email for the follow-up Google Form.



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The Fine Arts Department

Welcome from Mr. Keating, Department Chair

Dear Members of the Class of 2026,

Welcome! As the beginning of your high school experience nears, I would personally like to welcome you to Bishop Shanahan. As an incoming freshman, there are many opportunities available for you to be involved in here at Shanahan. I would truly love for you to get involved in as many activities as possible.

This letter is an invitation for you to become a member of the Bishop Shanahan High School's Instrumental Music Department. Our department is second to none and our program is the pride and joy of the Archdiocese. In addition to the fantastic Broadway shows, Spring Play, and the incredible Christmas and Spring Concerts, the Music Department is a great ambassador for our school.

The Choral Department consists of four different choirs. We have a Mixed Chorus, which any student interested in singing can join. We also offer the opportunity for students to audition for a select vocal ensemble and for our premier vocal group, Shacapella, a small a capella group. Students interested in singing for liturgies can join our Liturgical Ensemble. Private voice lessons are available.

The Instrumental Department consists of a Marching Band, a Concert Band, a Pep Band, a Jazz Band, a Blues/Rock Band, and a String Orchestra. Students with or without prior experience are welcome. The Bishop Shanahan Music Department offers private lessons for all instruments.

I hope to see all of you next year!

Musically yours,

Mr. Chuck Keating
Fine Arts Department Chair | Director of Bands
ckeating@shanahan.org





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The Fine Arts Department *Studio Art Course Sign-Up*

Dear Students and Parents:

In an ongoing commitment to provide students attending Bishop Shanahan High School a well-rounded education, two requirements of the freshman year include a semester course in Art and Music Appreciation, as well as a course in Computer Applications.

In an attempt to recognize the special needs of talented students considering careers in the Art field, we will offer a studio art course entitled "Introduction to Art" as an option to the Art and Music Appreciation Course. This semester-long course will fulfill the Fine Art credit required for graduation. It will also serve as a prerequisite to further course work later in the Art Department.

Since class size is limited, it is necessary for you to express your interest in this class by **completing the steps below no later than June 15, 2022.**

- If not already selected, sign into SchoolAdmin.
- Locate the "Fine Arts Preference" form.
- Select your art choice.
- Check your email for the follow-up Google Form.

You will be notified if a screening interview process will take place. Admission to this course will be at the discretion of the art teacher.

Feel free to contact me at mthompson@shanahan.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson
Coordinator of Visual Arts





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Athletic Department | Ron Reidinger, Athletic Director

Overview of Teams & Important Notes

- Visit shanahan.org/parentsforms to download and complete the Athletic Department Information (including the PIAA Form). Be sure to read the PIAA Parent Athlete Guide.
- For the 2022 - 2023 Fall Season, the first day of tryouts/practice is August 15 (except golf which begins Aug. 8).
- Football will have non-contact workouts and Heat Acclimation starting August 8th.
- **PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR PHYSICALS AND VACATIONS.**
- **FALL PIAA ATHLETIC FORMS ARE DUE BY JULY 27TH. ONLINE ONLY!** Please refer to the Athletics page of the Shanahan website **AFTER June 1** for further information.

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading
Nancy Riccardo
nriccardo@shanahan.org

Cross Country (Girls)
Mark Schmidt
mschmidt@shanahan.org

Cross Country (Boys)
Peter Uhlman
puhlman@shanahan.org

Field Hockey
Jeff Riccardo
jriccardo@shanahan.org

Football
Paul Meyers
pmeyers@shanahan.org

Golf
Peter Lovenguth
plovenguth@shanahan.org

Rugby (7's)(Boys)
Mark Shaeffer
mshaeffer@shanahan.org

Rugby (7's)(Girls)
Athletic Department
rreidinger@gmail.com

Soccer (Boys)
Michael Melesky
mmelesky@shanahan.org

Soccer (Girls)
Ken Schmidt
kschmidt@shanahan.org

Tennis (Girls)
Jamie Breen
jbreen@shanahan.org

Volleyball
Greg Ashman
gashman@shanahan.org

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball (Boys)
John Dougherty
jdougherty@shanahan.org

Basketball (Girls)
Jim Powers
jpowers@shanahan.org

Ice Hockey (Boys)
Michael Venezia
mikev@johnrock.com

Ice Hockey (Girls)
Jeff Wallace
wally1412@gmail.com

Mark Jermyn
markjermyn@verizon.net

Swim & Dive
Athletic Department
rreidinger@shanahan.org

Indoor Track (Boys)
Peter Uhlman
puhlman@shanahan.org

Indoor Track (Girls)
Mark Schmidt
mschmidt@shanahan.org

SPRING SPORTS

Baseball
Brian Boyko
bboyko@shanahan.org

Lacrosse (Boys)
Jon Heisman
jheisman@shanahan.org

Lacrosse (Girls)
Kacy Small
ksmall@shanahan.org

Rugby (15's)(Boys)
Mark Shaeffer
mshaef01@gmail.com

Rugby (7's)(Girls)
Athletic Department
rreidinger@gmail.com

Softball
Ed Delio
edelio@shanahan.org

Tennis (Boys)
Michael Owens
mowens@shanahan.org

Track & Field (Boys)
Pete Uhlman
puhlman@shanahan.org

Track & Field (Girls)
Mark Schmidt
mschmidt@shanahan.org





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Helpful Tips for Freshmen - Part I

School Day Time Frame

- Arrival: between 7:30 AM and 7:55 AM. All students who arrive by car, must pull into the second driveway and drop off at the Athletics Entrance. Please Note: The Media Center is open Monday - Thursday from 7 AM - 5 PM and Friday from 7 AM - 2:45 PM.
- Regular Dismissal: 2:45 PM. Students staying after school for sports, music, and clubs will be picked up at the time designated by their respective coach or moderator.

First Day of School

- The first day of school for 9th graders is for 9th graders only! This is a great opportunity for freshmen to become familiar with lockers classes, routes in the halls, and more. Don't worry, student council and teachers stand in the halls to assist freshmen along the way.
- The first day of school for 9th graders is also 9th grade picture day! The summer school uniform will be worn on the first day of school. Students switch to their winter uniform in October.

What to Bring

- Each 9th grader should bring their Chromebook on the first day of school. If specific school supply items are needed, teachers will inform students during the first week of school. An agenda book will be given to each student during their homeroom period.

Lunchtime

- 9th graders have an assigned seating area which will be shared on the first day by the Lunch Moderator. Parents can set up an account for purchasing lunch items at shanahan.org/aramark, but cash is also accepted in the cafeteria. Students are also welcome to bring lunch from home.

School Calendar

- At shanahan.org, you will see a Google Calendar and also a link to the printable calendar at shanahan.org/schoolcalendar. Both calendars are regularly updated as needed.

Bus Forms

- The following school districts provide busing to BSHS: Coatesville, Downingtown, Great Valley, Owen J. Roberts, Phoenixville Area, Tredyffrin/Easttown, Twin Valley, Unionville-Chadsford, West Chester Area.
- Please visit shanahan.org/transportationinfo and select your school district to complete the form, and return to your district by the designated date. Forms will be available late spring/early summer of 2022.
- Southern Chester County Busing information is available at shanahan.org/transportationinfo.
- Specific questions regarding Southern CC Busing may be directed to Mr. Justin Keller at 610-343-6249 or jkeller@shanahan.org.



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Helpful Tips for Freshmen - Part II

Parent Newsletter

- Check your email for the weekly family newsletter, The Eagle's Eye. This contains pertinent information for all Shanahan families. The website and social media channels are also frequently updated and are very helpful resources.

Homecoming

- Homecoming Week occurs in September! Freshman students wear specially designed green shirts to demonstrate their school spirit. Please keep your eye out for the online shirt order form which will be emailed to you. Don't miss this email!

Interested in Shanahan Athletics:

- Contact the coaches at shanahan.org/coaches to be added to their email list in case of tryout/practice information.
- Don't miss the PIAA deadlines detailed on page 9.

Additional Forms and Information

- The following information is available at shanahan.org/parents: Inclement Weather Information, Bell Schedule, Testing Day Schedule, Calendar, PowerSchool, Student Handbook, Directory, and more!

Who's Who?

- The Admissions Team - admissions@shanahan.org. Reach out with any general questions you may have about next steps, Freshman Welcome Night, and the high school transition.
- Tuition Officer - Mrs. Charonda DeShazo - cdeshazo@shanahan.org. Point of contact for any tuition related questions. Also visit shanahan.org/tuitionandassistance for further information.
- Assistant Principal for Student Affairs - Mrs. Teresa Dellicompagni - tdellicompagni@shanahan.org
- Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs - Dr. Robert Moran - rmoran@shanahan.org
- Assistant Principal for Student Services - Mr. Justin Keller - jkeller@shanahan.org. Contact for Southern Chester County Bus questions.
- Attendance - Mrs. Carnation Karros - ckarros@shanahan.org. Contact for late arrival, early dismissal, or absence. Mrs. Karros can also answer bus form questions.
- Full Directory available at shanahan.org/directory.



Freshman Welcome Night

*Join your fellow classmates for fun
and meeting new friends at BSHS!*



Date: Tuesday, August 30th

Dress in casual shorts, t-shirt, and sneakers.

*Coming in August: Student's roster and additional
Freshman Welcome Night information.*



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Chromebook Information

BSHS IT recommends not delaying your order due to manufacturing backups.



Bishop Shanahan High School's incoming Freshman students are required to use Google Chromebooks*.

Purchasing a Google Chromebook is easy - just select an option below:

OPTION 1

If you already own a Google Chromebook from your previous school, you can continue to use it at BSHS. Please verify with the previous school that the Chromebook is no longer connected to their domain.

Our IT Department will need to configure it to our network and firewall specifications before the start of the school year in September 2022. A follow up letter will be sent out with information on when you can sign up for the drop off event.

OPTION 2

Purchase a Google Chromebook from your preferred retailer (minimum requirements are 16 GB of storage with 4 GB of RAM - all other features are at your discretion).

Our IT Department will need to configure it to our network and firewall specifications before the start of the school year in September 2022. A follow up letter will be sent out with information on when you can sign up for the drop-off event.

**Many Archdiocese of Philadelphia secondary schools utilize Google Classroom and Google Chromebooks to ensure a safe, secure and seamless learning environment. Please see the Privacy and Security Policies for Google and for GoGuardian at [Edu.google.com/k-12-solutions/privacy-security](https://www.goguardian.com/privacy-information.html) and <https://www.goguardian.com/privacy-information.html>.*

School Uniform Shopping

Whether you're brand new to school uniforms or a returning shopper preparing for the school year ahead, FlynnO'Hara makes it safe & easy to shop for back-to-school.

1 ONE

Review Your Uniform Requirements

Click the link below & enter your student's Grade & Gender to view their specific uniform requirements, products, and pricing.

FIND YOUR UNIFORM

IMPORTANT NOTE: We recommend families get their uniform shopping done at least **ONE MONTH** before the first day of school to ensure your students have everything they need!

2 TWO

Shop For Your Uniform!

IN-STORE

404 W. LINCOLN HIGHWAY
EXTON, PA 19341
(610) 594-1970

HOURS & DIRECTIONS

ONLINE

FLYNNOHARA.COM



Additional Resources

Need Help with Sizing?

Visit the link below for fitting tutorials and other resources to help you choose the right sizes for your student's uniform.

FITTING TUTORIALS

Questions? We're Here to Help!

atyourservice@flynnohara.com
(800) 441-4122

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Sperry Blue Fish	Women 	5 to 12	75.00
Sperry Bill Fish	Men	7 to 15	89.00
Sperry Fish kids	Children	10 to 6	From 55.00

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For a Shoe Sale Date to be determined.



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