Dear Parents and Students,

In September 2001, Bishop O’Byrne High School opened its doors to serve Catholic residents living in the Southern Communities of the City of Calgary. During the 2010-2011 school year we celebrated “A Decade of Excellence” at Bishop O’Byrne High School. We hope that you will join us as we begin our second decade of excellence at Bishop O’Byrne High School. Our new mission statement of “Discovering our Faith, Discovering Knowledge, Discovering Ourselves, will be the foundation on which we build for the future.

Our facility is located within the South Fish Creek Educational and Recreation Complex, allowing our students to utilize the services of the YMCA, Calgary Public Library and the South Fish Creek Recreation Association.

We are very proud of the diverse program opportunities that Bishop O’Byrne High School offers our 1800 students. Our faculty and support staff are able to support numerous courses, programs and activities for all students. This information booklet provides you with an overall guide to the educational programming at our school.

We hope you select Bishop O’Byrne High School and look forward to serving your educational needs.

Sincerely

Tony Verna
School Vision

... Discovering Our Faith
... Discovering Knowledge
... Discovering Ourselves

School Boundries

Bishop O’Byrne High School is located in South Calgary in the community of Shawnessy. The regular program boundary areas of our school are indicated in the map below:
Bishop O’Byrne High School is a Catholic learning community. The school exists because of our dedication to our faith. The Catholic values we profess permeate all programs, activities and events at our school.

School Chaplain

Bishop O’Byrne High School is very fortunate to have a school chaplain. Services for our learning community are provided in the areas of spiritual leadership, counselling, retreats, daily prayer, justice and peace and linking to the local parishes.

Chapel

Located above the main entrance of the school is the Chapel. It provides seating for 75 students and is heavily utilized for religious studies classes, masses and retreats and daily prayer. The school is very well supported by our local priests and parishes: St. Patrick and St. Albert the Great.

“The Catholic school pursues cultural goals and the natural development of youth to the same degree as any other school. What makes the Catholic school distinctive is its attempt to generate a community climate in the school that is permeated by the Gospel spirit of freedom and love.” (Second Vatican Council)
Grade 10 Honours Program

Grade 10 students are able to register in Honours courses in preparation for the International Baccalaureate Program. The Honours Program provides challenging course material based on the grade 10 programs of study. Students in grade 10 Honours are grouped together for their core program courses.

International Baccalaureate (IB) (Grades 11 & 12)

Bishop O’Byrne High School is an accredited International Baccalaureate (IB) World School. The IB program is a rigorous, pre-university, two-year course of study for highly motivated eleventh and twelfth grade students. Diploma candidates for the IB program will be actively engaged in a liberal arts curriculum with a global world perspective that includes such special features as an interdisciplinary Theory of Knowledge course, community service activities, foreign language study, and an original research project. The IB program trains the student to think critically about learning, to question what she/he is being taught and to strive to improve in all academic areas. University recognition often includes granting of preferential program placement through to first year credits. IB final examinations are based on two years’ coursework in each subject. IB exams involve students sitting for written exams in most subject areas, oral exams in many areas and external review of student lab books, projects, papers and other coursework.

Grade 10 Honours/International Baccalaureate (IB) Boundries

Feeder Schools

- Blessed Cardinal Newman
- Father James Whelihan
- Monsignor J.J. O’Brien
- Our Lady of Peace
- St. Albert the Great
- Christ The King (Cranston residents)

For further information contact Mr. Brendan Bulger,
Grade 10 Honours/IB Coordinator, 500-2103 ext. 462 or email at brendan.bulger@cssd.ab.ca
Bishop O’Byrne High School collaborates with Hockey Canada to provide a Hockey Skills Academy. Students in the program take Sports Performance 10/20/30 and are motivated to improve their hockey skills. The focus of the course is on:

- Nutrition
- Foundations for Training
- Sports Psychology
- Personal Development
- Personal Logbook

Students access the skating rinks attached to our facility for the hockey component of the program. Guest coaches support the teacher for all on-ice sessions. The focus is on acquiring hockey skills and not participating in competitive games. There is a fee to participate in this program.

Note: Students do not have been enrolled in a junior high Hockey Skills Academy to apply. A minimum of two years organized hockey experience is recommended.

Feeder Schools

- Blessed Cardinal Newman
- Father James Whelihan
- Monsignor J.J. O’Brien
- Our Lady of Peace
- St. Albert the Great
- St. Stephen (Evergreen residents)
- Christ The King (Cranston residents)

For further information contact Mr. Jack Hill, Vice Principal, 500-2103 ext. 305 or email at jack.hill@cssd.ab.ca
Habits of Mind Program

Throughout the school year subject teachers observe students as they work and learn. From these observations they nominate students who display noteworthy “Habits of Mind”.

The 8 Habits of Mind include:

- Persisting/Managing Impulsivity
- Thinking About Thinking
- Striving for Accuracy
- Questioning and Posing Problems
- Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations
- Thinking Interdependently/ Listening with Empathy and Understanding
- Thinking and Communicating with Clarity
- Creating, Imagining, Innovating and Thinking Flexibly

Student Recognition

Criteria for Honour Roll

Honours
An overall average of 80% with no grade less than 65%.

Honours with Distinction
An overall average of 85% with no grade less than 70%.

Habits of Mind Program

Students who receive three or more nominations in a year are eligible for certificates at our TA Recognition event at the end of the school year.

Grade 12 students are eligible for Habits of Mind Financial Scholarships.
D2L (Desire 2 Learn) is an online program used at Bishop O’Byrne High School to enhance our students’ education. The platform contains a wide variety of tools, such as an online gradebook, course calendars, as well as a content tool where teachers have the opportunity to post interactive course materials. These tools support our school community by assisting in the organization of our programs, differentiating our students’ learning experiences and increasing the effectiveness of supportive communication between faculty and staff, parents/guardians and students.

By logging on to D2L, students and parents are able to review progress and grades in all courses. To access the program go to the Bishop O’Byrne website at www.cssd.ab.ca/bishopobyrne and follow the D2L link.

Bishop O’Byrne computer support includes 270 student desk top computers, plus 40 wireless laptops used throughout the facility.
Daily Schedule

The Bishop O’Byrne daily schedule consists of four regular periods each day plus a mandatory TA (Teacher Advisory) period.

Monday—Thursday
Welcome Bell 8:55 AM
Period 1 9:00—10:24 AM
TA Period 10:28—10:37 AM
Period 2 10:41—12:05 AM
Lunch 12:05—12:35 PM
Period 3 12:39—2:03 PM
Period 4 2:07—3:31 PM

Friday
Welcome Bell 8:55 AM
Period 1 9:00—10:10 AM
Period 2 10:14—11:24 AM
TA Period 11:28—11:41 AM
Period 3 11:45—12:55 PM
Period 4 12:59—2:09 PM

Instructional Support Sessions

In addition to the regular timetable, Instructional Support Sessions are provided before and after school by subject teachers to support students. The Instructional Support Sessions are optional for students and attendance is not taken. Students who have additional questions about course material are encouraged to attend these sessions. A schedule of Instructional Support Sessions is available at the beginning of each semester.
The faculty at Bishop O’Byrne High School is dedicated to providing an effective teacher advisor program for all students. TA groupings are multi-graded, linking the student to the teacher advisor, from grade 10 registration through to graduation. All stakeholders in the TA program have roles and responsibilities (teacher advisors, subject teachers, students, parents). This shared responsibility ensures a successful high school experience for students at Bishop O’Byrne High School.

**Teacher Advisor Responsibilities**
- Meets with students daily during TA period
- Leads students in daily prayer
- Monitors attendance of advisees
- Informs TA of extended absences
- Maintains contact with parents regarding attendance and academic achievement
- Refers advisees to support personnel as necessary (Administration, Student Services, etc.)
- Coordinates IPP information for coded students
- Works collaboratively with students and parents to complete graduation plan throughout 10,11,12

**Student Responsibilities**
- Attends all TA periods
- Reviews academic progress on D2L regularly
- Follows school attendance procedures
- Provides advisees with daily news and announcements
- Advises TA and subject teachers of significant issues that may influence student learning
- Works collaboratively with TA, counsellor and parents to complete graduation plan

**Subject Teacher Responsibilities**
- Contacts parents with significant achievement/management issues
- Contacts parents if student is at risk of failing the course
- Monitors attendance of students
- Confirms prerequisite grades for courses
- Meets with parents and student regarding academic progress

**Parent Responsibilities**
- Reviews academic progress on D2L on a regular basis
- Follows school attendance procedures to phone in absences
- Monitors student attendance on HomeLogic
- Attends scheduled interviews with student, subject teacher and TA
- Advises TA of significant issues that may influence student learning
- Works collaboratively with TA and student to complete graduation plan
Bishop O’Byrne High School is a proud member of the Calgary Senior High School Athletic Association. During our school’s short history, we have experienced significant success in all athletic sport programs.

### Fall Season
- Jr. & Sr. Football
- Jr. & Sr. Boys & Girls Volleyball
- Girls Soccer
- Cross Country

### Winter Season
- Jr. & Sr. Boys & Girls Basketball
- Swimming
- Badminton

### Spring Season
- Boys Rugby
- Girls Rugby
- Boys Soccer
- Track & Field

Visit the Senior High School Athletics Website at: [www.calgaryhighschoolsports.com](http://www.calgaryhighschoolsports.com)

### Student Services Team

Bishop O’Byrne High School has a strong Guidance Counselling Department focused on serving the needs of our students in the areas of:

- Career counselling
- Scholarship information
- Personal/social counselling
- Post-secondary information
- Referrals to support services
- School nurse referrals
- Resource Officer referrals
- Educational testing referrals
- Summer school information
- AADAC Referrals
For detailed descriptions of courses refer to the Calgary Catholic School District Document “Footprints to Your Future” at http://www.cssd.ab.ca.

**Grade 10 Course Offerings**

**Religious Studies**
- Religious Studies 15 – 3 credit
- Religious Studies 25 – 3 credit (full honours only)
- CALM Online – 3 credit (full honours only)

**Social Studies**
- Social Studies 10-1H – 5 credit
- Social Studies 10-1 – 5 credit
- Social 10-2 – 5 credit

**English Language Arts**
- ELA 10-1 H – 5 credit
- ELA 10-1 – 5 credit
- ELA 10-2 – 5 credit
- ELA 10-2 ELL – 5 credit

**Science**
- Science 10H – 5 credit
- Science 10 – 5 credit
- Science 14 – 5 credit
- Biology 20 – 5 credit
- Chemistry 20 – 5 credit
- Physics 20 – 5 credit (full honours only)

**Mathematics**
- Math 10C H – 5 credit
- Math 10C – 5 credit
- Math 10-3 – 5 credit

**Physical Education**
- Physical Education 10 – 3 or 5 credit
- Physical Education 10 Girls – 3 or 5 credit

**Locally Developed Courses**
- Learning Strategies 15 – 3 or 5 credit (counsellor approval required)

**International Languages**
- French 10H – 5 credit
- French 10 – 5 credit
- Spanish 10H – 5 credit
- Spanish 10 – 5 credit

**Career and Technology Studies**
- Construction Tech 10 – 3 or 5 credit
- Construction Tech 10 Girls – 3 credit
- Communication Technology 10 – 3 credit
- Computer Studies 10A – 3 credit
- Computer Studies 10B – 3 credit
- Design Studies 10 – 3 credit
- Fabrication 10 – 3 credit
- Fashion Studies 10 – 3 credit
- Financial Management 10 - 3 credit
- Fitness Leadership - 3 - 5 credit
- Foods Studies 10 – 3 credit
- Community Leadership 15 – 3 or 5 credit
- Legal Studies 10 – 3 credit
- Mechanics 10 – 3 credit
- Robotics Technology 10 – 3 credit
- Sports Medicine 10 – 5 credit
- Sports Performance 10 – 5 credit
- Hockey Sports Performance 10 – 5 credit

**Fine Arts**
- Art 10H – 5 credit
- Art 10 – 3 or 5 credit
- Choral Music 10 – 5 credits
- Drama 10 – 3 or 5 credit
- Instrumental Music 10 – 5 credit
Feature Programs

Community Leadership Program

Bishop O’Byrne High School students may register in Community Leadership 15/25/35. This unique program focuses on:

• generating personal growth and leadership development for students
• influencing in a positive way the culture of the school, increasing school spirit and social responsibility
• building mentorship connections with our outside community

Students registered in this program influence activities and events at Bishop O’Byrne High School. Appropriate fundraising, student displays, activities and events are facilitated through this dynamic program.

International Languages

Students have the opportunity to enroll in French or Spanish classes. Students are recognizing the value of developing skills in a second language and many post-secondary institutions look very favorably upon candidates who have a second language in their portfolio.

Our International Languages program extends its experiences beyond the reading and writing skills in either French and Spanish. Our teachers offer presentations and off-campus experiences that give the students a sense of the culture and an appreciation of the language. This holistic view helps students develop an appreciation of the language and its literature—not to mention the fun involved in experiencing a different culture!

Fine Arts

Students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of Fine Arts courses and activities. Bishop O’Byrne High School enjoys outstanding Fine Arts facilities including a formal 280 seat theatre, band and choir rooms, drama facilities and an art studio. The Art Program hosts two Art Shows per year. The Drama Program performs a Mainstage play each year, (for the winter of 2012 it was “Alice in Wonderland”). Band and Choir students regularly perform at competitions and travel to international festivals.
Student Clubs & Activities

Bishop O’Byrne High School students participate in a wide variety of clubs and activities. From the traditional “Winter’s Eve Ball” to “Model United Nations”, students are encouraged to participate in school life beyond the classroom. Here are a few opportunities to get involved...

- Art Club
- Battle of the Bands
- Book Club
- Chesterton Society
- CTS Skills Club
- Debate and Speech Club
- Environmental Council
- Film Club
- FIRST Robotic Club
- Leadership Activities
- Reach for the Top
- Science Olympics
- Social Justice
- STAC
- Students Against Drunk Driving
- Talent Show
- That Anime Club

Career and Technology Studies

Students have the opportunity to enroll in a variety of Career and Technology Programs. The courses are diverse and the facilities are outstanding. Located in the west wing of the facility, Bishop O’Byrne High School has separate facilities for Foods, Fashion, Computer Studies, Communication Technology, Construction, Robotics Technologies, Mechanics, Financial Management, Fabrication, Design Studies, Sports Medicine and Legal Studies.

Feature Programs
Bishop O’Byrne High School is a proud partner in the South Fish Creek Complex. Our school enjoys a positive relationship with the YMCA, Calgary Public Library and the South Fish Creek Recreation Association. Many of our curricular and extra curricular programs access these facilities on a daily basis, benefiting from resources not offered in any other high school in the City of Calgary. This collaborative partnership received “Honorable Mention” at the Mayor’s Excellence Awards in 2007.
Top 10 Reasons for Attending Bishop O'Byrne

• Catholicity
• Academics
• Fine Arts Program
• Leadership Program
• Extra-Curricular Activities
• Teacher Advisory Program
• Hockey Canada Skills Program
• Diverse Learner Support Programs
• International Baccalaureate Program
• Career and Technology Studies Program