2012 Michael W. Teitelman Leadership Award
David Johnston
Current Mathematics Teacher

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It can be said that Bishop’s has been in David Johnston’s (DJ) blood all of his life, since he was born in the old Scripps Hospital across the street from the School. The holder of the endowed Florence C. Wernham Middle School Chair, DJ has taught middle school math at Bishop’s since 1993 and has been the seventh grade faculty sponsor since 1994. Add to these faculty roles his coaching duties (middle school cross country and track and field), and it’s easy to see why DJ is known, loved and respected by Bishop’s Middle School students and the community. Upper school students lay claim to “Mr. Johnston” as well, but as the father of Eamon, a member of the Class of 2013, and as the assistant varsity coach for girls’ volleyball and soccer, and track and field.

Dave, who holds a B.S. degree from San Diego State University and a J.D. from the University of California, Davis, has a professional background as both a C.P.A. and attorney. It was a circuitous route that took him from the old Scripps Hospital back to Bishop’s and he says, “I am much happier to get to teach at Bishop’s.”

Whether you step into DJ’s classroom and watch him interact with students or attend a sports game and see him encourage student athletes, David Johnston embodies the words of this award, ...a visionary leader who has been transformative in shaping minds, hearts and spirit of the Bishop’s community...

The Michael W. Teitelman Leadership Award is given with respect and admiration to David Johnston.