



Student Name: _____

The Bellarmine Mission Statement and Commitment Document should be reviewed by your family prior to registration. During the registration process a Bellarmine Advisor will discuss any questions you may have regarding this document.

The Mission of Bellarmine Preparatory School: Bellarmine, as a Catholic college preparatory school in the Jesuit tradition, through dedication to academic excellence and development of the whole person, graduates young men and women of competence, compassion and conscience, who are committed to leadership and service.

Student/Parent Commitment: Bellarmine's mission challenges all of us to strive for excellence in all things: to develop talents through discovery and reflection; commitment to intellectual rigor; and ultimately, to become men and women in service of others. As a school community we are called to be concerned for every person as a member of God's family. It is through partnership with faculty, students, administration and parents that we create an educational climate consistent with principles rooted in our Jesuit tradition. To achieve these ideals, all are expected to contribute through words and actions to the development of an environment characterized by respect, caring and honesty. Bellarmine has chosen a specific way of teaching and administrating that allows for change but also reflects the fundamental characteristics of Ignatian education. Students are expected to enhance our mission with behavior which demonstrates respect for oneself, respect for others and adherence to school rules and traditions.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Bellarmino takes seriously its responsibility toward fulfilling our religious goals. All Bellarmine students are invited to explore the religious dimension of their lives under our guidance. Once accepted:

1. All students who enroll in Bellarmine accept a serious obligation to explore their religious experience and their attitudes and values in a Christian context.
2. Each student is required to take religion courses while attending Bellarmine. These courses are designed to challenge students to understand and live the religious goals of Bellarmine.
3. The retreat program at Bellarmine provides students with the opportunity to participate in a reflective experience to gain self-knowledge, sensitivity to others, and a knowledge of how God works in their life. It is also a time for sharing insights and personal beliefs and attitudes through group interaction. Each student is expected to participate in the retreat program.
4. Each student is expected to support and participate in an extra-curricular activity, and to participate in advisor/advisee conferences where academic progress and personal growth are reviewed with the advisor.
5. Each student is expected to support and participate in the school fund-raising activities at specified times. This means each student shares the responsibility for the cost of his/her education. Parents are an integral part of the educational process at Bellarmine. They are expected to attend parent meetings, including the orientation session, and parent/teacher conferences; support Bellarmine's disciplinary policies; and encourage student growth, by modeling a loving respect for our diverse educational community. Parents agree to accept the responsibility for the cost of tuition, class fees and books in accordance with the Enrollment Contract. Additionally, all parents are invited to consider making a voluntary contribution to the school's fund-raising goals.

As a student entering Bellarmine you are asked to consider the school's mission as it relates to you academically, spiritually, socially, physically and personally. Your desire to join the Bellarmine community assumes your dedication to pursuing growth as stated in our mission. It further assumes you will abide by a standard of behavior in and out of school, which preserves the integrity of our school community.

I have read the Statement of Commitment and the Mission Statement and it is my desire to be an active member in this school community.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____