



Bellarmino, 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.



Important Food Service Information

Please be aware of the implemented changes to our food service payment process. We will continue to use our online payment service, My MealTime, however, the way parents and students use My MealTime is modified. To manage your My MealTime account, go to <https://www.myMealTime.com/>. Click on the button to register if you need to start a new account.

Here are the important changes parents and students need to know:

- **Please remember, if a student does not have a school ID card, or if a balance of negative \$20 has been reached, food purchases will not be allowed.**
- All payments for food service will be through My MealTime ONLY. Students must present their current school ID cards at the point of purchase.
- The coffee bar will still accept cash/debit payments in addition to My MealTime, primarily to serve visitors, parents or guests.
- On the My MealTime website, parents should opt for a notification email to be sent when their balance gets low. (Note: A "Manage low balance" link is on the upper right hand side of the My MealTime home page.)
- My MealTime accounts will automatically carry a \$25/day maximum. Parents can have this restriction modified or removed by emailing Mary Graves, gravesm@bellarmineprep.org.
- If a student's My MealTime balance goes below zero, purchases will be allowed up to a negative \$20 balance. After reaching negative \$20, no further purchases will be allowed until the My MealTime account is replenished.
- Parents are encouraged to set up My MealTime accounts before the first day of school, as well as monitor their student's balance regularly. Please make deposits online via credit/debit card. No payments will be taken in the cafeteria.
- Deposits may take up to 2 days before they are available. For your convenience, deposits may be automated.
- A typical school lunch at Bellarmine is about \$7-\$9. A typical month of lunches would be about 20 x \$7/\$9 = \$140/\$180. Food and beverages are also available before and after school.
- Click here to view the weekly school lunch menu.

If you have any questions about these new food service purchasing policies and procedures, please contact Aaron Rogers, Director of Facilities, at rogersa@bellarmineprep.org or 253-761-3544.

From the Dean of Students

Morning and Afternoon Logistics

The Campus Center and Academic Commons are open each morning from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please plan accordingly. If you need a carpool list for your area, please contact Kristine Zelazny at zelazyk@bellarmineprep.org. After 5 p.m. students can wait for a ride in the west alcove in the Names Gym.



Drop off in the morning is at the library parking lot, the one way drive off Adams or at the Campus Center.

Attendance Logistics

Please see process for reporting absences or requesting an early dismissal or late arrival to school:

- All students absent from school all day or even one period must have a parent/guardian call the Bellarmine attendance line between 7-9 a.m. the day of absence. (A note from a parent to the attendance office upon the students return is also helpful). Notice of an absence beyond 48 hours OR failure to notify the attendance office of an absence will result in an unexcused absence and JUG being assigned.
- The Attendance Officer and/or Dean of Students will determine if an absence is excused or unexcused. Upon returning to school, students must check in with the attendance office to determine if the absence is excused or unexcused. Failure to check in/out of the attendance office will result in JUG.
- Necessary absence due to illness or injury, doctor /dental appointments or death in the family will be excused.
- Medical appointments require a note from the doctor.
- Teachers will supply reasonable assistance in helping students to keep pace with their studies. Parents can access our learning management system, Moodle, to access missing work OR families can email faculty to obtain assignments. Email addresses can be found on Bellarmine's website. A minimum of 24 hours' notice is necessary in order to contact teachers to secure assignments. In cases of necessary absence, the faculty will assist students with homework assignments, make-up exams and after-school tutoring in order to support students with make-up work.
- Make up work must be completed within the time frame determined by the teacher.

Sometimes medical appointments and special scheduling needs necessitate early dismissal for students. Students are not allowed to leave without parent/guardian permission. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the attendance office before school and pick up an early dismissal form. The student then must inform the teacher in advance, discuss the procedure for make-up work and obtain the homework assignment. Communication on the part of the participant is essential to limiting the academic disruption of early dismissals. Planned absence report forms may also be required. The office staff is not obligated to call students out of class without an early dismissal slip.

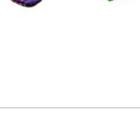
Back to School Night/New Parent Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 11



Parents of both Freshman and transfer students are invited to attend a New Parent Orientation at 6:15 in the Loyola Center Booster Gym on Wednesday, Sept. 11. School Life Administrators will share information about communication between the school and parents, the overall campus culture, and introduce important programs and activities. Ignatian Formation advisors will be on hand to meet new parents at 6:45 p.m. and then escort parents to the Ignatian Formation classroom to begin the Back-to-School portion of the evening.

The Back-to-School Night program is for all parents and begins at 6:50 p.m. in each Ignatian Formation classroom. Advisors will distribute student class schedules during Ignatian Formation. Back-to-School Night is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet and hear each of their child's teachers and to learn about the course content and classroom procedures.

Bellarmino's Fall Play



Auditions for this year's fall play are underway! Auditions are after school from Sept. 3-4 in A07. For all those interested in working on crew for the play, please attend the first rehearsal on Sept. 9 at 3 p.m. in A07.

[Find out more information about the Fall Play.](#)

Time to Sign up for Retreats



Our fall retreats are approaching quickly. Please remind your students to sign up. A description of each retreat can be found on our [website](#). For planning it is helpful to have students sign up now for the retreats listed below.

- Senior pilgrimage Sept 21-22.
- Sophomore boys retreat October 6-7, (space is limited)
- Sophomore girls retreat October 6-7, (space is limited)
- Junior men's encounter (there are two dates this year)
- Junior women's encounter (there are two this year)

More retreats later this fall and spring to follow... stay tuned.

Chaperones Needed for Sr. Pilgrimage



We are currently looking for parent volunteers to assist with the Senior Pilgrimage retreat at Camp Hamilton. Parents are asked to get involved in one of two ways; through hiking or providing overnight supervision.

The hiking group is comprised of those adults who simply want to be present with the students and go with them on this journey. They will either ride the bus with the students or meet at the campground between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. Nighttime supervision is comprised of those adults who want to come later in the day and ensure the students are safe and get rest. They will meet with the nighttime supervisor after evening liturgy. We do not recommend adults do both, as it makes for a long and exhausting day. The trip is Saturday, September 21 through Sunday evening.

If you are interested in participating, have any questions, or would like to sign up, please contact Jessica Achziger at achzigerj@bellarmineprep.org by September 6th.

Experience Bellarmine Days



Do you know an 8th grader who wants to learn more about becoming a Lion? Invite him or her to come and experience Bellarmine first-hand during one of our Experience Bellarmine Days.

[Get the details on Experience Bellarmine Days.](#)

Bellarmino Ambassador Team



Bellarmino is seeking alumni and parents/guardians that are willing to connect with families of prospective students, be advocates for the school and share Bellarmine's mission in the community and in local middle schools.

Save the date to come learn more at the Bellarmine Ambassador meeting on Sept. 19, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Connelly Campus Center. For questions or to RSVP, please contact Maddy Freeberg B'07 at 253-756-3878.

Yearbook Information



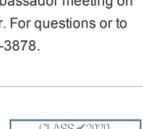
Yearbook Photos

If you have photos you would like to be considered for this year's yearbook (sporting events, retreats, group photos, etc.) please email Mindi.Morin.

Senior Grad Ads

Celebrate and recognize your senior with an ad in the Yearbook. Grad ad submissions are due by Nov. 14, 2019. Due to deadlines, late submissions will not be accepted. Please visit our [website](#) for detailed information.

Senior Parent Night



Welcome back Bellarmine Parents! Class of 2020 families, don't forget that Tuesday, Sept. 17 is Senior Parent Night in the Campus Center from 7-8:30 p.m.

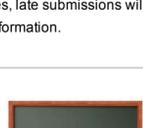
The Counselors will be providing information on the college application process, standardized testing, and scholarships and the NCAA process. We will also have a representative from Jostens to talk about graduation packets, and Bryan Gould, the Director of Financial Aid from the University of Puget Sound will be with us to help demystify scholarships and financial aid. We hope you can join us!

September Art Gallery Opening



Professional Sand Sculptor and Bellarmine alum Sue McGrew B'04 will be the featured artist in the Bellarmine Art Gallery during the month of September. There will be a special opening on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 5 p.m.

St. Robert Bellarmine All School Mass



Our annual All School Mass celebrating the feast day of St. Robert Bellarmine is on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Ignatius Loyola Center. Join us for this wonderful Mass to kick off the school year.

Forever Bellarmine Glassybaby



Looking for a way to show your Lion Pride and support Bellarmine at the same time? Purchase these Bellarmine branded Glassybabys and 100% of the proceeds support tuition assistance at Bellarmine. There is a limited amount left, so get yours today!

[Information on how to purchase your Glassybaby today!](#)

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