



Parent e-news

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.

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Important Information About Temporary Schedule Between Feb. 3-13

Last winter Bellarmine reviewed our current academic schedule to ensure we are meeting the needs of curricular delivery, instructional practice, and student learning. The committee surveyed our students and faculty to gain an understanding on the relationship between the schedule and instruction, and surveyed parents/guardians asking for feedback on potential changes to the academic schedule. The results of the survey were positive, but did highlight some areas to further investigate. The next step in the process of reviewing the recommendation from the schedule review committee is to run a "pilot" so we can analyze the impact on our community should this recommended schedule be adopted.

Bellarmino will "pilot" the recommended schedule between Feb. 3rd and Feb. 13th, 2020. The recommended schedule is as follows:

- Classes will begin at 8:45 a.m. (including Wednesdays)
 - Hour classes (Jazz Band) will meet at 7:45 a.m.
- Classes will conclude at 2:45 p.m.
- Classes will be 75 minutes
- Passing period will be 7 minutes
- Lunch will be 42 minutes

[Please review the complete details of the "pilot" schedule here.](#)

Information Regarding Upcoming Construction on 23rd Street

If you have driven to Bellarmine in the last week, you probably noticed the heavy equipment and pipes stacked near Bellarmine. The City of Tacoma will be laying new sewer pipes on South 23rd Street beginning at Union and moving up the hill. Bellarmine's side sewer pipes running down Jesuit drive will be tied into this new run. Construction will begin soon on this project and will run for 10 days.



[Read the complete details of the construction project and how it will affect evening traffic at Bellarmine.](#)

Information for Freshman Parents and Link Crew Parents

Thank you to all who registered for the Freshmen Retreat event on Family ID. Please double check that you filled out the [Black Diamond camp waiver form](#), a quick click to sign the waiver for the camp itself. If you have not registered, we need that information completed ASAP. [Click here](#) for more detailed information about the day of the retreat from our retreat directors, Anna Hunthausen and Julie Hiles.



Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly Tuesday, Jan. 28

Our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly will be on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Booster Gym. We are excited to welcome Jahmad Canley to campus on this day as our keynote speaker.



Parents and alumni are welcome to join us for what will surely be very powerful and educational assembly.

[Find out more information about Jahmad Canley.](#)

Save the Date for Grandparents' Day on Feb. 21.

Grandparents' Day is just around the corner. This is a wonderful afternoon during which students can introduce their grandparents to the Bellarmine community. We ask that you encourage your student(s) to invite their grandparent(s), or special guest(s) to join them for an "authentic student cafe' lunch" provided by X Group Catering and a special visit to the Bellarmine campus.



Online reservations will be available soon!

Parent Volunteers needed for Grandparent's Day

The continued success of this wonderful event is not possible without the help of fabulous volunteers like YOU!! There are many ways you can help with this special event. Please contact Shannon Miller (253) 879-9771 or millers@bellarmineprep.org.

Drama Department Seeking Help with Set Building

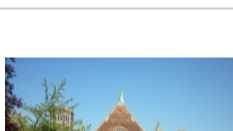
The Bellarmine Drama Department is in need of an employee or community member who can provide assistance and guidance to the students in the building of their set. The time commitment is from 3-5 p.m. after school three to five days a week from now through February, when the set should be completed. Assistance in striking the set will also be needed March 22-25.



If you are interested or would like more information, please contact [Melissa Minjares](#) at 253-752-7701 ext. 805.

Sophomore Parent Night

Monday Feb. 3, the Counseling Department will be hosting Sophomore Parent Night from 7-8 p.m. in the Connelly Campus Center. We will address the college search process as it pertains to sophomores, including the use of our Naviance College Search Tool, standardized testing (including interpreting PSAT results) and summer opportunities. Our guest speaker for the evening is Melody Ferguson, Associate Dean of Admission at Pacific Lutheran University.



2020 Bellarmine Gala March 21: Inspiring the Journey

Items needed for the Bellarmine Gala



Each family's participation is critical to the success of the Bellarmine Gala. We depend on the generosity of the Bellarmine community to make this wonderful event a success. Think about your community of friends, family members, and businesses you frequent who you can ask for auction donations. Alternatively, you may also make personal donations of cash, goods or services. Be sure to view our 2020 "Wish List" by [clicking here](#) to give you some ideas and get those creative juices flowing.

To download a procurement form, [click here](#).

We ask that you return your completed form by Friday, Feb. 14, 2020.

Volunteer Opportunities

It has been said that many hands make for light work!! Our Bellarmine community has always been generous in sharing their gifts of time and talent when it comes to the Gala. In order to guarantee that we will have a successful event we need everyone's help in creating an amazing evening of community and enthusiastic bidding. The Bellarmine Gala has something for everyone. [Click here](#) for more information on how you can be a part of the 2020 Bellarmine PRIDE Gala, Inspiring the Journey!

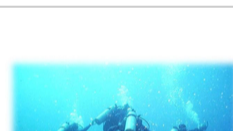
Sponsor Opportunities

The Bellarmine Business Partners sponsorship program is a year-long program which provides an opportunity for our entire community to support Bellarmine broadly, while gaining access to events, activities and recognition throughout the school year. Partners are able to direct part of their support to the Tuition Assistance Fund, athletic programs, and clubs and activities including Theater and Robotics, music programs, Marine Chemistry or the Diversity and Inclusion Support Fund. [Click here](#) for more information on the Bellarmine Business Partner program.

For more in-depth information regarding benefits and how you can become a Bellarmine Business Partner, or Gala specific sponsorship opportunities, please contact Dean Hanks, VP of Development at 253-756-3875 or at hanksd@bellarmineprep.org.

Marine Chem Senior Symposium

Come support the seniors of the Marine Chemistry (MC) Student Research Program as they present the findings of their scientific research at the annual Senior Symposium on Feb. 5 and Feb. 11 in the Campus Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.



All MC students and at least one parent are required to attend both nights. The events are open to the general public. Freshman and sophomore MC students - please check the MC Moodle page for your Symposium assignment.

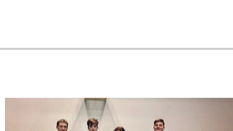
Message from Digital Services

Bellarmino is a 1:1 school, which means every student carries school approved computing technology to class. [Check out our January page](#). We explain why 1:1 technology is important in the classroom and why our students use Apple iPads.



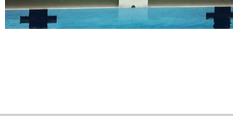
Yearbook in Need of Photos

Yearbook is looking for photos to include in this year's book of students that are participating in swimming, diving or water polo with other high schools. If anyone has photos that they would like to be considered for the yearbook, please submit them to MorinM@bellarmineprep.org.



911 Driving School Information

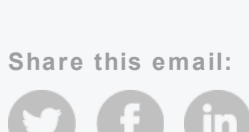
The start date for the upcoming 911 Driving school session has been changed to Tuesday, Jan. 28. Please [click here](#) for the details.



Spring classes for 911 Driving School will begin on Monday, April 27. The classes run from 2:40-5 p.m. three days a week until May 28. All students enrolled will be eligible to obtain their permit after April 17. Please stop by the Student Services Office to pick up a schedule and brochure.

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