



Bellarmino Preparatory School

Dear Students,

I am not sure if Lester Holt, news anchor for NBC Nightly News has always ended the broadcast with the following sentiment, but the other night when I heard him sign off, I thought of us - Bellarmine students, faculty, staff, administration, coaches, and counselors. What he said was, "Please take care of yourself and each other." In this time of uncertainty, sadness and sometimes fear, this is the perfect sentiment to hold on to: **Take Care of Yourself and Each Other**. That's it! It is so simple and so important. We will get through this together and when we see each other and can embrace one another we will all feel like we are finally home. And we are going to have some great celebrations!

I am writing you today because in this time of distance from each other, it is so important that you are cognizant of behaviors and the impact you have on each member of our community.

Distance Learning:

1. Present yourself in a manner that keeps your integrity and respectability in check.

Be aware of social etiquette when you are in front of a screen. Consider these simple things:
*Your iPad has your correct user- name. *You mute your microphone when you are not talking
*You have an appropriate background. *You only use positive and appropriate language.
Essentially, follow the procedures that your teacher has in place for Distance Learning to be optimal for all.

If you have questions about specific behaviors, do not hesitate to ask your teachers, our Technology Support team or me.

2. **Do not ever share your class code with other students;** this includes Zoom meeting codes or Moodle pages that your teacher has prepared for you.

3. **Academic integrity matters.** You will be held accountable for any academic integrity infractions. Familiarize yourself with the policy in our [Student & Parent Handbook](#).

Social Media:

1. We are all searching for "connection" in this time of social distancing and social media provides a great resource for us to reach out to people in our community. Just be careful what you post and what you send to others. During Distance Learning school policies apply to Appropriate Use and Bullying, Harrassment & Intimidation. Use common sense when you use social media.

2. Consider creative and positive ways to reach out to members of our community that need some encouragement, especially your teachers!

As we look forward and anticipate the day when we can see each other in "real" life, let's look forward to that greeting even now as we reach out to others with genuine kindness and respect for each member of our amazing Bellarmine community.

If you have questions, concerns, or need a word of encouragement, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I would love to hear from you!

Remember, Take Care of Yourself and Each Other!

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