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COVID-19 Information Page on Website

Please visit our COVID-19 Information page on our website for updates. This page will be updated throughout the summer. Please check this page often.

<http://www.bellarminereprep.org/coronavirus-updates/>

Update from the Principal

Please [read this important message](#) from Principal Cindy Davis regarding the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, including our theme for the year and important upcoming dates.

Student Schedules

Student schedules with assigned teachers will be available on [Family Link](#) on Friday, Aug. 28. Please review the schedule and the teacher information to access individual [Moodle](#) pages before school begins. Current students can access Family Link with their log-in credentials from last spring; students new to the Bellarmine community received log-in credentials when they configured their iPads.

Common App Virtual Bootcamp for Class of 2021

Reminder! Class of 2021: The Common App Virtual Bootcamp will be September 1st from 10 a.m. - noon via Zoom! Melody Ferguson from PLU will be there to answer your Common App questions and give essay advice. Please RSVP to [Cameron Irving](#) by Aug. 29 if you are going to attend!

Still Need to Pick-Up Your 2020 Yearbook?

September 1 is the next opportunity to pick-up your yearbook. Please come to the Student Parking Lot (Lots A, B, & C) on: Tuesday, September 1, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Please wear a mask and bring your student ID or photo ID. If you're unable to pick-up your yearbook on September 1, your book will be held and may be picked-up once we resume classes back on campus. If you have any questions, please email Mindi Morin at MorinM@bellarmineprep.org.

Model UN Interest Meeting September 14

We will be holding a virtual interest meeting on September 14 for any high schoolers interested in participating in Bellarmine Model United Nations. It is a great opportunity to become more involved within the Bellarmine community as well as our Model UN program. Parents of interested students are strongly encouraged to attend our parent interest meeting on September 21. If you would like to attend this virtual parent meeting or want to receive more information about Model UN, please contact Bernice Samson, our Chair of Communications at 22samsonbernice@bprep.org to be added to our email list. Thank you for your time!

Senior Pilgrimage Information

Senior Pilgrimage takes place during the first month of school to create a bond that will re-energize the senior class as campus leaders. The idea of getting more than a hundred seniors together to walk, eat, and pray together makes us feel sentimental, disappointed, and hopeful. While we would love to take this class to Camp Hamilton, we know that would not be responsible. Since the timing of this retreat is significant, we refuse to delay it until later in the year.

The student leaders, who have worked all summer, walk with their classmates on a journey that addresses issues that may have separated the class in the past in order to set a tone for the entire year. What we as a group have come up with is a new take on the Senior Pilgrimage, one that we are excited to share.

In the fall we are offering a virtual asynchronous retreat. Student leaders have prepared talks that will be shared digitally with complementary activities. This portion of the retreat will occur on September 19th and 20th. We encourage students to walk through their neighborhoods and parks while listening to the talks as though it were a podcast. They will be able to spend a moment sitting under a tree reflecting on student-generated questions, journaling in a notebook, and sharing videos as a way to connect with their classmates. Later on, when it is safe to gather in larger groups, we hope to have a Pilgrimage "reunion" to share Mass, dinner, and a campfire on campus. This is something we are all looking forward to doing.

Parents and guardians, we hope you will encourage your children to participate in this event with open minds and hearts. While it is a religious experience, there are many components that are beneficial to all during this challenging time. Spend a moment to remember when you were in high school and think of the significant role of the senior class. We truly believe that this retreat helps students center their life around the Bellarmine community and God in order to lead. Now, during this time of isolation and separation we need your children to guide the student population through these difficult times. This retreat helps to set a positive tone for the seniors and thus the entire campus.

For more information contact [Jenny Phillips](#) or [Jacob Singer](#).

Readiness Resources 2020-2021

We have compiled a number of documents and videos to prepare our students and families for the start of the 2020-21 school year. These important resources can be found [here](#).

Important information for Freshman Orientation

Freshman Orientation is scheduled for Monday, August 31st from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Please have your child pre-register for the Class of 2024 Zoom meeting by [clicking here](#)

In addition, September 1 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. your child is invited to come to campus and pick up a Bellarmine "welcome bag" and other supplies. If you have any questions please contact [Jim Dempsey](#) or [Maddy Freeberg](#).

Ignatian Service Program Update 2020-2021

Coronavirus has created a time of uncertainty, fear, isolation, and illness.

But our faith teaches us that there is light in the darkness. As the Jesuit and broader Catholic network responds in unique ways with love, compassion, and new means of building community, our service program will continue to adjust to our new reality.

As communicated last spring, the requirements for service commitments have changed from a focus on "direct service" outside of the school day, to education and advocacy directly in Ignatian Formation class. We have been working with other Jesuit schools all over the country to come up with collaborative ways to serve our respective communities. Based on the Universal Apostolic Preferences, all students will complete service modules through Ignatian Formation over the course of the year.

[Updates on the Ignatian Formation program for the 2020-21 school year.](#)

2020 Bellarmine Drama - Fall Play Audition and Crew Info

General Information:

This fall, Bellarmine will be producing a series of one-act plays thematically tied to our experiences at home. Students will have the opportunity to act in and film scenes that will be compiled and edited by other students. Crew opportunities this year will take the form of designing costumes, properties, and sets or virtual sets to tie things together as well as editing together video clips.

Audition Information:

Auditions and callbacks for the fall play will take place after school on September 8th, September 9th, and September 10th. Specific information on what to prepare and how auditions will be conducted will be posted online at <http://www.bellarminereprep.org/drama-theater/>. Please check this site periodically for updates.

Student Production and Design Information:

For students interested in production or design of the fall play, a student meeting will be held on Friday, September 11th from 3:00-4:00 pm. Opportunities include "stage" management, set design, costume/makeup design, properties design, and video production design. More information about what responsibilities these positions include will be presented at this meeting. Students cast in the play may also attend this meeting to learn about other opportunities available in the theater department. Details on how to participate in the meeting will be posted [online here](#).

For questions, please contact Brien O'Loughlin at oloughlinb@bellarmineprep.org.

Yearbook - Summer Photos Needed!

The summer of 2020 has been like no other! There have been so many creative ways you're enjoy the summer months, from social distancing with friends to volunteering. Classes of 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024, please send your summer photos in to be considered for our 2020-2021 Yearbook. Photo(s) and information may be submitted [here](#).

Contact [Mindi Morin](#) for more information.

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