



# Parent e-news

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.

## 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.bellarminerep.org/coronavirus-updates/>

## Update from the Principal

Please [read this important message](#) from Principal Cindy Davis. All parents are asked to please complete the parent survey provided in the message by Wednesday, September 16th at 5:00 p.m.

## School Picture Days

Please look at the time that coordinates with the first letter of your last name. All dress code guidelines must be followed.

Seniors: Please dress up as your picture taken during this time make up the senior composite that will be displayed within the school halls

More details will be released later this week. MASKS are required

### Sept. 18 - Bellarmine group (A-L) will be scheduled to have their yearbook/ID picture taken on campus.

- A/B – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- C/D – 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
- E/F – 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.
- G/H – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
- I/J – 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- K/L – 12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

### Oct. 2 - Ignatius group (M-Z) will be scheduled to have their yearbook/ID picture taken on campus.

- M – 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- N/O – 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
- P/Q – 10:15 – 10:45 a.m.
- R/S – 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.
- T/U/V – 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- W/Y/Z – 12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

### Oct. 9 – Picture Make-up Day – times TBD

When you arrive to the drive through, you will be invited to enter the building. You will be prompted to attest that you are healthy. Assuming you are, you will proceed to a short, socially distanced line of students who will be wearing masks and waiting for the photographer. Pictures will be taken quickly, and you will return to your car and exit the photo-shoot.

The following health screening questions need to be answered about your health on the day you are coming to campus. These are based on the work of the CDC and Pierce County Health Department's recommendations for health screening during the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you can not answer NO to all of these questions, then you should not come to Bellarmine.

- 1) Have you experienced a fever in the last 24 hours?
- 2) Have you experienced shortness of breath in the last 24 hours?
- 3) Have you experienced dry cough in the last 24 hours?
- 4) Have you experienced aches/pains in the last 24 hours?
- 5) Have you experienced loss of smell in the last 24 hours?
- 6) Do you live with anyone with the above symptoms?
- 7) Did you or someone with whom you live test positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days?

## From the Dean of Students: Attendance in Distance Learning

Consistent attendance is vital for academic success at Bellarmine, and consistent attendance is required to support the academic climate of the school. The interaction and personal relationships between students and teachers and between students and peers are aspects of education that cannot be made up once they are missed. Students and parents/guardians should make every effort to schedule doctor and dental appointments, family vacation and other absences around the academic calendar. A parent/guardian decides when an absence is necessary. Bellarmine Prep determines the type of absence that obligates the teacher to assist in make-up work and/or which disciplinary consequences may be appropriate. Students are encouraged to contact their teacher using school email and/or Moodle to access missed assigned work. It is the student's responsibility to promptly make up all work missed due to absence. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the attendance policy and procedures. Individual student attendance records are accessible through FamilyLink.

### Process for reporting absences:

Parent or guardian: please report your child's absence from class by contacting Keri Stewart, at [attendance@bellarmineprep.org](mailto:attendance@bellarmineprep.org) or 253-752-7701 option 2.

## Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice - Oct. 19-26

We are excited to announce that Bellarmine is registering all Junior students for the virtual Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice from Oct. 19-26 to fulfill part of their service requirement for graduation. This conference has traditionally been held in Washington D.C. during the fall, but will be online and accessible to all students from Jesuit high schools and universities across the country. Students will be asked to participate in discussions and evening content during the week, and Oct. 24-26 will follow the traditional IFTJ format with 40+ dynamic speakers, breakouts, prayer and liturgy, and advocacy lessons. Discussions will take place during Ignatian Formation class and the bulk of the conference will be held on the weekend.

Click here for more information and to see the schedule: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/iftj/>

If you have questions, please contact Julie Hiles at [hilesj@bellarmineprep.org](mailto:hilesj@bellarmineprep.org)

## Student Journalism Program

The student journalism program, The Lion, has three strands to it - Broadcast, Online, and Print (BOP). Because of distance learning, the staff will focus on its broadcast and online components this fall. Updates can be found at <https://bellarminelion.com/>

Our featured articles of the week are:

- [Let's give it another shot: Bellarmine hosts SAT testing for seniors](#)
- [Author Jamie Ford plans to speak in Ignatian Formation classes](#)

## Academic Commons/Learning Resource Center News

As an extension of the classroom, the following support pathways are available to all Bellarmine students. Please encourage your student/s to work closely with their teachers and reach out for additional support as needed.

Please [click here](#) to review the Open/Drop-in Weekly Labs and the Academic Commons/Learning Resource Center contacts.

## All School Webinar with Author Jamie Ford

We are very excited for our first all school webinar that will be held during Formation Class on Wed 9/16 with Jamie Ford, author of *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, the book selected for our Bellarmine Reads program. Jamie Ford's novel set in the Seattle of the 1940s and 1980s, centers on the discovery of artifacts left by Japanese-American families forced from their homes in 1942, and interned just down the highway from Bellarmine at the Puyallup Fairgrounds.

Ford's novel pulls us into a story of family, friendship, and community complicated by fear and prejudice. The prominent role that racial identity plays in the novel exemplifies how people of different races can have vastly different perspectives of shared events. A lens through which we can view the events happening in our world today, specifically around the events of racial injustice.

This leads us into the work of our Justice Summit this year and also ties in with our theme for the year: Together We are Bellarmine: Building Community Through Identity, Empathy, and Action. Be sure to ask your student about the book and what insights they gained by having the opportunity to hear from the author.

## All School Mass

We will be celebrating our first all school Mass on Sept. 17, in honor of St. Robert Bellarmine feast day. Mass will be live streamed from the St. Aloysius chapel during Ignatian Formation period at 9:40 a.m. Here is the link to Thursday's Mass: <https://youtu.be/f1DbwFvRN8>

## From the Counseling Office

**Virtual Senior Parent Night is tonight**, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.. Topics will include college applications, testing and changes during COVID, Financial Aid and Scholarships. The presentation will be recorded and posted for families that cannot attend. Zoom code is 984 7684 4809, Password 606338

**Reminder!** The seniors only SAT is on Sept. 23, at 8 a.m. Seniors must wear a mask, arrive and leave campus promptly, and go directly to their testing location. Locations will be emailed directly to seniors.

**Senior Appy Hours** start this Friday at 11:15 a.m., with Cameron Irving. Bring application questions and essay questions. Zoom code is 830 270 4318, Password is 282928

## Senior Pilgrimage Retreat

Please visit this [link to our website](#) for an update on this weekend's Senior Pilgrimage. Pick up your retreat kit from 3-4:30 p.m. this Thursday or Friday by driving by the Connelly Campus Center.

Questions, contact [Jacob Singer](#) or [Jenny Phillips](#).

## New Parent Meeting with President Modarelli

If you are a NEW Bellarmine Parent, with a Freshman or new transfer student, we invite you to a conversation with our President, Robert Modarelli (B'82). You will have an opportunity to hear in more detail about the mission and philosophy of Bellarmine, its strategic plan and direction, and the experience you and your family can expect as you become members of this great community. He will be joined by leaders of the school's Board as well as our primary parent volunteer organizations, who will also share information on ways you as a parent can become involved and engaged in the school and in the experience of your son or daughter as a Lion. You will have an opportunity to meet other new parents who are embarking on the same journey. Finally, there will be a time to ask any questions you may have. These special evenings are a great way to begin a partnership between your family and Bellarmine that is so important to student success.

To register to join us for one of these virtual meetings, please click on the link below for the date that works best for you:

We will be hosting each meeting through Zoom Video Conference call from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m

Tuesday, September 15th, 2020

[Register Here](#)

Wednesday, September 30th, 2020

[Register Here](#)

Tuesday, October 13th, 2020

[Register Here](#)

Monday, October 19th, 2020

[Register Here](#)

These virtual zoom meetings are for new parents and guardians only. For any questions or concerns, please contact Paige Banks, at 253-761-3522 or [banks@bellarmineprep.org](mailto:banks@bellarmineprep.org) in the Development Office.

## Let's Celebrate.... Senior Grad Ads!

Senior Grad Ads are a wonderful way for parent to celebrate their senior's achievements and important milestones in the yearbook. Please visit the [yearbook website](#) where you may create your senior ad by clicking on the link. If you have any questions, please email Minda Morin at [MorinM@bellarmineprep.org](mailto:MorinM@bellarmineprep.org). GRAD AD DEADLINE orders must be placed by Nov. 15.

[Click here to purchase your Grad Ads online.](#)

## Yearbook Photos

This year's yearbook will truly be a Bellarmine Community effort. In order to capture the moments and memories, of this school year, in our 2021 yearbook, the staff would love for you to share your photos with us. Please visit the [Bellarmine yearbook website](#) where you may submit your photos to be considered. If you have any questions, please email Minda Morin at [MorinM@bellarmineprep.org](mailto:MorinM@bellarmineprep.org).

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