



Parent e-news

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Message from Principal: 2020-21 School Year Week 4 Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week we celebrated our Patron Saint, Robert Bellarmine, at our all school virtual Liturgy. It was wonderful to be in the Saint Aloysius Chapel with the Jesuits, board members and a few students. I hope you were able to experience the Liturgy and hear the Jesuits speak about the importance of relationships and keeping things in perspective.

About perspective, this week is an important week for us. It is our fourth week of the year and we are seeing our students engage with their teachers and one another. This week, we are anticipating updates from the TPCHD assisting us with the decision regarding the pivot to our hyflex model of instruction. We are planning to provide a timeline in next Monday's enews (September 28). There are many factors to consider as we plan for the potential pivot and your feedback, using the survey tool, helped us to identify each family's sense of readiness. Thank you for taking the time to respond. If you were not able to access or missed the survey you will have an additional opportunity this week (it is imperative we hear from every family). If we do not hear from you, we will assume you are choosing the hyflex model for your child(ren).

[Take the Survey.](#)

We are following closely the daily updates and preparing our faculty and campus. Our faculty continue to engage in professional development to ensure our students are receiving an exceptional educational experience. The early weeks of instruction focused on building relationships so you may have observed your students on zoom meetings in both large and small groups. The expectation is to reduce the screen time in the coming days with greater emphasis on independent work. Faculty are designing lessons that are engaging while also providing opportunity for independent learning. The AABB schedule, while designed for the hyflex model of instruction, allows faculty to go deeper into the content and to set students up for success when working independently. We will continue to evaluate the AABB schedule and the tools used to engage students in the learning process. We will ask you to provide feedback toward the end of the month in a survey (yes, another survey!). I am so proud of our faculty for their dedication and passion for the students they serve. They continue to build skills so they can provide excellent instruction regardless of the environment. In addition to faculty readiness, we are also making sure our Health/Safety Plan meet the CDC, DOH, and TPCHD guidelines. We will share a presentation with you and students in the next two weeks.

Like many of you, we are excited to be together on campus. As the Jesuits reminded us last week, we must keep the Greater Good in mind. Our return to campus will be thoughtfully considered, carefully planned, and safely executed. Stay strong Bellarmine!

Take Care and God Bless

Cindy Davis
Principal

Questions regarding distance learning and/or hyflex model? Please submit your questions [here](#).

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 Bellarmine's Board of Directors as well as our primary parent volunteer organization Philomatheia, 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 join us for one of these virtual meetings, please register by using the links below.

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

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 in the Development Office.

Home Health Check

Bellarmine is currently requiring employees working on campus to respond to a daily health questionnaire. Employees receive it as a text message each morning, and it takes about 1 minute to complete. The questions cover the main symptoms of COVID-19. This survey creates awareness and it helps keep people home who might be sick.

At some point in the future, families will be sending students back to Bellarmine's campus. On that exciting day, Bellarmine will want all our families to participate in a morning health screening. In fact, campus access will require a health screening.

In order to prepare for family health screenings, we need to collect family mobile phone numbers. One health screening per family, completed by a parent or guardian is sufficient. The following Google form can be used to submit the mobile phone number to which you would like your morning health screening to be sent.

SURVEY: <https://forms.gle/x8CubHxHnrM9uZpU7>

Please respond this week so that we can start the process of setting up and testing our new health screening service. For an overview of how the service works, you can visit <https://dailyhealthcheck.com/#/>

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

School Picture Days

Our next scheduled picture day is for those students with the last name starting M-Z. Picture day for A-I was last week. If your student was unable to attend, please have them come on Oct. 9.

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

MASKS are required

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?

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