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Message from the President: Update on Pierce County Numbers

Dear Lion parents and guardians,

Based on the primary metric of cases per 100,000 population, as of last Wednesday Pierce county has moved back into the category identified as 'high risk' under the [Washington Department of Health's decision tree](#). This has led the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department to issue additional guidance to schools, specifying that 'for schools already moving forward with reopening plans, we encouraged a pause in bringing back additional students.' The TPCHD has committed to monitoring these metrics for two weeks to see if the upward trend is sustained, at which point they will ask schools to return to full remote learning.

We too will monitor these metrics closely. I want you to know that Bellarmine is prepared to make the transition back to in-person, face-to-face instruction in our Bellarmine and Ignatius groups as soon as the numbers trend back down into the 'moderate risk' range. In the interim we will continue to bring students back in small groups or 'pods' for various activities. Please continue to monitor our weekly updates from the Principal as well as other administrators for the latest information on specific activities and planning for return to in-person instruction.

Once again, please know how grateful we are for your patience and support. Together we as a community will persevere through this difficult time and get our students back to campus as quickly as we can safely do so.

Sincerely

Robert Modarelli
President

Message from the Principal: Hyflex Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was wonderful to see students on campus this past week. Students gathered in small groups and worked out with one another and their coaches. Students accessed support on campus and the campus felt more alive than it has in months.

Last week we shared our comprehensive Health and Safety Plan, thank you for attending the presentation. If you were not able to attend, please find the power point here. Providing a safe and healthy learning environment continues to be a top priority.

We have processed your requests to remain either in distance learning or to move to the face to face (2 days/week) instruction. We also assessed the requests to change groups (Bellarmine/Ignatius) and we have sent emails to all families to confirm your decision and/or request to change groups. If you did not receive an email from our Registrar, Melinda Michaelson; and my assistant, Jessica Achziger, please let us know. We know you may want to make a different decision in the coming weeks, and we will provide you with opportunities to make a change. Moving from face to face to distance learning can happen anytime. The pivot from distance learning to face to face will require notice.

We understand the difficulty in making the decision for your student and we want to make it as easy as possible by providing you with important information. We are preparing a video to better explain the Hyflex model, specifically how it will support all students regardless of the learning environment. The video will explain how students will engage with other students and their teacher in any learning environment and will be shared with you on October 19.

We continue to prepare for the full implementation of our Hyflex model. Our faculty participated in professional development last Tuesday. It was an important day for us and for your student(s) as they experienced a full day of asynchronous instruction. We followed up with a survey asking students to provide us with feedback so we can make the necessary adjustments. It is a time of tremendous growth!

The letter from TPCHD last Friday encouraged schools to prepare for a return to distance/remote learning. Pierce County has moved back to the high activity risk zone. We continue to watch the numbers and we remain hopeful for a full return to campus.

Thank you for your continued support.

Take Care and God Bless,

Cindy Davis
Principal

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Bellarmine is excited to be offering limited in person coaching for students in "pods" of 5. Coaches have begun communicating with players about in person opportunities, so it is important that students reach out to their coaches to be added to the distribution list for each sport. Access to campus will be limited and not all student athletes will be allowed on campus for every potential workout and strict protocols must be met prior to coming to campus and while engaging in workouts. Participation in these workouts is completely voluntary and will have no bearing on participation in that sport during the WIAA defined sport season. Coaches will still be engaging with students virtually with workouts and other opportunities. Questions, contact Kevin Meines at meinesk@bellarmineprep.org.

- [Co-Curricular Contact Information](#)
- [Weekly Schedule for Athletic Engagement](#)

Register on FamilyID for All Co-Curriculars

[FamilyID](#) is the online registration portal for all co-curriculars - athletics, activities, and campus ministry. All families need to create a FamilyID profile for athletic clearance, retreat registration, morning transportation requests, and all other co-curricular [registration](#). Physicals also must be uploaded through your account and all forms are available to complete the registration process.

Questions, contact Kristine Zelazny at zelaznyk@bellarmineprep.org.

Class of 2024 & Team 24 Campus Days: Oct. 23 & Oct. 30

Team 24 leaders are excited to welcome the Class of 2024 to campus for small group activities, bonding and campus tours! Freshman will check-in at the Campus Center by Formation class at their designated time (see below) on either **Oct. 23** or **Oct. 30**. Upon check-in students will meet and get to know their Team 24 leaders and group, and have the opportunity to walk their class schedule and tour campus.

Wellness screenings and temperature checks will be required at check-in, and students must wear masks while on campus. More information and details coming soon!

Friday, Oct. 23

- 9:00-10:30 a.m. Mr. Brown's Ignatian Formation
- 9:30-11:00 a.m. Mr. Meecker's Ignatian Formation
- 10:00-11:30 a.m. Mrs. Fernandez's Ignatian Formation
- 10:30-12:00 p.m. Mrs. Parent's Ignatian Formation
- 11:00-12:30 p.m. Mr. Keller-Scholz's Ignatian Formation

Friday, Oct. 30

- 9:00-10:30 a.m. Mr. Booth's Ignatian Formation
- 9:30-11:00 a.m. Mr. Cross-Shader's Ignatian Formation
- 10:00-11:30 a.m. Mr. Chase's Ignatian Formation
- 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Mr. DeGroot's Ignatian Formation
- 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mr. Thorpe-Kramp's Ignatian Formation

For questions, please contact [Jim Dempsey](#), [Cari Harrison](#) or [Maddy Freeberg](#).

New Class of 2022 and 2023 Student Welcome Day and Lunch

New Transfer Students in the Classes of 2022 and 2023 are invited to join us on campus on **Friday, Oct. 23 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Connelly Campus Center for a welcome lunch and activities. This will be a great opportunity to meet classmates, take a campus tour and walk their class schedule, and to learn more about the opportunities to get involved on campus. Wellness screenings and temperature checks will be required at check-in, and students must wear masks while on campus. More information and details coming soon! We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Questions, contact [Maddy Freeberg](#) or [Cari Harrison](#).

Academic Support and Acceleration

Please be sure to check your son's/daughter's academic progress via Family Link as early progress is being reported. Early indicators of success include:

- Regularly attending classes via Zoom, etc.
- Actively engaging in classes
- Submitting work on time
- Completing asynchronous work
- Promptly reaching out to faculty with questions/concerns
- Keeping an effective planner/calendar system
- Managing emails/communication
- Navigating class Moodle pages

Please take a few minutes with your son/daughter and review the [Guidelines for Distance Learning](#). Together, determine what is going well and what areas need improvement. Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

[Academic Support/Learning Resource Center Information](#)

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.

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020

[Register Here](#)

Monday, Oct. 19, 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.

Calendar Update: Testing Day on Wednesday, Oct. 14

Wednesday, Oct 14 - See the schedule below for specific grade level activities.

- **9th grade:** Independent workday and time to check in with your teachers via email regarding missing assignments or additional questions you have.
- **10th grade:** Instead of coming to campus to take the PSAT as sophomores have done in the past, this year, you will be taking a practice PSAT online from home. You should have received additional information in your email. [Here is the link to the online test.](#)
- **11th grade:** Juniors will be taking the PSAT on campus. Check your email for additional information.
- **12th grade:** Seniors will be utilizing this time for college applications and essay writing. You can also use this time as an independent workday.

Contact [Cameron Irving](#) for more information.

Forefront in the Schools (FIS) Team at Bellarmine

FIS is an initiative of Forefront Suicide Prevention at the University of Washington designed to guide schools through a collaborative, comprehensive process of policy development and curriculum improvement with customized support to build upon our existing student mental health and suicide prevention efforts.

We are looking to round out our team with additional parent representatives. Please consider being a part of this important opportunity to further develop how we support our students. For more information contact [Tawanna Wilson](#).

Bellarmine Tuition Assistance Applications Now Available

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting the financial need analysis for Bellarmine Preparatory School for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Families applying for tuition assistance will need to complete an online application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by January 15, 2021.

[Complete details on how to apply for tuition assistance.](#)

Sip & Paint with PRIDE at Home

The Bellarmine PRIDE Guild invites you to a unique evening of fun, artistry and shopping, with painting instruction via YouTube Livestream by Open Arts Studio.

Only 200 Paint Kits available! [Purchase yours now.](#)

Questions, contact [Karin O'Connell](#).

Sports & Autumn Yearbook Photos

The Yearbook staff is collecting photos for our Autumn section of our yearbook. We are currently collecting SPORTS, CLUBS, and THEATER ACTORS & CREW photos We would appreciate you sharing your photos with us.

Please visit the Bellarmine website, under ACTIVITIES, YEARBOOK, PHOTO where you may submit your photos to be consider by clicking on the link. If you have any questions, please email Mindi Morin at MorinM@bellarmineprep.org

