

Shortly after the University of Santa Clara High School moved from the Santa Clara University campus to its new home on the old College of the Pacific campus in 1926, the school's name was changed. In 1928, to honor the soon to be canonized Blessed Robert Cardinal Bellarmine, the school's name was changed to Bellarmine College Preparatory. Within a few years of the move, the Great Depression hit.

“During the Great Depression, two organizations were formed at Bellarmine which kept up the courage of the Jesuit Pioneers at Bellarmine: The Mothers' Guild, founded in 1929, with Fr. Ivan Fabris as moderator, and the Dads' Club, organized in 1933 by Fr. McCann. Were it not for the valiant assistance of both the Mothers' Guild and the Dads' Club, Bellarmine might have had to close its doors” (Fr. Charles Budde's Journal, Bellarmine Archives, Pg. 68)