

# **Commuting to Bellarmine**

Students from over 100 middle schools around the Bay Area choose to make the commute to Bellarmine, and they do so utilizing a wide variety of transportation options. In recent years, students have come from Santa Cruz, Hollister, Pleasanton, Hayward, San Francisco and all areas in between.

# **Family Carpools**

Our Mothers' Guild provides families the contact information of other families living within close proximity of each other in order to facilitate the process of setting up carpools. You'll find the school's location is less than two miles from Highways 87, 280, 880 and 101.

#### Zum

Zum is a door-to-door ride service which provides reliable and safe transportation for children. You can book single rides, multi-stop rides or carpools with friends. Learn more about using Zum rides to school, including exclusive carpool pricing to and from Bellarmine by visiting the <u>Bellarmine – Zum</u> carpool site.

## **Dropping Off and Picking Up Students**

We have two designated drop-off / pick-up zones on campus:

- For those parents who are approaching the campus from the south and east, we ask that you enter the campus using Stockton Avenue, and drop your child off at the turnabout by the front entrance to the Wrestling Building (at the corner of Emory and Laurel Streets).
- For those parents coming from the north and west, we ask that you use the drop-off zone in the Liccardo Center parking lot.

We have developed these two zones to ensure the safety of your children, to maximize traffic flow, and to minimize disturbance to our neighbors. To that end, parents should not drop off/pick up students in the Mathewson parking lot nor at the corner of Elm and University. We appreciate your cooperation in only using these two zones.

### **Public Transportation Options**

#### Train

Train commuters have long been a part of the Bellarmine experience. The train stop at Bellarmine has even been immortalized in the fiction of Jack London and Jack Kerouac! Currently, Caltrain stops at Bellarmine's College Park Station four times per day.

Caltrain offers close to a 50% discount on daily, monthly and eight-ride tickets for all student riders. With these discounted fares, you might actually save money over the price of gas.

Whether you live north or south of Bellarmine, the arrival and departure times allow for plenty of time before and after our daily schedule of classes.

For those students who have after-school commitments, Bellarmine provides free shuttle service which departs from campus each day at 5:20 pm and again at 5:45 pm for the Diridon Station, from which students can catch the train home. Please note this shuttle is only available when school in session. Bellarmine's administration coordinates with athletic coaches to make sure that practices end early enough for student-athletes to take this shuttle. A full copy of the Caltrain schedule is available online at

http://www.caltrain.com/schedules/weekdaytimetable.html.

### Bus

The Route 22 VTA bus stops at the corner of The Alameda and Taylor/Naglee Streets, which is just a few blocks from Bellarmine. The Route 22 bus also services both the Santa Clara and Diridon train stations. Busses run approximately every fifteen minutes. You can view a copy of this bus schedule online at <a href="http://www.vta.org/routes/rt22">http://www.vta.org/routes/rt22</a>.