**MAY 14, 2020**

Dear Bellarmine parents:

So much has happened since March 11th, the day we decided to transition to remote learning. There have been a few days when I've loved the slower pace and the mid-day dog walks, but there have been so many more days when I've longed to be on campus with students. I miss ducking from frisbees thrown in the grassy quad during lunch, and I miss hearing the loud buzz of students in the halls of Lokey. Spring semester is usually jam packed with athletic events, end of year performances, competitions and celebrations.

This is my 25th year working in education, so most of my life has been organized around a school calendar. It feels very strange to wrap up the year on my own in my home office. However, as I look back on the year, and the last few months in particular, I am so grateful for the Bellarmine community. Thank you for your ongoing suggestions, questions and ideas. Thank you for your prayers and love for one another.

While I miss being on campus, I am guessing that your son misses it even more. As we develop plans for the fall, our goal is to offer as much in-person instruction as is feasible while keeping the safety of our community at the forefront of our approach. Since March 11th, our task force has met daily to discuss recent government and public health updates and to plan for safely returning to campus. In addition, a schedule prototype committee has been meeting weekly to research and discuss potential scenarios for returning to campus in the fall. We are also in regular conversations with our Diocesan counterparts as well as colleagues from secondary schools within our Jesuits West province.

In order to assist us with our planning for the fall, we ask that each household completes this [**BRIEF SURVEY**](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RhrpsJsHCEG9GuJG1dL5ccc9MqAtXkNJpr81v9uo_QxUMzFNNjNSVEw5S1pSSzNJTUtUVEJaOUY4Ri4u). Thank you!

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Sincerely,

Kristina Luscher
Principal