

AMEN NEWS

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Spread the Word: "AMEN is the BEST thing I never knew I needed!"

Welcome new members and welcome back to our returning members of the Alumni Mother's Extended Network (AMEN)! September is like the start of a new year with anticipation for what's ahead as we shift from the lazy days of summer to the wonderful celebrations and colors of autumn.

Our Steering Committee has been preparing to make this year one that you won't want to miss. We are revitalizing our Interest Groups, planning events for socializing, volunteering, and coming together to share our common bond of motherhood and connection to the Bellarmine community.

Here's what to look forward to as a member of AMEN:

- Our traditional Fall and Spring Dinners
- A monthly newsletter that celebrates our activities and previews what's coming up so you can stay connected.
- Community Service opportunities.
- Access to an array of Social Interest Groups that regularly meet such as:
 - Gourmet cooking, pickleball, hiking, gardening, movies, golfing, baking, travel discussion, book clubs, volunteering, spiritual discussion, and many more.
 - Don't see an activity of interest? We can help you create and lead one!

We welcome your suggestions, questions and compliments. We are here to serve YOU our members. Please email me at Lisa95008@gmail.com or any of our Steering Committee members HERE.

AMEN has been going and growing strong for over 20 years. Help spread the word about our amazing organization. Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend.

GO BELLS!

Lisa Christensen Steering Committee Chair



Confidently be yourself; you are amazing.

"The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others" (1 Corinthians 12:7 CEV)

Get Involved

Get Involved! Interest Groups

Hiking? Baking? Reading?
Golfing? We've created an easy way to express that you want to get involved in an Interest Group.
Just scan the QR code on your phone, and it will direct you to a form to complete. Your information will be shared to the Interest Group chairs and they will reach out about joining the group. Contact Bev Bonovich or Donna Gallo for more information, and remember to renew your AMEN membership before joining an interest group!



Renew Your AMEN Membership



The new AMEN year starts every July, so if you haven't already, it's time to renew your AMEN membership!

AMEN raises funds through membership donations, the Fall and Spring Dinners, and purchases from our online store. As a member of AMEN, you can stay connected to an amazing and supportive **in-person social network**. We are a community of over 250 women who are united by a common bond of motherhood and friendship.

There is a group for every interest, and your participation is voluntary and based on your availability.

Renew your membership and join us today! It only takes a few minutes, but the reward lasts a lifetime!

Events

DATE **EVENT** CONTACT Sunday Baking Group gathering Donna Gallo Oct. 8 Noah's Bagels 69th Annual Bellarmine Mother's Bellarmine Fashion Show Saturday Oct. 21 Guild Fashion Show Wednesday **AMEN Fall Dinner** Julie Paulsen Nov. 1 Maris Whitney





AMEN is self-sustaining and supported through membership contributions, the fall and spring dinners, and purchases from our online and pop-up store sales. Any money remaining at the end of the school year is given to Bellarmine's Direct Tuition Assistance Fund.

We would LOVE for you to join us. Please register to become a member by clicking here.

Interest Groups/Gear

Get Your Gear at the Fall Dinner

We'll be selling our exclusive AMEN merchandise at the AMEN Fall dinner on Nov. 1. Stop by to shop and catch up with friends!

Can't make it? Here is our <u>online order form.</u> Items can be picked up at the reception of Mathewson Hall at Bellarmine campus.

If you have any questions, please contact <u>Sandra McSweeney</u> or <u>Cindy Santos</u>.





The Baking Group

The Baking Group has a very full and fun year planned! This year we will attempt to bake some of our favorite, famous baked goods. Here's our tentative schedule:

- October 8th 11:30 Noah's bagels.
- Nov 5th Craftsman and Wolf's Rebel muffin.
- December 3rd Hidden Places Blue Corn Waffles and our annual cookie exchange.
- February 4th- Gideon cookies.
- Feb 9th -Baking Group's outreach project AMEN's retreat.
- Late March /early April (tbd)- San Francisco Italian foodie tour.

If you would like to join the baking group please email Donna Gallo at donna@thegallofamily.com. We look forward to baking with you! Donna Gallo and Bev Bonovich

Campus Corner

Get your Fashion Show Tickets

Tickets are now on sale for the Legendary 2023
Bellarmine Mothers' Guild Fashion Show benefiting the
Direct Tuition Assistance Fund and the Tuition Assistance
Endowment. Gather friends for a table of ten and please
attend! This is a marvelous and meaningful way to
support Bellarmine!

Check out all the details **here**, including times, suggested dress, and ticket prices. See you there!



Order a Fashion Show Centerpiece



The 2023 Fashion Show centerpiece is the beloved and "legendary" symbol of our great school and community. This beautiful brass bell is emblazoned with the Bellarmine "B" personally handcrafted by our very own Maker Lab students! Due to the intricacy of making these lovely keepsakes, only a limited number will be produced. **Purchase yours today.**

Catch up with more BCP Alumni News **here!**

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