

KEEPING OUR COVENANT

WITH OUR STUDENTS, ALUMNI, FAMILIES, AND DONOR COMMUNITY



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Staying Connected, While Staying Home

To continue our mission and respond to the situation at hand, we have obtained and implemented new technology and software that allows us to meet our students, alumni, and families where they are at, right in their homes.

Bellesini is Here for Our Students, Alumni, and Families

Our faculty and staff have come up with creative ways to encourage, comfort, and provide support to our students using Zoom video conferencing and other programs such as Google Classroom.

- We host our regular daily class schedule on Zoom
- Our faculty interact with students and respond to emails daily
- We meet frequently with our parent community via online meetings to answer their questions, help them best support their children's studies, and connect them with resources and support in the community.

We are Adapting

Our Excellent Education is being adapted to an online platform. One example of this is our Science Fair. Bellesini students participate in a science fair every spring, and this year is no exception! Students have been working on their projects for several weeks, and now are preparing for a Virtual Science Fair.

We have not wavered in our commitment to continue to provide excellent education, programs, and enrichment activities for our community.

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Our teachers have rolled their sleeves up and jumped right in! Mrs. O'Donnell in Honors English has students reading "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. Via Zoom, the class meets to discuss things like the narrator's tone and characterization in the novel. Using the breakout room feature, she is able to put students into small groups that she can check-in on and moderate. Assignments are turned in via Google classroom. Screen sharing allows for presenting.

We know that students learn best in environments rich with purpose and meaningful exchanges. To enhance our online classroom learning we have implemented programs and enrichment opportunities on mindfulness, exploring a new fun skill of the student's choosing, and other opportunities that include yoga, art, dance, online chess tournaments, music, and computer programming.

Parent Community Outreach

In addition to answering questions regarding their children's education, we have also created outreach support services to families to address health concerns, food insecurity, and community connections they can access online.

I have been spending my time at home focusing on school and playing chess with my grandfather. He always wins, but I feel more prepared after Bellesini's chess club.

- ALEJANDRO, GRADE 8



Through it All, We Remain Committed to Supporting our Alumni

100% of our 8th grade class has been accepted to private high school on scholarship.

Although social distancing, Alumni Support Staff have continued to work closely with our alumni in the college admissions process using email, phone calls, and Zoom meetings,

to assist with admissions and scholarships. We are happy to report all graduating seniors have been accepted into colleges for the fall.



In addition, our Alumni Staff has reached out to our alumni in high school and college to provide places for them to connect online, assist with school, and provide activities in a safe, welcoming home community.

Even though we are physically apart, we are committed to maintaining the strong sense of community that supports each of our students, alumni, and families, as we all face these challenges together. We thank you for your continued support at this time.

