

Dear students and families,

Welcome back! We are excited to announce an amazing opportunity for Bellarmine Spanish students to bring their language skills and cultural awareness to a whole new level. This spring break (March 24-April 5) Bellarmine will be taking a group of students to Colombia to explore the rich Colombian culture and participate in an exchange with Colegio San Luís, a Jesuit sister school in Manizales. The trip will include a variety of excursions and a 5-day homestay experience. To continue our relationship with the school, a group of students from Colegio San Luís will be joining us at Bellarmine for another three weeks when we return from spring break. Thus, the exchange experience will be memorable and rewarding.

There will be an **informational meeting for students Wednesday, September 4, at 2:45 in Room B-16**. Please come learn more about the trip!

We will also be hosting an **informational Zoom meeting for families on Thursday, September 12, at 7pm for any interested students and families**.

Here is a link to the meeting: <https://bellarmineprep.zoom.us/j/97049440356>

The cost of the experience is \$3,992 and it includes everything (homestay, meals, excursions, Spanish lessons, airfare, chaperones). Financial aid is available. Please note that while the trip occurs over spring break, students will also miss about four days of school prior to the trip.

We encourage all Spanish students from every level to apply. To apply please go to: *myBellarmine - Resources - International Programs (click on Colombia Spring Break Trip Application)*.

Please reach out with any questions. We are thrilled to be able to offer this opportunity to our students and look forward to seeing the growth, learning, and leadership that come from the experience.

Sincerely,

Annie Senner & Angelica Calcote