Spring 2018 Retreat Policy

As retreats are an integral part of the curriculum, every effort will be made to encourage a student’s spiritual growth during his time at Bellarmine. This necessitates an effort to reduce student anxiety about catching up on classwork, homework, and assessments.

Following is the school's policy, effective immediately. At the end of the semester, feedback will be collected to evaluate this policy for the 2018-2019 school year.

Grace Period for Retreats

Any major assignments that are due during the retreat should be turned in before the student leaves on retreat (unless other accommodations have been made between the teacher and student).

A student returning from a Bellarmine retreat shall have a grace period during and after the retreat (tests, papers, quizzes, homework, etc). During the grace period, students are not required to take assessments or turn in homework. However, they are strongly encouraged to start doing so. Once the grace period ends, students are fully responsible for all missing work. Students should know that poor planning during the grace period may lead to consequences once the grace period concludes.

Students should consult with their teachers to determine how best to use the grace period. For example, teachers could exempt students from certain assignments and assess that knowledge on a future test. Teachers are not expected to hold one-on-one office hours with all students who attend a retreat.

Grace Period Definition: For every whole day of a retreat, students will be granted one class period.

*Freshman Weekend Retreat (Saturday):* Students will have a one-class grace period. Students are responsible for any outstanding work by the second class meeting of the following week (Tuesday for Periods 1-5, Period 6-7 on Wednesday).

*Sophomore Leadership Overnight Retreats (Tuesday-Wednesday):* Students will have a two-class grace period. Students are responsible for any outstanding work by the first class meeting of the following week (typically Monday for Periods 1-6, Period 7 on Tuesday).

*Junior/Senior Kairos Retreats (Wednesday-Friday):* Students will have a three-class grace period. Students are responsible for any outstanding work by the final class meeting of the following week (Thursday for Periods 1-2, Periods 3-7 on Friday). If there are only three class meetings the following week (due to a school holiday), students are still responsible for any outstanding work by the final class meeting of the week.