

Dear parents-

Thank you for your ongoing patience, prayers, and trust as we navigate the rapidly evolving situation surrounding the Coronavirus. We continue to pray for all of those impacted by the Coronavirus, including family members and caregivers.

After careful consultation with our Coronavirus Task Force, and in light of new recommendations released by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) on mitigation strategies particular to Santa Clara County, we have come to the very difficult decision to close campus to students until March 30. It is important to emphasize that we are not aware of any member of our community who has been diagnosed with the virus, but are making this decision out of an abundance of caution for the protection of all members of our school community, including our 1640 students, our 210 faculty and staff members, and the 13 members of the Jesuit community who live here on campus. These latest mitigation strategies from the CDC indicate that schools should implement distance learning if feasible. Since we have a Distance Learning Protocol that is practical for us as a secondary school, we are implementing it. Effective midnight tonight, all school athletics and activities are cancelled, including all co-curricular and athletic practices, meetings, events, and contests, both on and off campus, until school re-opens.

Our educators have been engaged in professional development, training, and planning for this possibility, and they have a number of tools at their disposal to continue educating your son online. The school will take tomorrow (Thursday, March 12) to continue these preparations for our Distance Learning Protocol, which will begin on Friday with periods 4, 5, 6, and 7 at their regularly scheduled times (9:15, 10:15, 11:30, and 12:30). We will then take Monday and Tuesday as days for Professional Development for our faculty and staff, as previously planned, and continue with online learning on Wednesday, March 18th until we re-open.

Students are expected to be available for their classes at the same time that those classes ordinarily meet. Teachers will engage in a combination of synchronous (everyone is online at the same time) and asynchronous (assignments posted online, but students complete them by posted deadlines) learning. For synchronous learning, attendance will be taken. Regular attendance procedures will take place for students who are ill and unable to attend classes online. Our attendance phone number is: **(408) 294-0645** or you may email **DPLUTH@BCP.ORG**. Please notify me if your son receives a confirmed diagnosis for COVID-19.

We will provide regular updates to you and your son.

We are fortunate to be part of a community of such wonderful faculty, staff, students and parents who we know will care for each other as we manage these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Kristina Luscher
Principal

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President