



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Bellarmine parents,

We are writing to provide an update on the steps we are taking with regard to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). This message is intended to be an update to our communication on Friday, February 28th.

First, we want to share **THE NEW RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**. The SCCPHD states: "We ask for the public's help in sharing these new recommendations, staying calm, and following prior guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control." We encourage you to review the message in its entirety.

In addition, we are aware that **MENLO SCHOOL IN ATHERTON HAS CLOSED THROUGH THE WEEKEND** because a staff member had contact with a relative who yesterday tested positive for coronavirus. We will continue to monitor that situation.

Please know that there continues to be no known exposure to the virus at Bellarmine. However, we are now taking additional precautions to minimize the risks for our campus. Our cleaning crew is cleaning desks and door handles throughout our campus on a daily basis. We are adding hand sanitizers at the entry to the food area for everyone to use. As your son goes through the cashier lines, he can opt not to use the thumb print reader by saying his PIN number or presenting his ID card.

As a reminder, please ask your son to adhere to the following recommendations to prevent the spread of contagious respiratory illnesses, including common colds and flu:

- Wash your hands with liquid soap and water, rub for at least 20 seconds.
- Keep tissues and hand sanitizer in your car, backpack and other places.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Don't cough or sneeze into your hands. Use a tissue or sneeze into your sleeve or arm.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Stay home if you are sick with any respiratory symptoms, such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, or if you are feeling unusually tired.
- Call ahead before visiting your doctor and wear a mask before you enter the healthcare provider's office.
- Follow instructions of your health care provider.

**If your son has to miss school due to illness, our faculty will work with him upon his return. Please help your son understand the importance of staying home to ensure a full recovery and reduce the risk to others.**

Per the recommendation of the CDC, we continue to develop plans in the event that we would need to close school.

Lastly, we continue to recommend the following resources for updates on the coronavirus:

- **SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
- **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION**

Thank you for entrusting your sons with us. We are committed to following the recommendations of our public health agencies, and we will continue to be in contact with you as needed.

Sincerely,

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