



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 Wednesday, March 4th.

First, we want to share **THE LATEST RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**. The SCCPHD states: "The County is not recommending school closures at this time because individuals under 18 years of age have not been shown to be a high-risk group for serious illness from this virus."

Because the health department recommends "canceling or minimizing large in-person activities, events, meetings and conferences," we are reviewing all upcoming events. Here are a few event updates:

- Ticket sales will be limited for our musical, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, in order to reduce the size of the audience.
- This year's Golden Bell Auction has been cancelled
- Sunday's Lunar New Year has been cancelled
- The Unity Assembly and Cultural Faire have been cancelled
- Grandparents Day has been cancelled

We will continue to evaluate and make decisions on other events as those dates draw nearer.

Please know that there continues to be no known exposure to the virus at Bellarmine.

We have established a task force that has developed a **PANDEMIC PROTOCOL**, and we will continue to work closely with the County Health Department to ensure the safety of our students and staff. We have drafted multiple levels of response – green (everything proceeds as normal); yellow (prepare for school closure); and red (school is closed). It is important to note that we are in *stage yellow* at this time. That does not mean, of course, that we will close (we will follow instructions from the County Health Department on that) – but simply that we need to take steps to prepare ourselves should it come to that. Our faculty members are engaged in training should we need to implement a remote learning plan.

Should your son have underlying health issues that put him at a heightened level of risk, please consult your health provider about whether he should stay home. Our attendance phone number is: **(408) 294-0645** or you may email DPLUTH@BCP.ORG. Your son's counselor is also a resource for you and your family.

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.

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 continue to pray for all those who are struggling with illness at this time.

Sincerely,

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