



OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Bellarmine parents,

Bellarmino is continuing to monitor the situation relative to the coronavirus. This message is intended to be an update to our communication on February 4th. As this is an evolving situation, we will continue to update you as new information surfaces.

While there have been two cases in Santa Clara County, the SCC Public Health Department has assured **FULL RECOVERY OF ONE CASE AND CONTINUED ISOLATION OF THE OTHER CASE**. In its most recent guidance to schools, the agency believes the health **RISK TO THE PUBLIC REMAINS LOW**. There continues to be no known exposure to the virus at Bellarmine. However, the SCCPHD and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have recommended that we continue to prepare for the spread of the coronavirus in our communities.

Please join our faculty and staff in helping your son 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. Do not go to school or work.
- 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.

Per the recommendation of the CDC, we are developing a plan to conduct classes remotely using Canvas and other online tools. In the event that we would need to close school, we would create a digital learning plan and ask our students to remain actively engaged in daily lessons.

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.

Here are some helpful resources for updates on the coronavirus:

[SANTA CLARA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT](#)

[CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION](#)

Sincerely,

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