



WEEKLY PARENT UPDATE

Dear Parents,

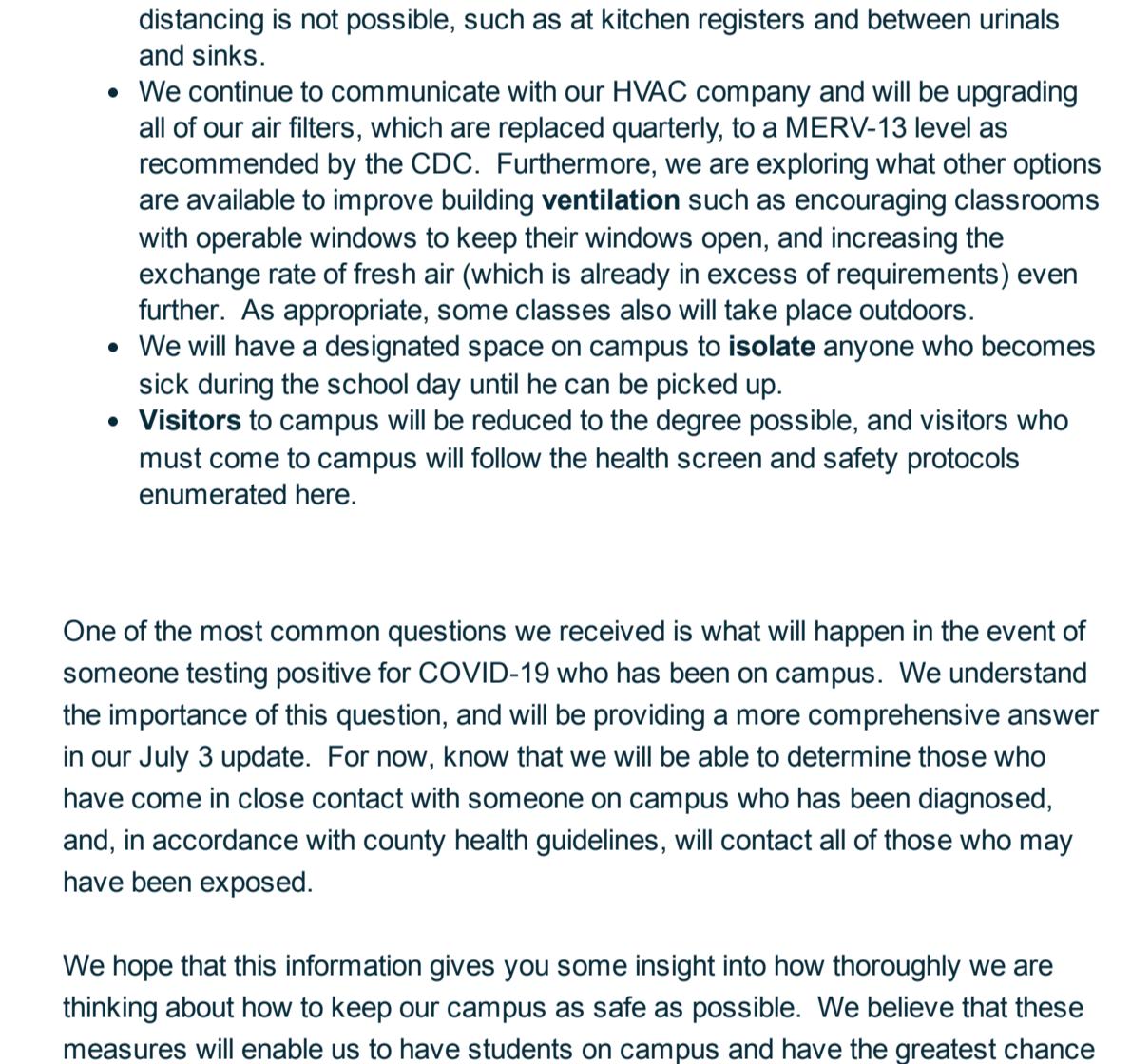
In this week's message, we want to share with you about what we have learned from the survey results that you recently completed, with a particular emphasis on health and safety precautions. We are so grateful for your input! The vast majority of you indicated that you are comfortable having your son return to campus in the Fall (78%), with 17% indicating some level of discomfort (the remainder were neutral). You indicated the strongest support for fulltime in-person instruction (74%), followed by a hybrid model (71%), and fulltime distance learning (18%). These survey results align quite well with our plans for the Fall – which we will detail more fully next week – to have as much in-person instruction as we are able, while also allowing for some families to choose to keep their sons at home fulltime.

The safety factors that you deemed most important were enhanced cleaning (86% rate as important), followed by daily health checks (71%), requiring masks to be worn (69%), ensuring social distancing (67%), and staggering lunch (64%).

The comment sections revealed that there are a wide variety of opinions about what safety measures the school should implement, ranging from allowing all students to return to school with no restrictions all the way to not re-opening school at all until a vaccine has been created. Clearly, we are not able to respond to all requests/suggestions. With over 1600 students, we probably have that many opinions about what we ought to do!

Below are some of the safety measures we are envisioning at this time, which have been developed in reviewing guidelines from County Health and the CDC, and in consultation with Santa Clara University and other peer schools. It's important to note that this is a dynamic situation, and as new guidelines are put in place, we anticipate some of this changing over time – perhaps before school begins, or after the school year is underway.

- Enhanced **cleaning procedures** will be in place throughout campus. The entirety of the campus will be cleaned and disinfected (with CDC/OSHA approved products) daily, with high-touch, high-traffic areas cleaned during the day. Each classroom will have disinfecting wipes for students to use to clean their desk before each class period.
- Each day, every student and staff member will undergo a **health check**. This includes not only having their temperature taken via a touchless thermometer, but also answering a health questionnaire. This procedure has been in place this week with Fall varsity athletes and some speech and debate students who have returned to campus this week (pictured below), and the process has been very efficient. We will have multiple stations around campus throughout the day to make this process as safe and efficient as possible.



- Those who are **sick will be required to remain home** (staff and students). Historically, we are well aware that many students have come to campus when they are sick because of fear of falling behind if they miss school. It is essential that we change this practice if we all are to remain healthy! Because we know that a number of students will stay home throughout the year, we will be extremely well-equipped for sick students (if they are able) still to attend class and not fall behind.
- In addition to all of the sinks we have around campus and encouraging regular hand washing, we have installed more than **140 hand sanitizing stations** around campus so that students and staff can use hand sanitizer when they are not able to wash with soap.
- **Masks** or other approved face coverings will be required to be worn throughout the day, with training required on the proper wearing of masks. As you are probably aware, Governor Newsom yesterday signed an order making this a requirement with a few exceptions.
- We have measured all classrooms and will arrange desks in a way that ensures at least six feet of **social distancing** between all students and the teacher.
- Hallways, staircases and building entrances will all be **one-way** to aid with social distancing.
- Our **food service** function, including food preparation, layout, distribution and menu selection, have been redesigned both to meet the associated health guidelines and continue to provide high quality/healthy food options for our students. Lunch will also be staggered to allow for adequate time and spacing. We will detail those plans more fully in a July update.
- **Physical (plexiglass) barriers** are being installed in areas where social distancing is not possible, such as at kitchen registers and between urinals and sinks.
- We continue to communicate with our HVAC company and will be upgrading all of our air filters, which are replaced quarterly, to a MERV-13 level as recommended by the CDC. Furthermore, we are exploring what other options are available to improve building **ventilation** such as encouraging classrooms with operable windows to keep their windows open, and increasing the exchange rate of fresh air (which is already in excess of requirements) even further. As appropriate, some classes also will take place outdoors.
- We will have a designated space on campus to **isolate** anyone who becomes sick during the school day until he can be picked up.
- **Visitors** to campus will be reduced to the degree possible, and visitors who must come to campus will follow the health screen and safety protocols enumerated here.

One of the most common questions we received is what will happen in the event of someone testing positive for COVID-19 who has been on campus. We understand the importance of this question, and will be providing a more comprehensive answer in our July 3 update. For now, know that we will be able to determine those who have come in close contact with someone on campus who has been diagnosed, and, in accordance with county health guidelines, will contact all of those who may have been exposed.

We hope that this information gives you some insight into how thoroughly we are thinking about how to keep our campus as safe as possible. We believe that these measures will enable us to have students on campus and have the greatest chance possible of keeping everyone healthy.

Forming Men and Women For and With Others

Like so many of you, we celebrate yesterday's Supreme Court decision to maintain the DACA program. Along with our fellow Jesuit ministries, we also renew our pleas to Congress to enact legislation that will lead to a permanent solution for our students and their families who are so impacted by this important legislation. We encourage you to read [THIS LETTER](#) by Fr. Scott Santarosa, S.J., the Provincial of Jesuits West, about this situation.

Today is Juneteenth, which commemorates the date in 1865 when the last slaves were freed in Galveston, Texas, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation. Thank you to Josiah Cannon '20 who, along with a number of peers from other schools and in collaboration with the South Bay Black Coalition, helped to organize a peaceful march from Santa Clara University to San Jose State University in honor of this Freedom Day.

As many of you know, our Immersion Program has necessarily been put on hold during this pandemic. However, we are pleased to let you know that, in partnership with Loyola High School in Los Angeles (a fellow Jesuit school), members of the class of 2021 and 2022 have an opportunity to participate in a virtual Urban Plunge on July 13, 15, and 17. Your son was emailed information about this innovative approach encouraging our students to explore the issue of homelessness. If you have any questions, you may contact [TINA BRICENO](#), Asst. Director of Christian Service for Immersion. Your son has also recently received an email about Christian Service requirements for next year.

Jesuits West is hosting a special Father's Day Mass on Sunday at 9:30. You can watch the Mass [HERE](#).

Thank you for your partnership with us throughout this process. Please be assured of our prayers, and know that we are grateful for yours!

Sincerely,

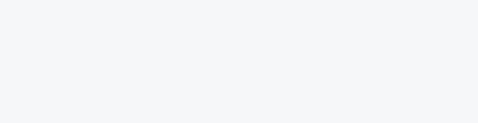
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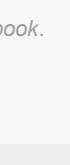


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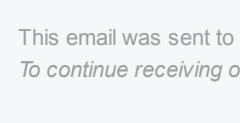
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