

Dear Bellarmine Parents:

As previously announced in the beginning of January, we will begin re-opening next week for some in-person academics.

Here is an outline of the next few days:

Tuesday, January 26	PSAT (Juniors)
Wednesday, January 27	Pre-ACT (Sophomores)
Thursday, January 28	Hyflex Begins (Loyola) - Freshmen & Seniors
Friday, January 29	Hyflex (Loyola) - Freshmen & Seniors

Ignatius Freshmen & Seniors will continue with Hyflex on February 1st and 2nd. Beginning on February 3rd, all four grade levels in the Loyola group will be welcomed to campus following the pattern of two days on campus, then two days of remote instruction.

We have in place many layers of mitigation strategies to help reduce the likelihood of transmission here on campus. These include regular testing of students and staff, excellent filtration approaches in classrooms, social distancing requirements, frequent sanitizing by our staff, emphasis on handwashing, and of course a mask requirement. However, we also recognize and want to communicate with you clearly that now is not the time to let our guard down! Quite the contrary, we have to remain particularly vigilant to do all that we can to keep the virus at bay.

A few very important notes for you:

- Later today, you will be receiving an email from sched@bcp.org asking you to confirm your son's plans to either join us in the hyflex program or continue working remotely. California's Public Health Department now asks schools to report the number of students on campus each week, so it is important that we have consistent participation, to the extent practical. (Families will be able to opt in again after February break)
- All students who participate in on-campus activities (whether classes, athletics, or any other co-curricular activity) will be required to complete regular COVID-19 testing. This will continue to be offered on campus every two weeks. Students must have completed a test within the last two weeks in order to come to campus next week.
- All parents whose sons are coming to campus will be required to complete a pledge that affirms that their son will follow our prescribed rules and procedures on campus and that you are following County health directives off campus. For example, if your son travels more than 150 miles, he must quarantine for 10 days prior to returning to campus. He needs to wear a mask outside of the home and practice social distancing. In short, he needs to be vigilant about doing all that he can to keep himself healthy.
- These and other expectations will be delineated in a video that will be sent out by Monday morning. Students must watch the video and complete the quiz at the end in order to be able to return to campus.

- A number of our instructors will continue to teach remotely. For these courses, a regular substitute will be in the room with your sons while the instructor teaches remotely via Teams. The substitutes are either other staff members serving in that capacity or people we have hired for that purpose. The substitute for a particular class will remain consistent, and will work with the teacher to normalize the in-person experience for the student.

Our partnership with families is always important, but perhaps never more than now. If your family chooses not to follow County and State guidelines and requirements to protect against the Coronavirus, then your son is welcome to attend classes online, but not in person. The teachers and other families who are coming to campus are relying on all of us to follow the rules that are in place. While we hope it would not come to this with any students, should a student willfully disregard the rules that have been put in place, that student will forfeit his right to be on campus for the remainder of this school year.

It is generally not our desire to lead with rules and lists of do's and don'ts. But we are doing so in this case because a clear understanding of expectations is essential in order to enable the very positive experience that we believe will be the case for your son – whether he returns to campus in person for classes, or whether he continues to learn remotely.

Thank you for your trust and your partnership. We look forward to our ongoing work with you and especially with your sons.

Sincerely,

Kristina Luscher
Principal

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President