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March 2nd, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this email finds you well.

As we continue our year of celebration we are looking forward to many upcoming events. We hope you will join us for the spring musical, dance performances, STEP and speech competitions, and sporting events, among others. Please consult the school calendar for upcoming important dates.

Please be aware of the following calendar's **CHANGES:**

- April 3-4 - 6p.m. Spring Musical
- April 8th - full day, dismissal at 2:53p.m. Community service day at Brentwood
- April 24th - 12th grade- Breakfast with LaSalle, 11th grade-College Fair, 10th grade & 9th grade- Trip day(pending)
- May 18th - No school
- June 19 - Junior Ball 7-11p.m.
- June 26th - Accelerated Juniors Graduation

Coronavirus update:

As you are likely aware, last week on Tuesday, February 25th, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) gave a press conference updating the country on the current status of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and steps that should be taken. As the CDC emphasized, the number of cases in the US is very small. However, the global situation is evolving, and we at SJHS are currently reviewing our existing protocols and preparing for a range of possible contingencies. Of course, our highest priority is ensuring the health and safety of every member of our community. In the event that the school must be suspended for any period of time, we want to reassure you that we will provide a plan for continuous remote learning. We are also considering the impact of the coronavirus on school activities, as well as citywide field trips and other school-related travel that occurs regularly.

In all eventualities, we are committed to providing you with clear, timely communications about this fluid situation going forward.

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Given the level of media attention to the coronavirus, some children may become anxious and have concerns about the virus and its transmission. Please read below an excerpt from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Commissioner's letter from February 26, 2020:

“This week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention discussed possible options for what could happen if there is local person-to-person transmission of the novel coronavirus in the United States, including recommendations for school systems to consider. At this time, it is important to listen to facts and not respond to fear. The NYC Health Department is vigilantly preparing for all possible scenarios, and we will continue to monitor and communicate about any possible impact to our school communities. There are no plans to close schools at this time. This is an extreme measure that can be disruptive to day-to-day life, and the decision to implement will be at the direction of public health experts. All New Yorkers should continue to practice general flu prevention measures including:

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or sleeve
- Wash your hands regularly
- Avoid touching your face
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Get your flu shot – it's never too late
- Stay home if you're feeling sick. Call your doctor and let them know your symptoms, travel history, and if you've had contact with people who are sick.”

The flu is still a greater risk to community health at this time. Our housekeeping staff is working hard to help contain illnesses by cleaning our classrooms with disinfectant cleaning products. We ask for your continued dedication to flu prevention and containment, good hygiene and SJHS's policy requiring you to keep ill children at home until they recover. We will continue to clearly communicate with our school community about our ongoing efforts regarding the coronavirus.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Ms. Antonio
Principal



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Parents/Guardians of 9th,10th and traditional 11th graders: We continue to work with your daughters to help and facilitate a smooth transition to a new school in the fall. We hope that working together we can match each student and family with their ideal school. Please fill out the form below, if you are still undecided please fill out the bottom part of the form and make an appointment to see your daughter's counselor. Please return this from by Thursday, March 5th.

Name (please print) _____ Grade _____

School I will attend next year: _____

IF UNDECIDED: Please return this form and make an appointment with your daughter's guidance counselor, Sister Pat (9th grade) or Mrs. Christy (10th and 11th grade) by calling Ms. Tai at (718) 624-3618 ext. 10.

Name (please print) _____ Grade _____

School I would like to attend next year:

1st choice school : _____

I have applied to this school: yes _____ no _____

2nd choice school: _____

I have applied to this school: yes _____ no _____

Any other information you would like to add: _____

Student Signature and Date

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date