



CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

You are very likely following the updates concerning the development and spread of the novel coronavirus. We are cognizant of peoples' concerns and fears related to this. Mrs. Denise Keating, RN, our school nurse, and Mr. Thomas Coppola, our Dean of Students, have been regularly monitoring information as it applies to us at Canisius High School.

The situation is very fluid and information is changing every day. Mrs. Keating has been in daily communication with the Erie County Department of Health. She also regularly monitors information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Center for School Health.

At this time, as with all harmful viruses, common sense should prevail. It is everyone's responsibility to do what they can to keep all in our community healthy. We encourage our students and staff to wash their hands well and regularly and to use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when they cannot do so. **We emphasize that parents should keep their son home if he is ill.** Our maintenance staff is working to clean and disinfect our building nightly.

Canisius High School will continue to work closely with the county health department and will follow up immediately should further information dictate action. We also receive regular updates from the New York State Association of Independent Schools and the Diocese of Buffalo. In the meantime, please take some time to explore the following resources for additional, up-to-date resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/guidance-for-schools.html>

<http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

Let us also pray for the health of all those affected by this disease, those medical professionals who are treating its victims and those working to treat it and to contain its spread.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Tyrpak-Endres".

Andrea Tyrpak-Endres
Principal