



CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

JESUIT PREPARATION *for* COLLEGE...FOR LIFE

March 12, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The health and safety of our students is always the top priority at Canisius High School, and we continue to monitor the evolving situation related to COVID-19/novel coronavirus. Since I wrote to you last week, the school leadership has been meeting to review our preparedness.

We have developed a plan for learning to continue if there is a need to close the school for an extended period of time. The plan will be activated when needed. We are fortunate to have a one-to-one program already in use for student learning. Our students are comfortable using their iPads and the on-line resources provided by the school.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely, and review and utilize best practices.

Action Steps

Students will not need to wear ties to school effective immediately. Students should continue to wear a dress shirt but no tie. Too much gathers on those ties!

Practice good hygiene by washing hands regularly, avoid touching faces, nose and eyes. Stay home if unwell.

If your son has the flu or flu-like symptoms, keep him home until he is free of symptoms for 24 hours. Please contact your son's pediatrician with specific questions about your son's condition if he is ill.

We have established a webpage highlighting Canisius-specific information and links to the best available information about COVID-19/novel coronavirus. This page can be found at www.canisiushigh.org. We will update this webpage with new information as the situation develops.

Closings and Cancellations

A number of educational institutions around the country, including in New York State, have modified their schedules and events.

- We will continue to monitor developments.
- We have a plan for remote learning should the school be required to close for multiple days.
- All school-related travel for students and faculty/staff will be evaluated on an ongoing basis.
- If you do not have internet access at home, please contact Mr. Eric Amodeo at amodeo@canisiushigh.org.

What You Can Do

- Talk with your sons about the illness. [This article](#) offers helpful advice and perspective.
- Listen to the best available information as provided by medical professionals, discourage rumors, and correct false information.
- Let us know if you have questions or concerns.

It is in the spirit of *cura personalis*, care for the whole person and care for our whole Canisius community, that we approach this evolving situation. I will continue to share updates as this situation and our response develops. For now, please join me in praying for the health and wellness of our school community, those affected by this illness, the caretakers, and the experts working to stop it.

Sincerely,



Ms. Andrea Tyrpak-Endres
Principal