



CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

JESUIT PREPARATION *for* COLLEGE...FOR LIFE

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Dear Canisius High School Students and Parents,

We pray this letter finds you and your family well.

As the 2019-2020 academic year comes to a close, we write to express our deep gratitude. Faculty, staff, and students worked diligently and creatively to ensure that teaching and learning remained consistent with Canisius High School standards and expectations. We pivoted quickly to our distance learning platform and curriculum, which we continue to refine and improve on a regular basis. We are thankful for the help provided by parents and other family members throughout the last months. It is heartening to see our community rise to meet the challenges we have faced.

Our school leadership has been engaged in discussions and preparations for the next school year, and we want to provide you with a sense of those discussions and plans. We will continue to review and adjust our plans in the coming months, mindful of educational needs and the health of our entire community. **Our intent is to open for on-campus classes as scheduled this fall.**

Here are key parts of our plan, subject to state and county directives:

Partial re-opening. We expect to begin a phased return to work for non-teaching staff in mid-June.

Temperature checks. A thermal imaging system will be used to screen for elevated temperatures. We are developing a plan to check the temperature of all students, faculty, staff and visitors before entering the building each day.

Sanitizing stations. We currently have multiple stations on campus. We are acquiring an additional 25 hand sanitizing stations, which will be placed strategically in common areas.

Sanitizing sprayers. These devices will be used by our facilities team to disinfect classrooms, hallways, and other common areas. All classrooms will be equipped with cleaning and disinfecting supplies.

Quarantine space. We have designated and are preparing a room adjacent to the nurse's office to care for students on campus should the need arise during the school day.

Glass barriers. These barriers will be used to provide protection at the reception desk, nurse's office, dean's office, principal's office, campus store, cafeteria registers, and other areas as needed.

Cafeteria. In order to limit contact, there will be no self-served food. We are also exploring options for a completely cashless pay system.

Classroom and cafeteria seating. We are developing plans to provide more physical distance between students in classrooms and the cafeteria, as well as hallways and other common areas.

Masks. We anticipate that everyone in the building will be expected to wear coverings over their mouths and noses.

Athletics. We have been working with Monsignor Martin Athletic Association officials to ensure a safe start to fall sports.

Cameras. Classrooms are being equipped with cameras to enhance distance learning for students who may be unable to be present during on-campus instruction due to health concerns.

A more detailed plan will emerge from the outline above, which we will communicate to you as we get closer to the start of the new school year.

Please be assured that Canisius will be well-positioned to provide you with an outstanding Jesuit education in the fall and will be prepared to pivot seamlessly to our distant learning environment if circumstances require.

As we have been celebrating our 150th Anniversary this year, we have developed a deeper sense of all that the generations before us faced during this last century and a half. Today, as we look at the extraordinary strength of our community, the exceptional Jesuit education we offer, and the incredible success of the high school in educating and shaping the lives of young men over these many years, we are humbled, consoled, and filled with great vigor to continue our mission. Together.

With prayerful best wishes for you and your family,



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