



Dear SAS Parents and Guardians,

A message of common sense and calm and faith and hope.

As we head into "spring break" nobody knows exactly what the impact will be on our school 'ohana from the Coronavirus when classes resume on Monday, March 23rd. We are hopeful that it will be minimal. We love and cherish the students we serve – your children. We try to be the calm through the storm during times like this. There are so many Coronavirus opinions, articles, reports, recommended practices, decisions, etc. being pushed out and they are disrupting our society and adding to fear and panic. It is our responsibility as a school system to provide structure, routine, reason and support for our students, families and staff and we will continue to do so during this remarkable time.

Our students are our top priority and we are using common sense and standard best practices by increasing hand washing, asking people to stay home if ill, doing additional disinfecting of classrooms and other common areas and ... praying for our school, community, country and world. We do monitor our daily absence rates. We would need to consider suspending classes and other options if our absence rate reached 20% or higher for consecutive days. Since the beginning of February, we have had a daily absence rate ranging from 2% - 5% with only 3 days in early February that were 7% - 9%. These are normal rates similar to past "cold and flu" seasons. We hope these numbers do not increase but we also know that our school, and all schools on Maui, would be impacted if a government directive orders us to suspend classes for any length of time. We are working on options to address that scenario if it indeed occurs.

Please monitor your emails over the next several weeks as we will update you on any changes to our school schedule, athletic schedule, field trips and other school-related events.

We all are feeling the impact of this issue in our daily routines, travel plans, current and future work schedules etc. Continued prayers for family and friends who are both near and far and may God's grace protect us all.

May we all keep hope. May we all keep safe. May we all pray for an end to the panic, fear and spread of this current virus.

God bless,

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