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March 5, 2020 - Novel Coronavirus Update

Dear Legacy Families,

During what is probably a challenging and unprecedented time, I am reaching out to provide a status update on new developments related to the coronavirus, and share some additional details about the actions we are taking and our planning to protect our school community.

The health and safety of our students, staff, and families is our priority. While the total number of coronavirus cases in the U.S. remains relatively small, experts expect this number to grow as testing increases and more individuals seek care. Currently, the key recommendations from public health agencies to prevent the spread of coronavirus are regular, thorough, handwashing and that symptomatic individuals remain home rather than going to work or school. We echo this recommendation and ask that students with any signs of respiratory illness or flu-like symptoms be kept home.

We are in contact with district officials as they work with the Minnesota Department of Health to stay updated on the situation. We are also partnering with the Anoka-Hennepin school district who is working with county and state resources if infectious disease mitigation plans are necessary, which they shared is not a current concern. Our custodial staff and teachers continue to focus on regularly cleaning surfaces like doorknobs, countertops, and desks. Hand sanitizer is also available throughout our campus and we strongly encourage its use before lunch or snack breaks.

Our administration continues to discuss how student learning can continue, in the rare event that our school be closed temporarily. We have already developed strategies for providing age-appropriate, remote lessons to students, taking accessibility into consideration. We will communicate more details around what this will look like if it becomes necessary.

Some may have questions and concerns regarding school and community travel. We understand that there is additional anxiety around travel that families have planned for this time of year. At this time, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended against nonessential travel to South Korea, Italy, Iran and China, but there are no other restrictions or recommendations against other international or domestic travel. As a result, the Italy portion of the Bible History Trip has been cancelled. We will continue to monitor the situation for additional travel updates. If you are experiencing respiratory or flu-like symptoms following travel, please do not come on campus.

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Finally, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the psychological impact of this situation. The organized worldwide response to coronavirus has been robust and generally encouraging. However, it can be a challenge for students to process. The attached PDF gives some good strategies on how to talk to children about the coronavirus without raising the anxiety of anyone involved. Beyond the tips in this article, remind your children that God is in control and loves to hear our prayers about this topic.

In the event that the coronavirus becomes an issue that impacts the school day, Legacy will use the communication systems in place to widely share information with our community.

Sincerely,

Jake Mulvihill
Head of School