

5 March 2020

Good Afternoon Parents,

Last week you received a letter regarding the coronavirus outbreak and an e-mail communicating our weekend closure for our two day deep clean. I wanted to let you know what we have done in addition to the deep clean:

- Addressed with students (and teachers) the anxiety students may experience about missing class so that they can know, believe, and feel that it is not just okay but right and good for them to stay home if they have a cough and fever, or other flu-like symptoms.
- Communicated as a faculty about the implications of any future school closure and how we plan to communicate to students and families during a closure. Teachers are planning to have digital materials accessible to continue remote learning should OLL experience any school closure. Faculty and staff will discuss this plan further at the Faculty Meeting on Tuesday, March 10th.
- Arranged to stock all classrooms with hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes. Established new cleaning protocols with our cleaning and maintenance personal.
- Spoken with the student body about the importance of washing their hands, and basic hygiene.
- We continue to read, talk, listen, and learn about the coronavirus, the complexities of managing a collective response to an issue embedded in the community, and our own capacity for managing fears and anxieties, and promoting healthy living.

Below you will find links to agencies I am tracking in addition to regular communications with the Archdiocese of Portland. I am including links to Washington state agencies as well because we are learning from their immediate experiences.

Resources for accurate information and/or to ask specific questions:

- <u>Centers for Disease Control (CDC)</u>, Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)
- Oregon Health Authority, Statewide updates and guidance
- Washington Department of Health (DOH), Coronavirus School Resources and Recommendations
- Public Health Seattle and King County (PHSKC), Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19

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