

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Members of the St. John's Community,

A number of parents have expressed their concern over the fact that a group of St. John's students traveled to Italy over the February break and that a small number of the students who traveled became ill with various symptoms during the trip.

We are concerned because this unfortunate event has caused some false rumors to run rampant among our school community, as we have been immersed with information about the coronavirus in the media.

In an effort to proactively mitigate such concerns and dispel said rumors, the school nurses have been in direct contact with the Suffolk County Health Department who have expressed confidence that the various symptoms displayed by our students are in no way reflective of the symptoms which accompany the coronavirus. We will continue to be in contact with the Suffolk County Department of Health and will follow any directives given by the Department.

If you have any questions or require further information, you may contact the Suffolk County Department of Health at 631-854-0333.

Please know that the health and safety of our entire school community continues to be our utmost priority at all times.

Sincerely,



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