



Newsletter

From The desk of Mrs. Austin

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First, I want to thank our incredible students and teachers for so quickly switching to remote learning. This is not at all what we wanted to happen. I thank all of you for the kind words and support for our decision. I am committed to returning in three weeks. Here are few things for you to know as we head into the next couple of weeks.

- I attended the Alameda County Department of Public Health meeting for schools and Dr. Moss was fairly confident this is a brief surge that will likely peak at the end of January and then decline quickly.
- New health guidance will be coming out for schools in the next week and I will update our COVID slides and get those out to you.
- We received 180 out of our rapid antigen tests, and I should have a total of 800 in the next 2 weeks.
- Rapid tests will be sent to each student to use twice a week when we return, one on Sunday night and the other on Wednesday night. Students will receive additional tests each week for the month of February. Information on best practices for taking specimens and verifying tests will come with those.
- Vaccination is the best way to prevent disease. Students age 12-17 are now eligible for the booster 5 months after the 2nd shot. If you need information on getting the vaccine or booster, please reach to me.
- Also, consider getting a flu shot. Influenza is also in abundance right now.
- I gave the seniors a pep talk today, letting them know that I have booked the Harbor Cruise for the Prom and the Youth Hostel in Point Reyes for the Senior Trip. We are also close to finalizing Cal Shakes for our graduation.

Thanks again for all your support. Have a safe and relaxing weekend!

Donna