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Dear SJCS Parents/Guardians,

With all the media attention that is taking place regarding the Swine Flu, I feel the need to assure you that we are doing everything in our power to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for your child(ren).

As a School, we are taking the necessary precautions and measures to ensure your child(ren)'s health and safety. This is being done through daily disinfecting of the classrooms, doorknobs, and other areas of public use (using a 10% bleach sanitizing solution), and continual instruction regarding hand washing and sneezing/coughing into a tissue or arm, etc.

If a student, teacher, or staff member is diagnosed with Swine Flu, we will notify you that this has occurred; in that case, you should monitor your own child(ren), and, if they begin to exhibit symptoms, they should be seen by a doctor.

What part do the parents and families play in this situation? First, we need to know the symptoms:

Swine Flu in people is characterized by fever, sore throat, cough, body aches, headaches, chills, and fatigue, similar to most viruses. Not all individuals will suffer from all of the symptoms. The illness may last up to seven days, but people are considered to be contagious as long as signs and symptoms persist.

Second, if your child(ren) is experiencing any of these symptoms, he or she ***should be seen by a doctor, and should not go to school while the symptoms persist.*** The good news is that the standard treatments for Swine Flu have proven to be very successful in its treatment.

If we all do our part, we should be able to avert any difficult situation in this regard.

Any questions or comments, please give me a call or send me an email.

God bless!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Lou Ann, FMA".

Sr. Lou Ann Fantauzza, FMA
Principal