

March 19, 2020

Dear St. Lucy's Family and Friends,

At St. Lucy's Priory High School, community is at the heart of everything we do. With the growing concerns about the novel COVID-19 pandemic and its affect on all of us across the U.S. and beyond, our thoughts are with our devoted community and their families at this challenging time. Rest assured the health, safety, and well-being of our students and families, faculty and staff, and their extended loved ones are our top priorities and we are taking precautions to proactively protect and safeguard these individuals, especially those most vulnerable. Currently, our amazing team of teachers and support staff are running strong to support students in "distance and remote learning" so the stellar education we have always provided can continue seamlessly at home.

However, our school's fundraising efforts have taken an unprecedented turn. We have listened to the experts, and comply with the guidance from local and federal authorities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization to adapt in-person events and gatherings over 10 people and will turn to practice "social distancing" for the 43rd upcoming Annual BASH. In lieu of your physical presence, we ask for virtual support through mobile bidding and invite you to participate in an evening of support from the comfort and safety of your home. This time-honored event raises much-needed funds to ensure our mission of transforming young women into educated, spiritual, and integrated leaders of tomorrow can continue long into the sustainable future.

Human connection is essential to daily life. Every bid placed is an act of support, generosity, encouragement, and an impactful way to show compassion. We acknowledge how important it is for our community to gather so we've worked hard to create this virtual event to help foster this connection. We are committed to honoring our generous event sponsors and we are grateful for the opportunity to recognize their enormous contribution to the school. More details will be communicated soon. There is nothing more powerful and resilient than seeing a family and community come together in times of need and we want to thank you for showing your love and being a part of our St. Lucy's family.

Rich in tradition, our Catholic heritage provides great solace in times of anxiety, fear and stress. During these uncertain times, we rely on the spiritual gifts of light, truth and peace bestowed on us to draw strength and hope to look forward to brighter and more peaceful days ahead. Please join us in prayer to St. Corona, patron Saint of plagues and epidemics. We especially keep first responders, those in the medical field, and, most especially, the students, faculty, staff of St. Lucy's, and our Benedictine community in prayer. Saint Corona, protect us!

Sincerely,

Sr. Elizabeth Brown, O.S.B.

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Sr. Helen Dziuk, O.S.B. *Principal Emerita* 

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