



# Bishop Shanahan High School

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Dear Parents,

In a continuous effort to keep you informed of our ongoing "health concern" at Bishop Shanahan, I am sending today's update.

To date we have five confirmed cases of H1N1. Today's daily student attendance is at 68.8%, the faculty attendance is at 95%. The school nurse reported that seven students were sent home with flu-like symptoms. The nurses of the Downingtown School District were on site during the school day to administer the flu vaccine, which had been scheduled from the beginning of the school year. Approximately 315 students received the seasonal flu vaccine today. The Chester County Health Department has offered to schedule a second opportunity for the students who were absent today and for those who still may wish to receive the seasonal flu vaccine.

So that we can make every effort to make sure that our school facilities are as germ free as possible, with the authorization of the Office of Catholic Education, we have decided to close school on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. In this way, our Maintenance Staff can dedicate themselves to an even more intense cleaning and disinfection of all school areas so as to provide the safest and healthiest environment for our students when they return on Tuesday.

Additionally, all Shanahan athletic games and practices and extra-curricular activities scheduled for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday are cancelled. SAT testing will take place on Saturday morning.

Realizing that our students are conscientious, their teachers are making every effort to post assignments on-line. Students who are preparing for PSATs on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> should make every effort to use this additional time for practice.

As always, the safety of our students remains my first priority. Please feel free to contact me directly with any concerns, questions or feedback.

Sincerely,  
Sister Maureen L. McDermott IHM, PhD  
Principal

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***Seek the things that are above.  
(Quae sursum sunt quaerite.)***