

Dear Wildcat Family,

Over the past couple of weeks, flu, strep, and stomach virus have been something we have dealt with in all schools. This has been particularly true at the K-6 level. During these past couple of weeks, we have monitored daily where we were on student attendance percentages. We have been just above 90% daily attendance but each day we are getting closer to that number. Today (Wednesday), we started at 92.3% attendance but by the end of the day we were at 89% attendance due to numerous checkouts for sickness (270+ students absent). Each of the elementary schools had over 10% of its students out and SJHS and SHS were almost at 10% of its students absent. We also have several employees who have been sick and we have had a difficult time finding subs in many instances.

With that said, I am going to make a decision for the remainder of the week. Thursday will be a regular school day for SCS students and faculty. If your child is sick, please keep them at home on Thursday. SCS students are scheduled to be out on Monday for Presidents Day and I am going to cancel school on Friday in order to give our students and faculty four consecutive days to get well. It is imperative with these four days that teachers and students work on getting better for those who are sick, make plans to get in with a doctor if you think you are sick, or stay away from those who are sick. I realize that this will not solve all of our issues with sickness but I feel that I must give our students and teachers a chance to get well.

We have done extra cleaning at the schools over the last couple of weeks but on Thursday prior to leaving that afternoon, administration, faculty, and staff will be charged by me to ensure that they take measures to clean desktops, tables, doorknobs, water fountains, etc. in order to assist in putting a dent into our increase in sickness for our people.

I know this will be an inconvenience to a certain extent, but as always, I try to give you plenty of notice and reason behind the decisions I make.

In summary, we will have school on Thursday (please stay home if you are sick) but will not hold school on Friday. Thanks for your understanding in the matter.

Dr. Reyes