



High School Thursday Notes Message Archive

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A Message from Dr. Ann Marie Krejcarek, President of Convent & Stuart Hall

Dear Convent & Stuart Hall Community,

Cor Unum Week

We began our week on Monday with our K–12 adult community engaging with Generation Global to learn the essential skill of dialogue and differentiating dialogue from discussion or debate. In addition, on Monday, we brought back together the group of students and adults who participated last year during *Cor Unum* week in a two-day dialogue training to refine their skills in preparation for facilitating dialogue sessions this week across our student and adult community.

Tuesday featured our entire student and adult community joining together to see our keynote speaker, Dr. Jerry Kang. We were thrilled that he tailored a special version of his presentation so that our K–4 student community would also be engaged. I was pleased to see that so many parents were able to join us Tuesday morning as well. For those of you who wished you could have seen his presentation, please stay tuned for an email from our Communications team with direction on accessing the recorded webinar.

Wednesday and Thursday, our student community was invited to engage in the practice of dialogue as well as share their feelings and perspectives on Dr. Kang's presentation.

Friday we will close the week with a focus on how the development of an interior life (one's spirit) invites each member of the community to embrace and live into the core belief that there is a world within us and a world outside of us, and we must be able to engage and encounter both.

Looking Forward as States, Counties and Cities Begin to Loosen the Shelter-in-Place Order

As I shared in earlier communications, we engaged a consulting group specializing in infection prevention and have begun our work with them, including an extensive site visit this week. As we begin to prepare and plan our way back to being physically on campus, there are actions that we know will be necessary and campus life will not look or function exactly as it did prior to the Shelter-in-Place Order.

When the Department of Public Health Order provides the opportunity for us to be back on campus it is likely that physical distancing, masks for certain age groups and documented daily temperature checks, as well as verification that students and adults do not have any symptoms associated with the virus, will be required prior to students or adults coming onto campus.

There are a multitude of actions the school will be taking to ready our physical plant to support infection prevention. At this time, my request for all our families is that you get in the habit of checking your child's

temperature daily. When we are able to return to campus we will require that you verify (via a school form) your child's temperature is below 100 degrees and s/he has no viral symptoms. In addition, we will expect all students ages 10 and above to have a mask that they would be able to wear throughout the day and that can be washed or exchanged daily.

I am sharing this request to practice habits that will allow us, when the time comes, to be back on campus. For now we continue to appreciate all that we are able to do remotely and how we are able to still engage as a community, even with a Shelter-in-Place Order. Yesterday, Stuart Hall for Boys' Congé proved just how vibrant our community is - congratulations SHB!

We have a great opportunity to celebrate community this weekend with the 50th running of Miller's Mile this Saturday. I hope to see you join in the fun.

Be well and be happy,
Ann Marie

A Message from Rachel Simpson, Head of Convent High School

While we continue to work remotely, it has been a great opportunity to host the second annual *Cor Unum* this week. Combining the dialogue work of Generation Global with Dr. Jerry Kang's presentation, the week has been an emphatic reminder of our commitment to educate both mind and Heart. Our work with Generation Global is helping us teach and learn the essential skill of how to engage difficult topics with an open heart and mind. Additionally, in his Tuesday presentation, Dr. Kang made the invitation to stay curious and to combine a rigorously developed mind with an engaged and open heart. I am thankful for the support of the faculty and students in making the week one of exploration and discovery in addition to the great teaching and learning already happening in other classes.

Please continue to refer to [SFCorConnect](#) for ongoing information and updates.

A Message from Tony Farrell, Head of Stuart Hall High School

Greetings from our second annual *Cor Unum* week. Monday was a day of training with [Generation Global](#) for faculty, staff and student facilitators as we sought to amplify our ability to host dialogue and engagement with difficult topics. Tuesday kicked off with our webinar from Dr. Jerry Kang, a law professor from UCLA, who challenged us with an exploration of numerous studies that suggest our best intentions are not always enough when it comes to truly encountering each other. He also left us with hopeful prescriptions for how we might tap into what Abraham Lincoln termed "the better angels of our nature." We then followed up in our English classes these last two days to digest Dr. Kang's address within a "dialogue" frame. Student and faculty engagement offered hope for our potential as a community and also highlighted the work that is still ahead of us. I am thankful for the support of the faculty and students in making the week one of exploration and discovery.

Please continue to refer to **SFCorConnect** for updates and additionally you may call Laura Maupin between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. (415-345-5811) with a question that isn't housed on SFCorConnect. Laura will help locate the best person to answer.