



Dear Providence Community,

On April 24, 1865, Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart, a Foundress of the Sisters of Providence, was struggling with her inability to meet all the needs in front of her. She wrote, “in spite of all these difficulties, I have hope, though I do not know why. After the storm must come the calm...” We write to say the same. In spite of the profound difficulties facing all of us, we still have hope. After the storm must come the calm.

Unfortunately, the storm of COVID-19 continues. Although we have “flattened the curve” in Los Angeles County, the plateau is high and we remain “purple” indicating that the spread of the coronavirus remains “widespread.” According to state officials, “schools in the Widespread (purple) tier aren’t permitted to reopen for in-person instruction . . . Schools can reopen for in-person instruction once their county has been in the Substantial (red) tier for at least two weeks.” However, Los Angeles county is taking a cautious approach and has indicated that schools will not automatically reopen once State requirements are met.

Our co-curricular programs and activities are incredibly important at Providence High School. Due to Los Angeles County Department of Public Health restrictions, the only allowable activity at Providence right now is individualized athletic activities related to skill development and conditioning. When public health officials allow us to bring students back to campus for other activities, we will announce those plans. For now, please see the message below from our Director of Athletics, Brandon Lincoln, regarding the resumption of limited athletic activities.

These are difficult times, but there is hope and we believe Mother Joseph. “After the storm must come the calm.”

In Providence,

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Coach Lincoln’s Message About Athletics

We are now able to offer some updates about plans for the fall. We have been working diligently with the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) and public health officials to develop a safe approach in supporting our student athletes to resume a safe level of activities.

Back in July, the CIF announced a modified calendar that would allow athletics to resume exclusively in late first semester. With this new condensed calendar, we wanted to be thoughtful in our approach as we map our way back to campus. It is with great excitement that we share our phase 1 of athletic activities on campus. Our Providence coaches will be able to work with student athletes in the form of individual practices. It is an opportunity to establish strength, conditioning and skill building as our community is closely observing the social distancing guideline protocols laid out by the CDC and Los Angeles County

Department of Public Health. In addition, in-person athletic activities are OPTIONAL and not required for those who are not comfortable coming to campus at this time. In conjunction with our individual sport plan (ISP), we have invested in a platform called TeamBuildR. TeamBuildR will be our hub for virtual athletic activities. Each team will have a profile in this platform and will be able to use this as a resource to stay active. All athletes who plan to participate in ISP's must have a **current physical** and **athletic clearance** documentation submitted to our athletic staff.

More information will be sent from the Athletic Department.

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