

Dear Class of 2023 Students and Parents,

Unfortunately, we are **cancelling** the Junior class whitewater rafting trip scheduled for tomorrow. Governor Newsom has declared a State of Emergency for El Dorado County due to the recent and uncontained Caldor fire. While roads to the drop-off point in Lotus are *currently* open, other roads nearby have closed. Likewise, the wind direction shifted last night and smoke from the fires is creeping into the area today (current AQI at the site is 185). While the forecast shows improvement for tomorrow, there are just too many variables at play to expose our students and faculty to these possible risks. As it is said, you never know which way the wind will blow.

Like the Seniors, the Juniors have no school expectations for tomorrow. Air quality permitting, I do hope you might use a portion of your day to get outside and enjoy all of the natural beauty our Bay Area has to offer.

Take care and see you soon,

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