

GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING OLM SCHOOL AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- 1. All employees are being trained on safety protocol.**
- 2. All classrooms will be setup so that 6 feet of social distancing can be maintained.**
- 3. Restrooms will be sanitized throughout the day.**
- 4. Washing hands will be done with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use of hand sanitizer will be used if soap and water are not available. We are adding extra hand washing stations on campus.**
- 5. Students from 2nd grade through 8th grade will wear a mask(any color) while inside the classroom. Outdoors they do not need to wear a mask if they social distance.**
- 6. Students will each eat lunch in designated areas and/or in the classroom.**
- 7. We will still have a hot lunch program, however the lunches will be in boxed containers.**
- 8. Chrome books will be assigned and given to every K-8 student.**
- 9. Students will be required to have their own supplies(pencils, crayons, scissors, etc..)**
- 10. All parents/guardians will wear a mask on school property for meetings.**

- 11. Parents will not be admitted on campus or into classrooms prior to or during the school day.**
- 12. Students will be dropped off at a pre-designated area for proper screening and temperature checks.**
- 13. No volunteers will be on campus until further notice.**
- 14. Plexi-glass will be used in some areas of the school.**

We are doing the best that we can to open school in a safe manner so that our students and staff are kept safe.

Remember....this all could change by the time you receive this letter....Please check our website for updates.

Dear Parents,

As you know, the COVID-19 situation is evolving and changing on a daily basis. We are preparing to open in person and also virtually. Many things are, and have been put into place to make sure OLM School is ready to educate children.

I appreciate the time and input many of you did by filling out the survey on our website. Please know that when school closed on March 13, we did the best that we could to get up and running the following week. We did not want the students to miss out on learning. The whole process of virtual learning was new to all of us....teachers, students and parents. Considering that public schools in our area were not able to accomplish this as quickly, I feel we were successful on this end.

However, I know we can do better and if you know Mrs. Blackburn, she will not settle for mediocre. I want OLM to be the best whether we are utilizing in person or on-line teaching/learning. Many of your concerns about one platform for turning in assignments, etc...have been addressed. We will be using Google Classroom as a school-wide platform for on-line learning. Better communication between teachers and parents and principal and parents is being addressed.

If we are still able to open in August with in-person teaching/learning, parents may choose either to send your child to school or on-line teaching/learning. A few parents asked if they could maybe sign-up for one or the other learning modes and then switch at the end of the quarter. The answer is yes. Whether we are teaching on-line or virtually, we will be providing the same OLM Catholic Education for our students.

The number one answer to why you send your child/children to OLM was for the Catholic Education. I realize the school needs

to continue to build on this whether it be virtually or in person teaching/learning.

We are also trying to move away from mailing things out or the old fashion monthly family newsletter packet. We would like all families to be able to go on-line for information, submit forms or purchase items. We know that some families may still want the old fashion way, so we will make things available in this manner. Please email or call Lisa Saling if you wish to receive the family packets in the paper form instead of on-line.

Another question that many of you have is about your hours and fundraising for the year. We realize that this may look differently this year. However, we are already in the planning stages of a virtual auction for the school year. As always, I will make adjustments as needed. Please try to meet your SCRIP obligation...this truly benefits the school.

If you have other questions, please e-mail me at judy.blackburn@olmlancers.com.

I am thankful to the parents who have offered their support and expertise in helping OLM through this COVID-19 epidemic. Your support has helped me to face each challenge with faith and hope.

We need to continue to work together so that OLM School becomes even stronger than before this pandemic.

Continue to pray and have faith. Remember there is nothing impossible for God!

**God Bless You!
Mrs. Judy Blackburn**