



July 31, 2020

Dear OLOL families,

We are now less than a month before the start of school. Wow!!

In preparation, we have made great progress in creating protocols and procedures that will enable our students to learn at a high level and keep everybody safe. I have been in communication with health care professionals in regards to our opening plans and they all felt that we have a strong plan that combines learning and safety. Here are a few changes that we have made in order to promote safety:

- We will have three lunch periods with the maximum number of students being 55.
- At lunch, we will have only 3 students at each long table.
- We will also have three lunch recesses, so there will only be 55 students at a time outside.
- Classes will be separated when entering and leaving the building.
- We have created an academic schedule which will enable time for rooms to be sanitized on a regular basis.
- Additional information will be shared regarding our school plans as they are finalized.

Please view the GRACE Reopening Plan which is linked to our website (see the orange banner at the top of our website). Some of our plans are dependent upon our enrollment after families have decided whether they will be using the GRACE Virtual Academy or attending school in person. Registered families will receive a survey Monday, August 3 and will be asked to make a decision of the preferred learning mode for their children by Thursday, August 6. The GRACE Reopening Plan offers additional information about the virtual academy and commonly asked questions in the FAQs. After reviewing the information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always happy to talk with any of our OLOL families on any issue.

If you have not received your back-to-school packet that was mailed last week, please contact the school office.

I also ask that you continue to work with your children on some skills that will be needed when we return to school. This will help us so we can focus on academic learning, which we are trained to teach. Some of these skills are:

- Teach children how to cover their mouth and nose when they sneeze.
- Teach children how to socially distance.
- It has been a while since children have had to eat lunch in 20 minutes. Please have them practice eating lunch in 20 minutes.

New Family Orientation

- All families new to OLOL will meet in the parish social hall on Tuesday, August 18th at 6:30PM
- This will be a parent only event. We will follow social distancing guidelines.
- Details on the evening will be sent to our new families next week.

Back-to-school/Supply drop-off/Picture Night

- In order to relieve congestion we have added a second Back-To-School Night/Supply Drop-off night
- Thursday, August 20th 4:00 - 7:00PM - Last names A-J will drop off school supplies and meet the teacher.
- Monday, August 24th 4:00 - 7:00PM - Last names K-Z will drop-off supplies and meet the teacher.
- Students will have their 2020-2021 school picture taken at this time. Please dress accordingly.

I'm getting so excited about seeing our students and families again! It will be a different school year but I'm confident that we can achieve great things because of what a wonderful school community that we are.

"I love those who can smile in trouble, who can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but they whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves their product, and will pursue their principles unto death" - Leonardo da Vinci

Remember to be strong, have faith, and stay connected.

The Lourdes Way,

Jeffrey Young - Principal