

March 19, 2020

OLMC Update: Day #6 School Closure

Dear Our Lady of Mount Carmel School families,

Thank you! Thank you parents and caregivers! Thank you faculty and staff! Thank you students! Thank you all for your teamwork, positive efforts to share your specific talents, and for the many things you are doing – that may feel like they go unnoticed – but are certainly vital to our collective goal to make the best of this very unfortunate and historic time in our lives.

School Holiday - first day of Spring!

Tomorrow, Friday the 20th, is a school holiday, and we having an **Early Dismissal at 12pm/noon today**. All full-time OLMC Faculty and Staff will have a virtual meeting 1:00-3:30pm today, so they will be unavailable to students. We will use this time for important coordination and training for effective distance learning.

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Catholics have a beautiful tradition to walk and pray the Stations of the Cross. At OLMC, we shared this tradition on Friday afternoons. Fortunately, we had the opportunity to have two Fridays when we prayed the Stations together in our lovely OLMC Church. I am attaching the script that we use at OLMC, which was written by Fr. Ulysses to be appealing and relevant to our youth.

I suggest that you go on a family walk and pray the Stations. You may take a crucifix from home, have the script on your smart phone, and you can enjoy both a walk in your neighborhood and the opportunity to pray the Stations as a family. After all, the Stations represent Jesus's Passion walk to his crucifixion, so walking the Stations outdoors is a beautiful way to engage in this Catholic tradition. Enjoy this moment together as we do have so much to be grateful for.

OLMC Caring Community

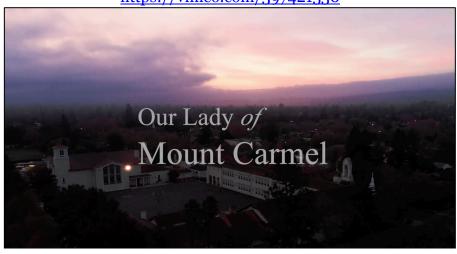
During this time, I have been humbled by the many caring offers from parents and friends to support our OLMC community. Folks have offered to deliver food to those facing hardship; shop for those who are too vulnerable to go to the grocery store or pharmacy; assist with distance learning; and more. If you are facing a hardship, please reach out, and I will do my best to connect you to someone in our community who can assist you. OLMC is truly a caring community.



JOYFUL learning at OLMC

Just when we need it most! The CORE Team has been at school distributing technology devices to parents, and the school has been cold, empty, and in particular, the hallways echo with silence lacking the joyful presence of our beloved students. As I like to say: "we are in the children business!" I know that my entire Faculty and Staff are very much missing their students. This is a wonderful reminder of the joy that we will return to at OLMC when this is behind us. Our hugs will be warmer.

A Day in the Life of OLMC! Please see the link on VIMEO to our 90-second video: https://vimeo.com/397421530



Attendance

Please continue to submit daily attendance by 10am daily. If it's easier for you, please call Mrs. McLinden at **650-366-1051** to record your child's attendance.

Daily attendance link: https://forms.gle/t7Jyqde8bgei7wz29

Thank you

Thank you all for the many kind notes that you have sent to me and to my Faculty and Staff. I very much feel be blessed to be a member of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel community!

We are all in this together! iEstamos todos juntos en esto!

We will be a stronger community following this! iSeremos una comunidad más fuerte después de esto!



with dee gratitude,

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Principal

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School