March 23, 2020

**OLMC Update: Day #7 School Closure** 

Dear Our Lady of Mount Carmel School families,

As we begin another week of OLMC SchoolHouse at Home, I want to thank you all for the team effort! As you know from the news, the only way we will successfully beat the coronavirus and *flatten the curve* is for everyone to do their individual part on behalf of the larger good of society. I so appreciate that so many people have offered their talent or skill for the betterment of our OLMC community. From my vantage point, we have educators and parents and friends of OLMC who are contributing in ways that I could never have imagined.

## **OLMC Distance Learning Guide**

Please take time to review the OLMC Distance Guide that I sent out last night. It is attached here for your convenience, and it is posted on our webpage: <a href="http://school.mountcarmel.org/school-closure/OLMC-distance-learning">http://school.mountcarmel.org/school-closure/OLMC-distance-learning</a>

### **Efficient and Effective**

Per the OLMC Distance Learning Guide, we will standardize our systems to promote effective and efficient communication and delivery of instruction. Our purpose is to minimize the logistical side of distance learning, so that we can maximize our students' learning.

- **FACTS Family Portal**: every parent should log into FACTS to find their child's Lesson Plans for the day. This will be our standard system, reducing the email flow that has created some confusion.
- **GOOGLE Classroom**: every parent should log into their child's GOOGLE Classroom account to see their different GOOGLE Classes. (GOOGLE does not allow a parent login separate from the student, so parents should access their child's account via their child's username & password.)
- **ZOOOM**: every parent should establish a free account using ZOOM, which can be assessed via most laptops, tablets, and smart phones. Your OLMC Faculty are standing by to teach and interact with your child!

## **Open House Tonight & Tomorrow Evening**

The purpose of the ZOOM Open House is for the Faculty & Staff to connect with Parents & Caregivers, separate from the teaching time that our Faculty is spending daily from

8am-3pm (at a minimum). Please join me and pop in and out as you wish for these optional evening sessions.

Join the ZOOM Open House each night at anytime:

https://uso4web.zoom.us/j/8584554277

Meeting ID: 858-455-4277

Monday	Tuesday
TK @ 5:00pm	4th @ 5:00pm
Kinder @ 5:20pm	5th @ 5:20pm
1st @ 5:40pm	6th @ 5:40pm
2nd @ 6:00pm	7th @ 6:00pm
3rd @ 6:20pm	8th @ 6:20pm

# Pick-up and Drop-off System

We will establish a pick-up and drop-off system at OLMC. We need to get additional reading and textbooks to students, as well as be able to collect work that students have completed. I will establish a SAFE system on the Arcade. **Stay tuned for more details.** 

#### 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: <a href="https://forms.gle/t7Jyqde8bgei7wz29">https://forms.gle/t7Jyqde8bgei7wz29</a>

## Thank you!

I want to extend very hearty thank yous to:

• Ms. Jen Bruzzone, Assistant Principal, who has invested her years of experience and creativity to develop a coordinated OLMC Distance Learning Guide.



- Christopher Lane, Director of Technology, Facilities, and Safety, for working round-the-clock to get technology devices into the hands of EVERY OLMC parent who asked for assistance.
- Aurora Mock, Mary McLinden, Beth Keelan, who are at the heart of the Core Team along with Ms. Bruzzone and Mr. Lane and have ensured that our students and our families are well taken care of during this difficult time.

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 deep gratitude,

Deborah Farrington, Ed.D.

**Principal** 

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