

March 25, 2020

OLMC Update: Day #9 School Closure

Dear Our Lady of Mount Carmel School families,

Today is a day that I feel profoundly grateful! We have so many in our community who have stepped **UP** to make the best of what has been thrust upon us. I truly feel that the depth of generosity and the vast kindness in our community is shining ever so brightly right now!

Thank you to everyone who joined our ZOOM Open House evenings! It was wonderful to re-connect with so many of you, and the Faculty appreciates hearing your experiences with OLMC SchoolHouse at Home and your thoughtful feedback. We will definitely plan more opportunities for parents to connect.... stay tuned!

Here's a fun screenshot of our Faculty & Staff meeting last week! There's so many new possibilities for our community!



Daily Mass with Fr. Ulysses

Fr. Ulysses has teamed up with Shane McLaughlin and TJ Duane to offer virtual daily Mass at noon. Seems like the opportunities for new experiences are endless! This is an excellent opportunity for families to celebrate Mass together and create a moment of sacred grace. Especially with our shelter-in-place during the season of Lent, we are now all slowing down and participating in daily Mass can be a true gift in the silver lining of school closure.

Please join the ZOOM “meeting” for daily noon Mass with this link:

- If someone is at the Arcade table collecting their items, please stay back on the blacktop to keep a safe distance.
- Be sure to wash your hands when you return home.
- Feel free to wipe the surfaces with a light swipe of an alcohol-based solution.
- Contact your teacher if you are unable to pick-up/drop-off.

Yard Safety

It is important to have healthy practices of fresh air and exercise. Please be advised that it is best to stay OFF the play structures. Hard surfaces may pose a risk of contamination, so it is best to avoid having your children's hands on these hard surfaces. We are not in a position to be cleaning the play structures or picnic tables.

Caregivers and Grandparents

I am sending my morning announcements to those listed as grandparents and friends of students. If you would like to ADD a grandparent or caregiver's name to our email distribution list, please just email info@mountcarmel.org. We want everyone to be informed and in our circle of OLMC love!

OLMC is a Special and Sacred Place

I know we all miss coming regularly to OLMC and spending time with our friends, teachers, and families. I am grateful for the rain that we have been blessed with recently. Yesterday our wonderful 3rd grade team, Ms. Thayer and Mrs. Zell, found OLMC arced with an extraordinary double rainbow! Fr. Ulysses says that he feels OLMC is a sacred place, and I think this extraordinary photo is a perfect reminder of the gift of OLMC that we all share.

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with deep appreciation for all who are pulling together during this difficult time,



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