

April 22, 2020

OLMC Update - Wednesday

Dear Our Lady of Mount Carmel School families,

Happy Earth Day! I woke up to a sparkling sunny morning, and I was filled with the possibility that the day might bring! I hope our students can get outside and appreciate the blessing of the beautiful environment that we call home.

The 8th-grade school family leaders made wonderful videos to reach out to the students in their school families and let them know that they are thinking of them and are sending them good thoughts. Even though we are apart, these 8th grade leaders want all their school family siblings to know that we are a community who cares about each other. Enjoy!

- [St. Gregory](#) - Keana
- [St. Juan Diego](#) - Milena
- [St. Paul of Tarsus](#) - Elisa
- [St. Andrew](#) - Kathleen
- [St. John](#) - Kelsey
- [St. Peter](#) - Dylan
- [St. Joan of Arc](#) - Victoria

Trimester 3 Progress Reports

Yesterday evening, parents received a Trimester 3 Progress Report via email. This Progress Report may look a bit different than it has in the past due to Distance Learning. Some progress report grades will be uploaded (ie: Reading, Math, Social Studies), and some will be omitted (ie: Penmanship).

We are actively working, under the guidance of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, to come up with a protocol for grading and completing final Trimester 3 report cards in the context of Distance Learning. For now, our goal at Our Lady of Mount Carmel is to share with you the most up to date information regarding your child's progress in the many classes they are receiving online. Teachers have been advised to be flexible with late work and consistent with marking an item missing until it's submitted. If you see any grades that you'd like to discuss or ask questions about, please feel free to reach out to your child's homeroom teacher for assistance.



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Scrip fundraising

The Scrip fundraising year comes to an end next week on April 30th. I have decided to suspend the payoff requirement for families who have not their minimum rebate by April 30th.

This year we set a Scrip fundraising goal of \$48,000 to help offset our school operating expenses. As you can imagine, this fundraising effort – along with other important OLMC fundraising initiatives – is essential to keep tuition as low as possible. Many families chose to participate in the Scrip program and many others chose to opt-out with a one-time donation to the school.

I spent time during holiday to analyze the OLMC Scrip program in advance of the April 30th end date, and based on this analysis, I have decided to suspend payoff requirements. We will send out Scrip rebate balance statements soon after April 30th.

If you are experiencing a financial hardship, we will forgive your minimum Scrip commitment. If – on the other hand – you are in a position to contribute your Scrip commitment, we will welcome your contribution as a donation to OLMC. In addition, we are actively trying to sell our Scrip inventory as we move to an online purchase-only program starting May 1st. You may complete this form to order from our existing Scrip inventory: <https://forms.gle/UcdFNeswyVqv197A>. All purchase will be paid via your FACTS account.

Sports at OLMC

Last night the OLMC Sports Board met and discussed Fall sports. While there are still so many variables that may impact our “normal” Fall school routine, we will go ahead and plan for the PPSL 4th-8th grade sports to resume with girls volleyball and boys baseball. We will get registration forms prepared in the coming days.

Chris Rasmussen is our Sports Director, Walt Morton and Jonathan Jarolimek are Baseball Co-Commissioners, and Nikki McGinn has offered to be Volleyball Commissioner. I want to say a very warm THANK YOU to Alice Hilker, who was our Volleyball Commissioner this past year. The Hilker family has moved and their girls will not be attending OLMC next year. I want to offer my sincere appreciation for Alice’s leadership of the Fall volleyball program last year.

We always welcome parent participation! If anyone would like to be a Volleyball Co-Commissioner along with Nikki or be a volleyball or baseball coach, please contact Chris Rasmussen at chrisrasz@gmail.com.

URLs to bookmark

Attendance



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<https://forms.gle/t7Jyqde8bgei7wz29>

OLMC Monday morning assembly

<https://zoom.us/j/264358815?pwd=ZWJ5QVFzY2k1L2JvbTBBK1NWVS9rQT09>

OLMC Distance Learning Guide

<http://school.mountcarmel.org/school-closure/OLMC-distance-learning>

COVID-19 donation campaign

<https://factsmgtadmin.com/give/appeal/S3Sx3JeHM>

Have a wonderful day!



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