



August 20, 2021

Dear Old Mission School Parents,

We have had a wonderful first week of school! Our students have been adjusting quickly to the school routines and making new friends. The teachers and staff have enjoyed getting back to working with your wonderful children and are excited for all we will learn and do together this year.

We invite you to attend our virtual Back to School Night this next Wednesday, August 25th from 5:00-6:00. We will have two Zoom sessions, 5:00 and 5:30, in which the teachers will introduce you to classroom procedures and syllabi for the year. Look for links to the Zoom rooms from your child's teacher and from Melissa's communications. If you have particular questions for your child's teacher that are not answered in the presentation, please email the teacher. The teachers' email addresses are typically their first initial, last name @omsslo.com.

Even in this first week of school, we have had few students go home not feeling well. Because of our current pandemic situation and protocols, students who go home with a symptom of COVID have a few options for returning to school IF there has been no close contact with a confirmed case. You may have your child tested (it cannot be a home test, it must be from a medical professional or official testing site) and if the test is negative and the child has been symptom free for 24 hours, they may return to school (test result required). You may quarantine your child for 10 days during which time they may complete work independently and check in with their teacher via Zoom during tutoring time (email teacher to confirm), or you may take them to the doctor for evaluation, the doctor must provide an alternative diagnosis (is: seasonal allergies, strep throat, etc.) and the child must be 24 hours free of symptoms prior to returning to school (alternative diagnosis on official letterhead presented to office). [Here](#) is the CDC list of COVID symptoms. We appreciate your understanding as we work hard to keep all our students and staff safe and healthy.

Next week we will celebrate our first school Mass up at the Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa church. Students in second through eighth grades will attend. Staff will be modeling as lectors, gift bears, and intercession prayer leaders this first week. The classrooms are reviewing all procedures for Mass. Masks will be worn by all. For those of you new to a Catholic Mass, I've attached a brief explanation of what happens at Mass. It focuses on Sunday liturgies. Weekday Masses are a little different (for instance, there is only one reading prior to the Psalm, unless it is a feast day). Students get a child-friendly explanation in class. We really want to focus on reverence, prayer, celebration, and community!

Thank you once again for your support and for sharing your wonderful children with us!

Have a great weekend.

Shirley Gray



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