



Dear OLSS Parents:

We hope that you and your families are safe and healthy and enjoying the summer as much as possible. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we continue to respond to the unexpected events that follow the COVID 19 pandemic.

There continues to be questions on how OLSS plans to reopen in September. Please know that our first priority is the safety of our students and employees. Be assured that we have been working diligently on our reopening plan and we are excited that we will be able to open our school building again and welcome your children back “home”. OLSS will be open five days a week, however we will not be able to open at full capacity in September. We will open with a staggered schedule as we outlined a few weeks ago. There will be two cohorts of students. Cohort A will begin in person instruction September 9, 2020 and then attend every Monday and Tuesday thereafter, while Cohort B will have in person instruction on September 10, 2020 and then attend every Thursday and Friday thereafter. The Cohorts will alternate on Wednesdays. We are currently in the process of creating the cohorts. When finalized, parents will be notified. **All cohorts are final; no child will be able to move from their assigned cohort.**

The complete reopening plan was discussed in the Superintendent’s letter and can be viewed both, on our website and on www.catholicschollsny.org .

In the meantime, steps are being taken to ensure that the environment for our students and employees meets or exceeds the standards outlined by the Governor of New York.

Measures taken already include:

- The school has been completely painted
- The floors have been stripped and waxed
- No touch hand sanitizers have been placed at the entrance of every classroom and throughout the building
- No touch soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers have been installed in every bathroom

- Extra personnel have been hired to clean and disinfect all touch points (doorknobs, light switches etc) throughout the school during the school day
- The entire school has been disinfected with an electrostatic disinfection process and that will continue on a daily basis once school reopens
- New filters have been ordered for all air conditioning units
- Handheld and wrist thermometers have been ordered

Since the education of your children is of the utmost importance, remote learning during the 2020-2021 school year will look different than it did last spring. New technology for each classroom has been ordered so that the students at home will receive daily live instruction. Students at home will be required to log in daily to participate in classroom instruction, activities and assessments.

On the days that your child is in school please remember:

- Face coverings are required.
- Temperatures will be taken before entering the building. Anyone with a fever of 100 F or more will not be allowed to enter school. All parents are urged to take your child's temperature before you leave the house every morning. All students not feeling well **MUST** stay home.
- Everyone must bring their own lunch
- Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms for the time being
- Recess will take place outdoors if the weather permits.
- Social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times
- Special subject teachers will go to each classroom, the students will not go to the teacher
- Gym can take place outdoors if the weather permits, following the guidelines set

You are strongly urged to visit the school website frequently for accurate and up to date information. We will also be posting information regarding immunizations, physicals and forms needed to be returned to the school office.

Please know that our goal is to keep everyone healthy and safe and we will keep you updated as we continue to evaluate and revise, if necessary, our Reopening Plan.

Thank you again for your continued support and positivity as we strive to do what is in the best interest of our entire school community while following all the guidelines set forth for schools to reopen.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in a few weeks!

Mrs. Jeannine Roland

Principal

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