

Reopening Updates - 14 August 2020

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Please see OLMC Cleaning & Sanitizing
Procedures on our website:
olmc-school.com/reopening

If a positive case of COVID-19 is reported at OLMC or your child has been exposed to COVID-19 at OLMC, you will receive an alert text/email through FACTS SIS and student privacy will be upheld.

*Please make sure your **emergency contacts** and individuals authorized to pick up your child(ren) is current in FACTS SIS.

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***Kindergarten and Pre-K begin orientation schedule on the 25th - see teacher letters for details!**



Each Morning...



Things to bring:

Parents check their children for signs of illness before dropping them off.

Middle school students enter through library doors

PK-5th grade students use main entrance

All students are **temperature checked** at arrival

Students with a fever of 100.4F or above will be sent home

Students use locker or cubby and report to 1st period class

Students wash hands or use hand-sanitizer before class - each classroom has hand-sanitizer and you may bring unscented personal hand-sanitizer to keep at your desk.

Bring your own transparent water bottle each day to refill.

Bring your own mask each day. While all solid or patterned colors and styles of masks are allowed, **masks cannot have words or inappropriate images.**

***We encourage you to have your child's mask labeled and to practice wearing it; don't forget to wash masks daily!

Talk to your child before the 1st day:

- wash and sanitize your hands more often & keep your hands away from your face
- keep physical distance
- wear a cloth face covering (all students must have a mask with them daily). The Diocesan Mask Policy is on the last slide. A doctor's note is required for students who cannot wear a mask.
- avoid sharing objects with other students
- be friendly behind the mask!
- explain how school will look different (space between desks and new procedures for lunch)

Lunch & Recess

Hot Lunch will be offered.

We can seat up to 50 students, 6 feet apart in the cafeteria. Depending on lunch periods, we will rotate who eats in the cafeteria.

Students not in cafeteria will eat outside or in classrooms.

Students will wash hands after playing outside

Students will have access to school balls, which will be sanitized after use

Students may play on the playground equipment; it will be sanitized nightly by NN Parks and Rec

Students will be on the playground with their grade level peers.

Ensuring that students are following practices to reduce the spread of COVID-19

We all want to work together to maintain a safe environment so that OLMC School can stay open! In order to ensure that our students and families are on board:

1. As we begin the year, the teachers will establish procedures and set expectations. They will give friendly reminders and practice the new procedures with our students
2. When needed, the teacher will give a verbal reminder to a student to comply with regulations
3. If a second verbal reminder is given, parents will be contacted
4. If a student is obstinate and refuses to follow practices to reduce spread of COVID-19 after parent and school warnings, the student will be suspended

My child is sick...

Please keep your child home if he/she wakes up sick.

If a student has symptoms of illness that manifest at school, he/she will go to the clinic-sick room and be seen by our full-time nurse. If the symptoms presented are COVID-related, the student will be sent home and excused from school until symptom-free for 24 hours, without fever reducing medication.

If the student has COVID-related symptoms and has also had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19, the student will be referred to their health provider for possible testing and will not reenter school until directed by their provider and VDH.

Children do get sick! The COVID policy relayed here is consistent with our current school policy found in the handbook.

FACE MASK COVERING POLICY UPDATE

Office of Catholic Schools - Richmond Diocese

Effective August 13, 2020

Out of an abundance of caution the following update has been made to the Face Mask Covering Policy for our Diocesan Catholic Schools.

Masks are required for all faculty, staff, students, and visitors at all times when inside school buildings and when outdoors and unable to maintain a 6 feet distance. Supervising teachers may permit students to remove their masks for limited periods of time, when appropriate physical distancing, students being at least 6 feet apart, is in place.

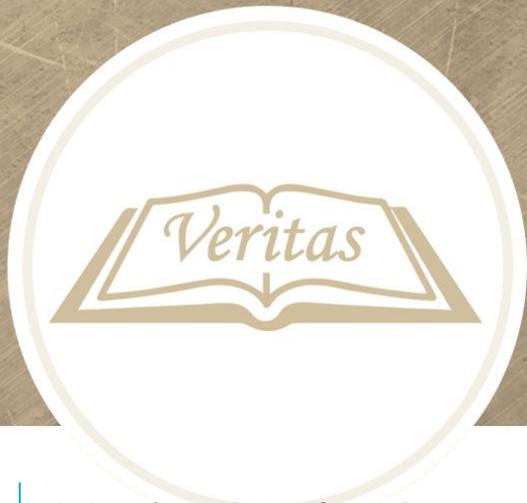
Developmentally appropriate and medical accommodations can be made as needed and approved by the School Principal.



PRAYER

Mass on Thursdays will be only open to students and faculty so that we can maintain physical distance. All regulations for diocesan Mass will be in place: students who are 10 and older OR who will approach the altar for Holy Communion must wear masks at Mass.

Other Faith Family assemblies will be streamed into classrooms while there is a limit on gatherings/assemblies.



STUDY

1 | Moving for class?

Middle school students will travel for classes, utilizing a 90 min block schedule for 3 core classes each day and sanitizing desks between classes;

Elementary school students will travel only for specials and will wash hands before and after class as well as limit shared materials.

2 | Specials?

Students will participate in art and library classes as well as music, PE, and Spanish (provided teachers are hired).

- Music - no singing
- PE - activities that promote exercise and maintain physical distance

3 | Distance Learning?

If we are closed, we will use a Distance Learning Plan employing synchronous and asynchronous lessons via Google Classroom and Zoom. Updated DLPs will be provided with other back to school information.

We are committed to providing a positive learning environment. Student desks are spread out in our 1st-8th grade classrooms with all students facing forward to maintain physical distance. PK and K students have dividers on their tables to separate students when doing seat work.



Plexiglass dividers on K tables

Getting ready for 4th graders!



Water-bottle filling station



Sister setting up the Religion room in the Middle School



COMMUNITY

1. **Clubs?** First we'll ensure the successful reopening of school; after Labor Day we will look at beginning clubs that can meet under the current guidelines.
2. **Sports?** The other teams in the PIAL have all cancelled athletics for the fall, but we hope to offer volleyball and running clubs as we await new sport seasons.
3. **Visitors?** At this time, no visitors without appointment are permitted in the school. We look forward to the day when we can welcome our families to visit for lunch!
4. **Birthday treats?** At this time, no shared food may be brought into the school.



SERVICE

Volunteer Opportunities

While volunteer opportunities will be limited inside the school for the beginning of the year, we do have some ways you can serve our community:

- With teachers needed for indoor screening, we could use a parent to commit to cover the **stop sign duty** for a day each week. Contact Christine Tucker if interested (This would be from 7:35-8:00am).
- Regularly scheduled **Cafeteria** volunteer (for one or multiple days a week) - working the serving line and helping sanitize tables (10:50-12:50) Contact Christine Tucker if interested.
- **Give-Back Rewards Coordinator** (Contact Christine Tucker if interested.)

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