



# OUR LADY Queen of Heaven CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Let me begin by saying that my heart reaches out to all of you. Through this tragedy our community has experienced so much loss. Please know our OLQH faculty and staff stands behind you. We know that your priority is to take care of your family first and foremost. Let us know if we can assist you in any way. As a community of faith, we believe that God gives us nothing that we cannot handle, and that he will see us through these difficult times. We will do this together!

While it may appear from the outside that the school sits empty post hurricane Laura, please know that we have been working every day with our insurance company, our mitigation team and most importantly Mr. Jody Guidry who has been instrumental in working to repair our facility. We are blessed that he committed to be there for us immediately after the storm to see that the school will be able to open as quickly as possible.

The best news is that power was restored to our campus this week. We are grateful to be among some of the first areas in the city to receive utilities! We still have a short road ahead of us to ensure repairs are complete and that the facility is safe for students to return, but the restoration of power has helped us move our reopening timeline up significantly.

This week we will be meeting with our insurance adjuster and having inspections done on campus. If all goes well, our goal is to re-open school and daycare on Monday, September 21st. **Please know that this opening date is pending inspections.** We will continue to update you if any issues develop and we have reason to postpone. It is important to us to have our students back on campus, but we must do so safely. Once we establish the firm opening date, we will be sending specific information regarding procedures for the first day.

For families with students at the school, we have deferred the September tuition payment. That payment will be due in June, as we still plan to complete an entire school year, which will likely include a reduction of days off for professional development, a day or two at the thanksgiving break, the Christmas break and the Easter break. Additionally, we will likely extend the school year into the beginning of June. We will publish a new schedule once it is finalized. If you have relocated and enrolled in school elsewhere, please email [moquin@olqhs.org](mailto:moquin@olqhs.org) and let her know whether or not you plan to return to OLQHS when our campus re-opens.

Until we can re-open, our faculty will be delivering instruction remotely to our students. You will see virtual lessons beginning this week. Like all of you, members of our faculty and staff have suffered great damage to their homes. Our teachers will be working together as a grade level

team to give your students instruction and the support they need. While our goal is for all students to receive instruction and submit work, we understand that acquiring an internet signal is not possible for all at this time. Please know that students unable to receive virtual instruction will not be penalized. The goal is for students to be engaged with our teachers until we can resume face-to-face instruction.

We truly appreciate your patience as we work together with our faculty and staff. This is certainly not the scenario we anticipated this year, but we are confident that our team will rise to yet another challenge! Please know that OLQHS faculty and staff will be beside you every step of the way. If your family has specific needs during this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Being part of OLQHS means we are family - we are here to help.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Pray for us.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Trevor Donnelly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "D".

Trevor Donnelly  
Principal-OLQHS