



# OUR LADY Queen of Heaven CATHOLIC SCHOOL

September 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

Due to repairs that are ongoing and need to be completed before we can safely return to school, we have made the difficult decision to push back our OLQH School opening date by 4 days to Thursday, September 24th. While our campus is overall in good shape there are still a few systems that need to be fully operational. We are currently working on these areas of campus and feel sure they will be in place by next Thursday.

- Air Conditioning units awaiting parts from the manufacturer.
- Water Damage to three areas of the ECC.
- Restoration of communication and fire alarm systems.

Additionally, the OLQH Early Childhood Center is waiting on state approval and fire marshal approval before they can open. We will update you as soon as we have an update on the ECC start date.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our OLQHS families soon. We know that the past month has been unbelievably hard on each of you and most of all, your children. Please know that as always, their safety and well-being are our top priority. We will work with you and each student to make sure there is a smooth transition back to school. Our arms are open wide and ready to welcome each child back into their home away from home.

Our faculty and staff will be working on campus beginning Monday to prepare classrooms, etc. Teachers will not be delivering virtual instruction this week (Sept 21 - 23). They will be providing students with resources for independent learning.

Below are some specifics concerning the start of school. Please read through these carefully, many are reminders about the health guidelines concerning COVID-19.

### **Start of School:**

We will NOT do a rolling start, as initially outlined in our COVID-19 re-opening plan. All students in grades 1-8 are invited to return beginning Thursday, September 24th.

**PK and K students will still follow their schedule as was previously set.** PK and K boys will attend Thursday, September 24 and PK and K girls will attend on Friday, September 25. All PK and K to start on September 28th.

We will begin taking official attendance records on Monday, September 28th. If your family needs a few more days, and cannot join us until the 28th, we completely understand. We know some families have extenuating circumstances, and may not return as soon as the 28th. As long as you have communicated with Megan O'Quin, we have noted your situation. If you have not notified us and you plan to attend schooling at another location, please email [moquin@olqhs.org](mailto:moquin@olqhs.org).

**Drop Off / Pick Up:** One parent may walk their child in on Thursday, the first day of school. This adult is required to wear a mask and will be subject to a temperature check. Aside from the morning of the first day, all pick up and drop off will be through the car lines, as was previously established.

**Masks:** All students must have a mask/face covering in order to enter campus. They should also bring a second mask to school, labeled in a zip lock bag. Students will be instructed as to when they will be masked throughout the day. None of these requirements have changed since our reopening plan was published.

**Health Screening:** All students will have their temperature checked before entering the school. If a student's temperature reads above 100.3, the parent will be asked to pull forward and the student will be re-checked in 5 minutes.

**Cafeteria:** Our cafeteria will be operational and will abide by all restrictions set forth by the boil advisory, as long as that is in effect. Due to the emergency declaration and the support of the federal government, all students will be eligible to participate in the free school lunch program for the remainder of this school year. We will send home lunch forms when they are made available from the department of food and nutrition.

**Water Bottles:** Students should still plan to bring their own water bottle to school. All water fountains will be closed and we will have bottled water accessible for students to refill their bottles.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are working through this together and we appreciate your continued patience and support of our OLQHS team. We look forward to seeing you all very soon!