

Dear OLW Families:

It was great to see so many families today at Meet the Teacher! I am looking forward to welcoming our students back in a few days! Once again there is lots of information in this email. Not all sections may apply to you, but please look over carefully.

At this point, it is necessary for families to finalize their intentions for the upcoming school year. With this information we will be able to appropriately prepare the remote learning plans for those students not returning on August 21st for in person instruction. If you are planning to be at school on Friday and continue with in person learning, you do not need to do anything. If one or more of your students will **definitely** be participating in a remote learning at the start of the school year, please email your **final intentions** to [reopeningquestions@olwschool.org](mailto:reopeningquestions@olwschool.org). Please send this email by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 18th. We will have a check in point in a few weeks to allow for changes and the decisions will be final for the remainder of the first trimester (ends November 6th).

Teachers and administrators will be working on remote learning plans during our in-service days on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no remote learning on the two half days (August 21st and August 24th). Since remote learning plans will be based on the instruction that occurred the prior day in the classroom, remote learning will not begin before August 26th. Please keep in mind that instruction may be light the first couple of weeks as we are establishing many new routines and expectations while also trying to connect with all of our learners after many months away.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR IN PERSON LEARNERS**

Please see the attached agreement to adhere to COVID protocols and acknowledgment of parental responsibilities. This document, provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago, must be returned before your child(ren) can attend school in person. Please return on or before the first day of school. We are counting on everyone to do what they can to help our school open safely and keep it everyone healthy.

[School Covid Assumption of Risk and Waiver v 7 21 20 \(1\).pdf](#)

### **Re- Opening Plan Updates**

Below are the most recent updates to our plan based on new guidance from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

- **Masks**
  - Valve masks should not be used.
- **Athletics**
  - Fall athletics competitions are cancelled. Practices and conditioning for fall sports are still allowable if they adhere to the state's Fall Sports Guidelines, Schools must abide by all the other Archdiocesan health/safety guidelines.
- **Response to Covid-19 Symptoms**
  - If a student is sent home for exhibiting a fever or two or more other Covid-19 symptoms, any sibling of the student should likewise be sent home, regardless of whether they display COVID-19 symptoms. Students may return for the next

day of school unless the student receives a positive COVID-19 diagnosis or the siblings develop symptoms.

- A doctor's note is required for any student that has an illness lasting more than 3 days.
- Criteria to discontinue home isolation
- 24 hours with no fever (without medication)
- Other symptoms reduced substantially (by at least 75%)
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Since we have some families that have registered since the last version of the reopening plan was shared, an updated document is enclosed.

[Reopening With Trust - 8\\_17\\_2020.pdf](#)

### **Arrival and Dismissal**

Please see the attached documents for pictures of all entrances being used at arrival and dismissal.

[procedures arrival.pdf](#)

[procedures dismissal.pdf](#)

### Elementary Building Arrival

- Pull up your car along the curb on Mitchell St. in front of the school building.
- Students should exit cars on the curb side only. Staff will assist if needed.
- Parents should stay in cars.
- If you need extra time, please pull your car up all the way so other cars can drop off students behind you.
- Once you are done dropping off, carefully pull away from curb.
- Cars should pull forward as other cars pull away. Please avoid pulling around other cars.
- Please do not let students exit cars until they have pulled up along the curb.

### Middle School/Elementary Arrival

If you are dropping off students for both the elementary and middle school building, please follow these directions.

- Pull into the parking lot on Ridge St. using the south gate (closest to middle school building).
- Pull into the lane of cones - makes a semi-circle in lot.
- Pull up as far as you can and let students out of the car.
- Slowly pull forward and proceed to the north gate to exit.

### Middle School Only Arrival

- Pull up to curb on Ridge St. in front of middle school.
- Students exit cars.
- Carefully pull away from curb.
- Cars should pull forward as finished cars pull away.

### Preschool Building Arrival

Park in the center of the Ridge St. parking lot. Do not block coned off car lane.

- Walk students to preschool entrance. (Door 2D).
- Exit through north gate.

Please remember that arrival may take longer the first few days of school. Please be patient. You are also encouraged to take first day of school photos at home or before the first day. Families should not gather outside of the school for pictures. The Growing with God signs will be taken down before the first day of school to discourage congregating. Also, remember that students should not stay after school to play on the school playground.

Take care,  
Mr. David Wood