



Dear OLGC School Families,

March 15, 2020

We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and prayers during this unprecedented time. We want to provide more information on OLGC's Distance Learning Plan in the wake of Governor Whitmer's [executive order to close all public and private schools](#) through April 6 due to COVID-19 concerns. The [linked PDF letter](#) shares the AOD's uniform approach to comply with this legal order. For the latest information on the AOD's response, please visit [www.aod.org/emergencyresponse](http://www.aod.org/emergencyresponse).

The OLGC staff has done incredible work to prepare for our Distance Learning Initiative for our students. We are confident that our approach will maintain our high quality of academic excellence. We understand the difficulty this closure has on your family, and we are ready to serve and support you during this challenging time. In an effort to answer as many questions as possible, you will find subject-specific information.

### **Distance Learning:**

Distance Learning will begin on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The following digital platforms will be used for daily learning: Pre-K and Kindergarten- Class Dojo, Grades 1-3- Gradelink Announcement Page, Grades 4-8- Google Classroom. Students will be receiving regular communication and feedback from their teachers. Teachers will be working remotely from 9 AM to 3 PM. You can contact them via email, and they will be sure to respond.

All families will receive login information for IXL, a comprehensive math review site. For our K-2 families, you will receive login information for Raz Kids. For our 4-8 families, you will receive specific login information for our Google Classroom platform.

### **Instructional Materials:**

Our teachers have been hard at work on assembling meaningful instructional resources for students. These resources are meant to enhance the Distance Learning experience.

### **Pick Up Information**

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00- 2:00 (Last Name Begins A-L)**

**2:00-3:00 (Last Name Begins M-Z)**

During this assigned time, families are able to collect their students necessary books and materials, check out a school iPad (Grades 4-8), and get other information to assist with their distance learning. If you are feeling ill or unable to make this allotted time, please send a family representative to pick up your child's items. Each grade level will have a specific pick up location at an exterior door of the school building. Please follow the grade level signs. Although our staff loves hugs, we are asking for everyone to keep a social distance during this pick-up time.

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### **Device Availability**

OLGC is blessed to be able to offer students in Grades 4-8 an iPad to borrow for instructional use. Parents who would like to borrow a device for their child need to sign the [OLGC Student iPad User & Borrowing Agreement](#). Devices will be available to pick up on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> with instructional materials. *We have limited charging cables and are asking families to use their personal chargers if you have one (Apple MIFI certified lightning cable).*

The school iPads are under mobile device management, with all apps managed and controlled remotely. Families will need to add the iPads to their home WiFi network by going to Settings and then clicking on Wi-Fi. All Internet traffic from the device should route back to the school network and be filtered according to school policy, but parents are urged to monitor how the students are using the devices. Student accounts have been set up using Google G Suite for Education accounts (for email communications within the @olgcp parish.net domain and for the use of Google applications). Managed AppleIDs may also be present on student devices. Managed AppleIDs are owned by the school and do not include email communication. This [link](#) provides an overview of managed AppleIDs.

### **Technology Assistance:**

For assistance using technology devices or to reset your Google Classroom password, contact our Technology Coordinator, Greg Budde, at [buddeg@olgcp parish.net](mailto:buddeg@olgcp parish.net). Teacher contacts for Google Classroom assistance are Mrs. Nicholas ([nicholasm@olgcp parish.net](mailto:nicholasm@olgcp parish.net)) for grades 4-6 and Mr. Donahue ([donahuet@olgcp parish.net](mailto:donahuet@olgcp parish.net)) for grades 7-8.

### **With Gratitude**

We cannot thank our families and staff members enough for the cooperation, self-sacrifice, and dedication to our students and their education. I would like to emphasize the amazing work done by our teachers over the last days to prepare for this unique journey. Along this journey, we aim to include experiences that help our students continue to feel connected to our OLGC Family- even if it is virtually. We will continue to communicate and share updates with you via Gradelink email, our website, and social media in the days ahead. In addition, there will be a daily "Story Time and Inspiration with Cru" that your families will be invited to view.

May the Lord be with your family and provide protection during this time. Your family remains in the prayers of the OLGC school team. Know that while we may be remote, no distance will separate our team from serving and supporting your needs. We are ONE family. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher if you have any questions, concerns, or specific prayer intentions.

In Christ,  
Melissa Hunt, principal

**[Please click here for Other Resources that include a Google Classroom Directions for Grade 4-8, a sample distance learning schedule, and recommended resources.](#)**

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