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Dear OLGC School Families,

I hope this letter finds you well and that your family has experienced the joy of the Easter season this week. As we enter Spring, I am writing to update you on our remote learning plans for the rest of the year. First, I would like to express my gratitude for all our students, parents, teachers, and staff for their flexibility in the face of this unprecedented situation. Although our school building may be closed, OLGC Parish School is maintaining academic excellence through distance learning. Our community stepped up to the challenge for the benefit of all our students. Thank you.

### **Academic Instruction Update**

After careful discernment and examination of our local situation, we have decided to conclude our formal remote academic instruction on Friday, May 29. At that point, students on track for promotion to the next grade will formally complete their current grade and be cleared to advance in the fall. I understand some of our families may have students attending other schools, including nearby high schools. Please know that the Archdiocese of Detroit's Department of Catholic Schools has encouraged *all 87* Catholic schools to make decisions regarding the academic year to best fit each community and gave the recommendation of a May 29th end date. OLGC will be providing a "Crusader Camp" the week of June 1st. This week will include enrichment opportunities as well as opportunities for students to "preview" the next grade level and receive their summer learning expectations. If you have any specific questions about your child, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me.

### **Grading and Report Cards**

The fourth quarter grading will continue as previous quarters with the flexibility and understanding that every family is experiencing challenges during this pandemic. All final exams, the AOD 8th Grade Religion Assessment, and Spring NWEA MAP Test will not be administered due to the challenge of proctoring these types of assessments in a controlled environment. Students will continue to be assessed using project based learning and formative assessments through distance learning. OLGC teachers are prepared to formally assess students upon our return to the classrooms to identify any gaps in learning as well as individualized learning goals. The fourth quarter/cumulative report card will be available on Gradelink after June 5th for parents and students to view and/or download for their records. If you would like a copy of your child's Winter MAP Test scores, you may email Mrs. Fitch, our school counselor, at [fitchl@olgcparish.net](mailto:fitchl@olgcparish.net). As always, please reach out to your child's teacher if your family is struggling with the assigned academics or need assistance. We are here to help.

### **DOVES Program**

Each OLGC family is required to volunteer 20 hours each academic school year and record their service hours in Gradelink. In an effort to further support OLGC families, please know that Dedicated Official Volunteers Emanating Spirit (DOVES) hours requirements have been waived for this school year. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers this school year. Our school would not be the amazing community it is and our students would not be provided all the incredible opportunities to thrive if it wasn't for your time and talent. Please look for [upcoming volunteer opportunities](#) for the 2020-2021 school year.

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### **Material Pick-Up/Return**

Once Governor Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive order has been lifted, a date will be determined for families to return textbooks, iPads, and library books. Families will also be provided a time to pick up any personal items that may still be in the school building.

### **Updated Calendar and Special Events**

We understand that many school events had to be canceled this spring. Our staff is working hard to continue special events virtually as a school community. We hope your family has enjoyed the many opportunities we have had to stay connected as a community: daily school prayer, daily story time with Cru, our school dog, virtual spirit week, Lenten GooseChase Challenge, interactive family guides, etc. There will be many more opportunities shared in the upcoming weeks as well as specific days for our community to take a break from distance learning and celebrate. On these days, no new distance learning lessons will be assigned. Your child may catch up on their school work, do [enrichment activities](#), and/or participate in the school planned opportunities. These days include a celebration of the [Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel](#), a school [Talent Show](#), Field Day, End of the School Year Parties, and celebration of our 8th grade graduating class. You can see a complete updated calendar [here](#).

### **Fall Bash Auction Winners**

We understand that many of you have not cashed in your Class Jeans Day pass or participated in the Silent Auction Teacher Feature you purchased at the 2019 Fall Bash. Please know that the teachers are aware and are planning how to honor your prize in the near future. 2019 Class Jeans Day passes will be accepted until our 2020 Fall Bash scheduled on November 7, 2020.

### **Celebration**

The effort made by our students, parents, teachers, and staff has been remarkable and deserves to be celebrated! We are exploring the possibility of coming together in-person, God willing, later in the summer when and if it is deemed safe by health and government authorities. We will communicate more about these efforts.

Thank you again for your continued partnership and heroic efforts during this time. May God bless you and your families with health, safety, and comfort during this extraordinary time.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

In Christ,  
Melissa Hunt, Principal

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