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Dear OLG C Families,

Yesterday, I received a delicious sugar cookie on my front porch that said, "I survived distance learning." I wanted to add the word "barely" to the end of that statement! This has not been easy, but by God's grace we have completed 10 weeks of distance learning! At the start of distance learning, we prayed for our school community to become stronger and better due to this experience. God has definitely equipped us and united us stronger than ever! In fact, our school stood apart from all other schools because of our prompt response to offering meaningful instruction of new learning and continuing to hold students accountable. What others couldn't see is that the valuable instruction was only a piece of what was accomplished. With God at the center of our school, our focus was on allowing Him to lead us each step of the way. This led to acts of love, kindness, generosity, and encouragement among our school family. It is my hope that as you reflect back on your family's distance learning experience, you identify the many ways our staff showed how much we deeply care about you.

### **Celebrating Teamwork**

Our success over the past weeks affirms our collaborative spirit at OLG C. Our **students** showed resilience as they adapted to a new way of learning and worshipping at home. Zoom meetings were filled with laughter and smiles despite the challenging times. Our amazing Class of 2020 have been particularly resilient as they have faced a different end to their time at OLG C. Our students deserve to be celebrated to the fullest for their hard work, perseverance, and positive attitudes. Our **parents** are superheroes! You managed work, family, distance learning, prayer life, and the stress of these times. Thank you for your partnership. Together, we will continue to offer our children the best faith-filled education and relationship with Jesus! Our incredible **teachers and staff** have given themselves fully to ensure that our school family continues to thrive. The speed at which they adapted to new teaching and learning was phenomenal and served as an example for other schools. Their personal sacrifice was a prominent example of modeling our Lord's love. Thank you for your dedication and passion for God, teaching, students, and OLG C. We are ONE family and a mighty awesome one (I must say)!

### **Medication Pick Up and Supply Return**

With the extension of Governor Whitmer's current "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive order to now expire June 12th, we worked hard to develop a new plan to collect school items, get your personal belongings to you, and effectively close out the school year. Please see [the detailed plan](#), for how we will safely accomplish a carline supply return and pick-up on Friday, June 5th: [bit.ly/SuppliesReturn](https://bit.ly/SuppliesReturn)

### **We Want Your Feedback**

Over the last week, over 100 families have answered our brief survey about your child's distance learning experience. If you have not yet taken our survey, please do so today! Here's the [link](#).

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## Recommitment

As our school year comes to an end, we understand that your family's situation may have changed due to this current pandemic. As such, we need your help in order to plan for accurate enrollment and make effective and prudent staffing and school decisions for next year. Your family is being offered the opportunity to prayerfully discern and recommit to the mission of OLG Parish School for the 2020-2021 school year. Please visit [the following link](#) to read about Unleashing OLG and to complete your recommitment form by June 15th: [bit.ly/unleashOLGC](http://bit.ly/unleashOLGC)

## Information About Next Year

Our 2020-2021 school calendar has not yet been approved by the AOD. There may also be changes based on decisions made after receiving guidance from health and government officials. Our tentative first day of school is scheduled for August 25, 2020 and the last day of school is tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2021. You can review a complete tentative 2020-2021 school calendar on our school website or by clicking [here](#).

This year, OLG was transitioning to a new gym uniform to be fully implemented next school year. In order to further assist your families during this time, we will have an additional transitional year for the new gym uniform. Both the old and new gym uniform will be allowed next school year.

The 2020-2021 school supply lists have been posted on our school website [here](#). You will have the option to pre-purchase school supply kits as part of a school fundraiser. Also, if you are able to purchase additional clorox wipes, kleenex, and paper towels, we will need an abundance next year!

## Summer Learning

Our amazing student support teacher, Jennifer Thibault, created a [Crusader Camp](#) resource for our students to continue growing academically and spiritually over the summer. There are student video testimonials to get students excited about the next grade level as well as enrichment activities, STEM projects, virtual field trips, and more! Students will also have access to [IXL](#) over the summer. In addition to math, science and social studies are being offered through June. This adaptive program is a great way to continue supporting student growth. The best learning our students can do over the summer is to read! To help promote reading this summer, please see the [OLGC Summer Reading Lists](#) by grade level on our school website.

Let's give thanks to God for the many blessings He bestowed upon our school family during this challenging time. I pray you have a restful and safe summer. Continue to check your inbox for the latest updates on OLG Parish School.

In Christ's love,  
Melissa Hunt, principal

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