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Dear OLSS Community,

I can't believe that we are already celebrating the 4th of July weekend!!! I hope you have had some relaxing fun so far this Summer!!!

I wanted to let you know about our progress regarding the opening of the 2020-2021 school year. All of this is tentative and in an effort to adhere to governmental decisions and CDC guidelines, could be altered.

On July 15, the Catholic School's office will be sending Principals their general plan for re-opening. It is my hope to then send the detailed plan for our opening on August 25th within the following week. Please know that even at that time, of course, things could change between then and the scheduled opening. I will do my best to keep you informed of the changes as I become aware.

The OLSS teachers and I have created a School Reopening Task Force and have been working on 5 Committees to ensure the safest, smoothest opening of our Campus. The committees are 1)Health and Safety 2)Academics 3) Facilities and Operations 4) Marketing and Communications and 5) Catholic Identity.

The Health and Safety Committee as well as the Facilities and Operations Committee are concerned with buildings, grounds and physical safety. They are writing the protocols we will follow for cleaning, testing temperatures, regulating visitors, quarantining the ill, wearing personal protective equipment including gloves, masks, face shields, eating, traveling in the buildings, and anything related to our physical presence on campus. We are using the CDC Guidelines and will have trained faculty and staff.

The Academic Committee is preparing for in school learning as well as establishing guidelines in case we need to begin the year in an online environment or in case we need to go to an online environment anytime during the school year. Teachers are exploring Google Classroom to streamline learning and to support the daily live teaching that you can anticipate in the event of a school closure. In addition, they are working on ways to build and maintain relationships in an online environment.

The Catholic Identity Committee is working to formulate plans for students to continue to learn about their faith, develop their Prayer life, and to include our live steamed Children's Mass, activities, ministry, and social teaching that is integral to a complete OLSS Catholic education.

The Marketing and Communications Committee members are working on ways to communicate to our local region via signs, flyers, Facebook adds, all the wonderful things that OLSS School has to offer, whether on campus or on-line. While we have had an increase in our enrollment, we want to continue to reach out to anyone who might be considering a faith-based education. We also NEED to continue our fundraising efforts and this committee has also addressed this and would welcome your input!

Please look for information to come out around July 22 when I will offer as complete a picture as I can of the opening of the year.

I welcome any and all questions or communication you may have and may be reached at principal@olsss.org

Stay happy, healthy and holy!

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson
Principal