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Dear OLSS Families,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well during this difficult time. Though the circumstances we are facing are not ideal, I am optimistic that our children will learn some valuable lessons from this experience. Having the opportunity to go to school and acquire knowledge with their friends, and having teachers and administrators who care for them, is a blessing. Students are also coming to understand that they are responsible for their own learning. Our teachers have been using Zoom video conferencing, but because students cannot be in their classrooms, they are strengthening their self-discipline skills to complete their schoolwork. These are skills that will benefit them throughout their education and their lives.

This global crisis is a great reminder that the world is moving to more virtual learning and working spaces, and children are learning to adapt to this. Parents, please know that we are here working to support you. We will continue to respond to emails, communicate through the virtual classroom, etc. Please do not hesitate to ask us for anything you need, and we will be happy to help.

We miss our students and hope that we are back in session as soon as possible, but for the safety of all of our families, it is important that we shift our learning approach right now to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Stay happy, healthy, and holy!

Mrs. Jennifer Thompson Principal

NEWS & REMINDERS:

Vice Principal: I am excited to announce that Maggie Quade, our 3rd grade teacher, is now also our Vice Principal! Ms. Quade is extremely valuable to our school community and we are grateful that she accepted this position.

Registration & Re-Registration Fees: We understand that the current situation is putting a financial strain on many of our families. To help alleviate this, we are offering two options for families who have not yet paid the re-registration fee, and new families applying for admission for the 2020-21 school year. Parents may defer the \$150 registration fee and pay it with their first tuition payment for the 2020-21 school year, or may pay it over the course of the school year.

<u>Pre-K 3:</u> We are accepting applications for our new Pre-K class for 3-year-olds for the 2020-21 school year. We currently have 8 spaces left. If you or anyone you know is interested in this program, please apply using the link on the school website.





The State of Maryland is now accepting applications for its BOOST scholarship program. BOOST scholarships are given to income-eligible K-12 students to be used for attendance at an eligible nonpublic school. Applications for must include documents supporting income eligibility.

Visit: marylandpublicschools.org/BOOST or call the BOOST Coalition at 443-510-4501.

> Please apply! Deadline: April 24