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regarding Our Lady of the Snows CA Reopening Plan**

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the start of the 2020-21 school year, we understand your concerns of how Our Lady of the Snows CA will look much different than previous years due to the COVID-19 health crisis. This list below will continue to grow and be updated regularly.

What changes will be made to the Extended Care Program's (Morning Care and Aftercare) protocols and/or locations?

Morning Care and Aftercare will now be in Bishop Chappetto Hall and St. Joseph Hall (BCH and SJH). Students will stay in social distant pods and more staff will be used if needed to monitor the students.

Morning Care dropoff remains the main front entrance of the school on 258th Street beginning at 7:15am.

Aftercare pickup will be the main front entrance of the school on 258th Street. Security staff will buzz parents into the school lobby. You will be asked who they are here to pick up and remain in the lobby until your child comes up from Aftercare.

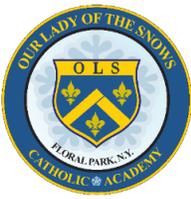
Do we have to remain with the same option for the school year and/or semester? If in school will the children receive mask breaks? If so, how many and for how long?
If your child chooses the remote option, they will be expected to be part of the school routine and instruction points of the day. A bell schedule (see next question) will be provided for them to follow.

What is the Bell Schedule?

Bell Schedule = Listing of times that classes will be held, and the teacher will be live for instruction. This schedule will be followed for all remote students or in the event we need to go full remote with our digital learning platform.

Will class size remain the same or will it be reduced and rearranged setup?

Yes, all in-person classes will only have a maximum of 15 students per class. This number will remain unless the social distance expectation is decreased.



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Are the kids eating lunch in their classrooms?

Yes, the students will be eating lunch in their classrooms.

Will there be mask breaks?

Yes, all students will receive a period of outside time weather permitting. Students will remain socially distant but will be able to remove their masks during this time outside.

Will the supply list be subject to change? Will purchases be on a needed basis?

The supply list will not change due to remote learning, the inclusion for ear buds or access to a computer device would be good for these students as well. The intent of all supplies is to have the students prepared and organized. If at any point we return to school the expectation is that remote students have the same materials.

If we choose in person but decide we are not comfortable with the procedures in place can we switch to remote learning?

Yes, any student can choose to go remote at any point. We ask that all decisions come with a discussion with administration. The plan, if possible, will be to try and start remote learning at the beginning of a week.

Will the school allow a change from remote to hybrid learning after safety can be proved?

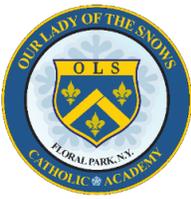
At this time the plan is for 15 students in a classroom. We cannot allow this number to change until the social distance requirements change. If a child chooses to return to in-school instruction this will be done by trimester or another schedule after a discussion with administration and approval by the administration.

Will there still be in-person nursery, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten orientation in September?

All orientations and meet the teacher sessions will be held virtually at this time.

How are they going to have social distance at lunch time since they will have to take the mask off to eat?

Students will always be 6 feet apart in social distance requirements. The recommendation would be for a child to wear a face shield during their lunch time.



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Is there morning and aftercare?

Yes. Morning Care begins at 7:15am with a dropoff at the main school entrance. Aftercare is provided from dismissal until 6pm with a pickup at the main school entrance. Registration paperwork will be available at the start of school, Students will remain socially distanced.

If they go online do they have to wear a school uniform at home?

No, but it is recommended. Students using remote learning but be appropriately dressed if not in school uniform (i.e. not in pajamas). And must be in an appropriate home setting (i.e., not lying in bed).

With remote learning, are the teachers teaching remote and live classes at the same time?

Yes

Will students have access to carry around their own hand sanitizer?

Yes, students will be allowed their own personal PPE. The students will follow the directions of the teachers regarding their use. We do not want disruptions throughout the school day.

What students will be allowed to do remote blended learning?

Students will be on a schedule 2 days in-school and 3 days remote in grades 6-8.

How often can they go to wash their hands?

There will be multiple times scheduled for students to have an opportunity to wash their hands or use sanitizer throughout the day. Students will follow the directions of their teachers.

What is the plan for lunch? Eating where?

At this time there is no hot lunch option for the month of September. We will monitor the situation and determine month to month if a hot lunch option will return. All students must bring their lunch (in a soft-sided lunch pack) and will eat in the classrooms. Grades N-4 should also bring a morning snack. Please send healthy options, no soda is allowed.



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Are there any shields or barriers between desks or is the plan just 6 feet distance and masks?

Students will be encouraged to keep a 6 foot distance at all times at school. There will be no partitions at this time on the desks. This situation will continue to be monitored by the Diocese of Brooklyn and Our Lady of the Snows CA.

The literature provided indicates that those who choose full remote will log onto google classrooms with their class. But what is St. Thomas remote learning?

Grades K - 8 have two options of remote learning. Option 1 is via OLS, taught by OLS teachers with in-classroom video. Option 2 is via St. Thomas Aquinas Online Academy which is taught by teachers from the Diocese of Brooklyn.

When will we be getting the staggered time schedules for start and end of day?

This information will be provided by September 1, 2020 at the latest. It will be posted on our school website and released via email through an optionc alert.

Are face shields for the students prohibited? (Since face masks have to be removed at lunchtime.)

Parents are allowed to purchase face shields for their child

Although face shields are not required, parents may purchase and provide a face shield for their child to use at lunch time while eating. We do ask that you speak with your child before school begins explaining that they should wear this face shield.

Will shields for student desks be provided or available for purchase?

Face shields will not be provided but can be worn in addition to the face mask. All students will receive two (2) washable face masks from the school. All students are expected to have a clean face mask each day in school. Any color face mask if permitted, but may not display any slogans or any picture deemed inappropriate by the administration. There will be limited supply of OLS masks for purchase.

What about our parent volunteer fee?

At this time to limit the amount of visitors and exposure for COVID-19 of our students and staff, there was a decision to suspend the lunch duty part of parent service. Parents that choose this duty will be asked to choose another option.



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Will athletic activities be allowed to take place?

At this time all after-school athletic and CYO activities are suspended until further notice.

Will extracurricular activities be allowed to take place?

All after school activities are suspended in the building until further notice. Some extracurricular activities and extra help will take place virtually to allow all students to participate. OLS is still monitoring the COVID-19 health crisis and will continue to monitor the NYS Guidelines when deciding on extracurricular activities.

Will students be permitted to go on field trips?

OLS has suspended all educational field trips and athletic trips for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Health and safety conditions will be reviewed for student and transportation concerns prior to reinstating educational field trips.

What will happen if a student exhibits symptoms during the school day?

Students and staff with symptoms of illness must be sent to the Health Office. The school nurse will be available to assess individuals. Students suspected of having COVID-19 awaiting transport home by the parent/guardian will be isolated in a room or area separate from others, with a supervising adult present and utilizing appropriate PPE.

How will staff and teachers be screened for symptoms/illness?

We have implemented a daily screening and temperature check questionnaire for all faculty and staff reporting to school, which must be completed prior to entering the school building.

Will parents and visitors to school buildings be required to wear masks?

Anyone who is entering a school building must have a mask on at all times.



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What are families required to do before sending a student to school?

We will perform daily temperature checks for all students entering the school building and ask parents to complete a daily health questionnaire for each student entering the building. In particular, parents will be instructed to monitor their child(ren) for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to sending them to school or the bus. If they present with a temperature over 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit, they SHOULD NOT be sent to school.

How will the school practice and enforce social distancing?

All building occupants will be required to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from one another. The size of cohorts of students will be determined by the number of students who can be in each instructional space while maintaining 6 feet of social distancing. All unnecessary furnishings will be removed in order to maximize space for student capacity. Student entry areas will be divided, rather than funneling all students through the same entry space. Designated areas will be established for student drop-off and pick-up, limiting contact and entry of parents/guardians into the building, to the greatest extent possible.

What are the procedures and expectations for school attendance?

Attendance is being taken every day, whether the student is in school or learning remotely. The New York State Education Department mandates that daily student attendance be recorded. Follow-up with families will be made to determine reasons for absence if a call or absence form is not submitted.

Will Physical Education classes be held and what will they look like?

Students will receive physical education classes at all grade levels. Traditional curriculum may be modified to accommodate social distancing requirements. When outside students will be asked to stay 6-12 feet apart depending on the activities. Day that classes are not allowed to go outside students will be in their classrooms and instruction will involve daily nutrition and fitness.