



OUR LADY OF SORROWS
PRE K-8 CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"Our Lady of Sorrows Elementary School provides an atmosphere rooted in the Catholic faith, dedicated to individual academic excellence while preparing life-long learners and responsible Christian adults."

November 6, 2020

Dear OLS families,

This is definitely not the usual parent letter I thought I would be sending home. I would like to begin by thanking you for your quick response to today's early dismissal. I am sure you were surprised by the call, but I am grateful for the prompt pickup of all the children. Here are the details of our day so you have the correct facts.

We were informed late this morning that a parent of a child tested positive for COVID 19. Once we received that call, the plan we had established over the summer was activated, and we followed our protocols of moving the child to the isolation room until they were picked up. If your child is in that homeroom, you received a call directly either from me or Mrs. Campisi. If you did not receive this call, the case did not affect your child. Since it was lunchtime, the children ate lunch in their classrooms, and were then packed up and it was time for pickup.

The decision was made to have an early dismissal, and to switch to remote learning for 14 days. The decision to move to remote learning was based on the number of faculty who were in contact with the child, and who would then move to various classrooms. I prefer to act cautiously – I will not jeopardize anyone's health when we have the flexibility to use remote learning. I realize this may be an inconvenience for you, but as I keep reiterating, these are the protocols we must follow to maintain the health and safety of everyone in the building.

Tonight the entire building will undergo a "deep cleaning," which includes disinfecting and sanitizing every single room and hallway. No one will be allowed to enter the building until Monday. I will be in the building next week, as will Mrs. Foley.

As you have been doing all year, continue to monitor your children for any symptoms, and notify us if there is a change in your child's health. It is important to monitor everyone's health for the next 2 weeks to ensure an anticipated return to school on Monday, November 23rd.

Remote learning will begin Monday morning with your child's first class at 8:00 AM. Each teacher has a Google Classroom established with the links for each class, or the teacher has reached out to you with the link information. Please check this weekend to ensure your child knows where the links are located and is ready to begin working first thing Monday morning. I will hold prayers each morning at 7:50 AM and afternoon at 2:20 PM via Zoom these links, and I encourage your child to join me:

Morning Prayers:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86581209591?pwd=d1lYODlOT2s0VWJlYVRHanpsa3VDQT09>

Meeting ID: 865 8120 9591; Passcode: p1aR88

Afternoon Prayers:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87913731179?pwd=SWFrK2JOdIBRQ2dtYWpsM0ZjbjB2dz09>

Meeting ID: 879 1373 1179; Passcode: H4kK5Y

If your child needs to borrow a laptop for remote learning, please email me and we will have them available on Monday morning. If you have any questions at all, just let me know. I will continue to send out my parent letters during this time so you are kept updated. Thank you again for your understanding and your partnership, especially during this time. I pray that we see an end to this pandemic and for the safety of each of you.

Be well,

Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal