



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."

December 11, 2020

Dear OLS Families,

We certainly got a taste of winter with the surprise snow squall on Wednesday. The kids were so excited and asked if we would have a snow day on Thursday. Thank goodness, not yet!! With the weather turning colder, please make sure they have on heavy coats, hats and gloves because we will be going outside every day as long as the temperature is 32 degrees or above, and our field is cold and windy.

As you are aware, the number of COVID cases is rapidly increasing around our state. The teachers, Mrs. Foley and I are doing our best to keep our school open for in-person learning. Now more than ever, we need your help with this. If anyone in your household is scheduled to be tested for COVID or is awaiting the results of a COVID test, your child should not be in school until a negative result is received. When a child is in direct contact with someone who tests positive and the child has been in school, I will switch that classroom to remote learning immediately. The reasoning is simple: if the child should test positive after the direct contact, then everyone in the room is at risk. Our goal is to limit the risk of every person in the school, and I take that responsibility seriously. If your child does not feel well, whether with a headache, stomach pain or sore throat – keep them home for remote learning. This is for the health and safety of all of us.

Completing the Daily Temperature / Symptom checker on Genesis every morning is another integral part to helping limit our risk. I am disappointed with the number of families that are not willing to follow this protocol. As I said, the faculty and I are doing everything we can to create a safe environment for everyone, and this is the piece you must handle. I believe we have a partnership and we each need to do our part. Put an alarm on your phone, a note on your steering wheel – but please remember to answer these questions every day for all of us, including your own child.

The January Remote Instruction Agreement is attached to this email. Please return it by Friday, December 18th if your child will be remote for January. I strongly recommend your child switch to Remote Learning if you will be visiting with anyone over

Christmas or New Year's and they are not part of your immediate household. According to the CDC, symptoms appear anywhere from 4 to 7 days following exposure, so if there is contact with those outside your "bubble", and especially over the New Year's weekend, then staying home the following week is the responsible decision.

I want to end my update with a link to The Monitor, the Diocesan magazine. If you turn to page 55 you will find a terrific article about the 5th grade's First Friday Mass and our new co-patron Blessed Carlo Acutis. It is wonderful to see our school and students recognized!

[The Monitor Magazine December 2020 by Diocese of Trenton - issuu](#)

Please be safe and stay well. If you have any question, don't hesitate to contact me. Enjoy the weekend!

Be well,
Mrs. Maureen Tuohy, Principal