Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

As we receive updates from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia & the Philadelphia Board of Health, we will be passing this information your way. Here is what we know so far:

1. As regards concerned Pre-K and Kindergarten students, Father Babowitch has every intention of keeping OLC open for business. In the event that we are ordered to close, Father will live-stream a special message to these parents.
2. Students in Grades 2 to 8 are now required to wear face masks throughout the day except for feeding time (recess/lunch). Students who have issues with wearing a mask may consider an FDA Approved Reusable Face Shield that we ordered. If you are interested you may purchase it for $4 when you pick up your Parent Communication Folder.
3. Lunch kits must contain items that are disposable and water bottles must be spill-proof.
4. Homeroom/Cohort size has been limited to 25 (see posted pictures of classroom layout) which necessitates a portion of some homerooms (depending upon the number of virtual students in that homeroom) becoming a possible mixed group of students who will be equipped with an IPAD/Chromebook and access to the virtual lessons taught in real time while being on-site. All virtual students will be in one homeroom per grade. Students in Grades 1 to 4 will be issued an IPAD and Grades 5 to 8, a Chromebook. Students are responsible for taking their device home to be charged daily.
5. Three classrooms have been designated as “On-site/Virtual Cohorts:” Primary (1-3), Middle (4-6), & Junior High (7-8) with faculty supervision. If this is an option that interests you, please contact Mrs. Costello about this possibility by August 14th.
6. Please read the On-Site Virtual Acknowledgement Form found in the Back to School section of the website. Each on-site student in Grades 1 to 8 must have the above form signed and returned by September 8th. This form is separate from the one to be signed for at home virtual learning that is due August 14th. At-home virtual students will not be able see the other students in class and vice-versa. Your decision to be at-home-virtual or on-site is locked in for the First Trimester. You will have the ability to reassess your situation at the conclusion of the First Trimester.
7. All at-home virtual students are reminded to be at their workstation in a school uniform from 8:00 to 10:00 A.M., 10:15 to Noon, and from 12:45 to 2:30 daily OR YOU WILL BE MARKED ABSENT.
8. On-site students in Grades 1 to 8, who are called-in absent, may participate in virtual learning.
9. As regards continuing attention to the safety of all, school monitors will take temperatures of all children. Car line students will have theirs taken before leaving the car and walkers prior to entering building. ALL STUDENTS will sanitize their hands once in the building. Parents/guardians may not enter the buildings. Frequent sanitizing will take place before and after recess/lunch and every classroom will be sanitized when staff/students are dismissed and after the hallways and restrooms are cleaned professionally. Our Home and School has been very cooperative with assisting us with sanitizing expenditures and for that we are most grateful.

In closing, we appreciate your attention to the above and thank you for your understanding, support, and encouragement during these challenging times. We will keep you posted with any updates as they become available to us. Know that you and yours continue to be in our prayers. Take care and stay safe.

With warm regards,

Sister Mildred