

# ST. ADELAIDE ACADEMY



Developing Catholic Stewards, Scholars and Leaders

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Dear St. Adelaide families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. After sending out communication earlier today regarding our Distance Learning plan for the beginning of the school year, it seems that many have additional questions.

We are planning to reopen on our scheduled date of August 24<sup>th</sup>, however based on the governor's orders we will begin with our Catholic Online Synchronous Learning (COSL), our Distance Learning protocol. This plan will stay in place until the county is off the "watch list" for 14 consecutive days.

Our Catholic Online Synchronous (real-time) Learning means that the students will participate online as teachers are teaching from their classrooms, Monday through Friday. COSL will operate essentially like a regular school day. Each subject will have a separate Zoom time with short breaks in between, including a lunch break. Each day will begin with morning prayer and we will still have Wednesday schoolwide assemblies and Friday Mass. Assembly and Mass will be livestreamed. There will also be scheduled times for extra support from teachers. Our teachers also understand the importance of the social-emotional well-being of our children. They will incorporate this into the Religion instruction and throughout the school day. Our goal is to provide a solid Catholic education with academic rigor, as well as a foundation of morals, values and character building. We know that this is primarily why our families choose to send their children to our school.

As mentioned in Remind, all students will need a device and access to the Internet. If you need to borrow a device, please contact the school office at (909) 862-5851. We will continue to use Google Classroom for assignments. Many of our teachers became proficient using this platform and will receive additional training in August and September.

There will be a scheduled time for each family to come on campus and pick up books and their schedules during the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>. This will also be an opportunity to connect with teachers and discuss any concerns for the Distance Learning protocol so that we can assist right away. All parents will be given the Remind code for the new teacher so that open lines of communication can be maintained.

Some of our expenses will be less when do not have students on campus. We are evaluating our budget to determine a percentage of the tuition that we will reduce during this time of distance learning. Once we are back on campus, tuition rates will go back to the contracted amount, even if you choose distance learning.

Once we are able to resume on-campus instruction, we will have desks spaced apart and plexiglass positioned as needed. Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting will occur throughout the school day. Students will be taught/reminded about proper handwashing and other hygiene matters. Students will remain in their own "cohorts" for outside play. Lunch tables and play areas will be designated and not shared. Play equipment will not be shared. We are planning to teach the students games (Simon Says, hopscotch, obstacle courses, etc.) where physical contact is not needed. We will have to be creative to keep our students safe. I would love to have parents come on campus to paint some areas for the students. If you can help with this, let me know.

At this time, students and adults will be required to wear masks. Class sizes are being limited to 20, but most classes are closer to 15 or under. If there is medical concern once we resume on-campus instruction, distance learning is an option. At that time, it will be a combination of synchronous and asynchronous instruction.

The school's on-campus reopening plan will be published to all parents once it is approved through the diocese.

I appreciate your understanding and support during this time. We are prepared and excitedly await when we can instruct students on campus. We know that the uncertainty of potential school openings or closures is stressful for all involved, but we remain focused on the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff, and all of our families.

Please know that all our families continue to be in my prayers during this time. Let us all pray for an end to this pandemic.

Blessings,

Mrs. Barbara Malouf, Principal