



# Reopening Framework Fall 2020

In response to COVID-19

OLMC is committed to our children's continued academic and spiritual growth within our safe and nurturing school environment. We are committed to:

- the safety, security, and social-emotional well being of our staff and students
- Prioritizing learning opportunities
- Being physically together as much as possible
- Remaining flexible to make adjustments in this uncertain time

## Soft Start Reopening (First 3-4 weeks)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School will open for:

Grades 1-4 on Sept. 2  
 Grades 5-8 on Sept. 3  
 Grades K-8 begin on Sept. 8

All students will have the opportunity for 5 days per week of in-person instruction and an afternoon of virtual learning.

**In-school hours:** 7:30-12:30  
 Lunch will be "Grab and Go" for all.



**In-Person Learning** - Students will have all academic classes between 8:15-12:15. Teachers will move into classrooms, students will stay in one classroom.

**At-Home Learning Option** - Families not comfortable returning to the classroom have the option of 100% virtual learning. Lessons will be delivered at the same time as in-person classes.

**Afternoons** - During the dismissal process and transition home for all, students may enjoy a healthy "grab and go" lunch while preparing for the afternoon events 12:15-1:00. Specials classes will be done online from 1:00-1:30 daily. These classes will be art, music, life skills, library, world language. Beginning at 1:30, students will have the opportunity to meet with teachers for small group instruction. This will include ESL, Speech, other support classes, and small group instruction. Teachers will be available for office hours from 2:30-3:00

**Afterschool Program** - In partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, the afterschool program will begin running mid to late September. The details are still being finalized.

## Communication

Communication is key to knowing what is going on at school and what you can do to support your child in their education. All families must have a current phone number and email address on file in the office. We will be moving to more email-based communication this year. The emergency contact form will be mailed home and must accompany your child on their first day in school. Families who have chosen the at-home learning option may drop off their emergency contact form or email it back to the office at [principal@olmcapnj.org](mailto:principal@olmcapnj.org)

Class Dojo will remain our fastest way to contact parents. If you are not on Class Dojo, please download the app (it's free) and then contact the office to get the code.



## Our Promise to Our Community

We fully understand the burden these circumstances place on families. The OLMC faculty and staff promise to be available to listen to your needs and concerns. We are committed to meeting the challenges set before us and ensuring that your children receive the excellent school experience that you are accustomed to.



We will need to work together in the coming months. We ask for your continued support and prayers as we navigate through the reopening of school in the new normal.

## More Detailed Information



More information can be found in the principal's message section of the school website. OLMC will continually monitor what is happening and the plan may change based on our evaluation or the mandates from the State of New Jersey or the Diocese of Trenton.

## Need More Information?

We are working hard to have our website fully updated and easy for you to use. Please check it regularly and follow the school's social media accounts to stay informed!

