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eLearning Plan for Our Lady of Good Counsel 2020-2021

Introduction:

The goal of our eLearning plan is to ensure continuity of learning for all of our students from home for any reason at any point throughout this school year. We want to be as prepared as possible for any circumstance so it is vital to have a robust eLearning plan in place. We learned a lot in the spring and want to provide a more interactive academic program along with a predictable schedule for all students.

Schedule:

Each student will be provided a daily class schedule to follow at the very beginning of the school year. This schedule will be followed regardless of whether or not the child attends in person instruction or eLearning. Students will be required to check in virtually at homeroom time each morning they are eLearning, between 8:00am – 8:15am. When direct instruction is provided by the teacher, the student will logon virtually (using Schoology) to attend the “live” class with their teacher and classmates who are learning in person. Students will be muted during the direct instruction and will be allowed to unmute to ask or answer questions as appropriate throughout the class period. Synchronized learning will happen during the scheduled class time. Any class period identified as study hall periods or during lunch and recess scheduled times the eLearning students will use that time to work on other subjects as necessary and are not required to login to attend those class periods. We will also strive to provide other optional times for students to join “live” classroom activities such as lunch, indoor recess, or other opportunities as appropriate throughout the year to allow our eLearners to continue to feel connected to their teachers and classmates.

A sample schedule is included below to help you visualize what the day may look like. Wildcat time will often provide time for students (at home and at school) to complete assignments, take tests, etc. and is considered somewhat flexible time. Students will be

told ahead of time if eLearners should logon for that time on any given day, for example perhaps a spelling pre-test will be given which would require all learners to participate in. Those announcements will be made through Schoology.

Sample Schedule:

8:00 – 8:15 – Homeroom

eLearners will logon to be counted for attendance purposes and to hear any daily announcements, join for our prayer and pledge, etc.

8:15 – 9:00 – Reading class

eLearner will join for live instruction virtually

9:00 – 9:45 – English class

eLearner will join for live instruction virtually

9:45 – 10:30 – Wildcat Time

eLearner will take a screen break to complete some assignments from the day as identified in Schoology

10:30 – 11:15 – Recess

eLearner will have a screen break

11:15 – 12:00 – Lunch

eLearner will be offered one or two times a week to join the class virtually for lunch to build classroom community (would be optional)

12:00 – 12:45 – Math class

eLearner will join for live instruction virtually

12:45 – 1:30 – Computer class

eLearner will join for live instruction virtually

1:30 – 2:15 – Wildcat Time

eLearner will take a screen break to complete some assignments from the day as identified in Schoology

2:15 – 3:00 – Religion class

eLearner will join for live instruction virtually

Rules for Virtual Classes to be Setup for Success:

- Be on time for class, come prepared dressed in school uniform and ready to learn.
- The camera and microphone should be on during the class period, you must remain muted until the teacher allows you to participate in class discussions or to ask/answer questions. Refrain from talking while the teacher or a classmate is speaking.
- Be prepared with the proper materials and supplies ready and seated at an appropriate learning space (at a desk/table).
- Wear headphones if necessary to allow you to hear the lesson without distractions.
- Do not have another device with you and avoid any other unnecessary items that will prevent your focus.
- Maintain respect with your speaking, writing, and reactions – this is a classroom environment and you should act accordingly.

- There should be no eating or drinking (other than water) in front of the camera unless it is lunchtime.

Curriculum/Grading/Assessment:

Students will be assessed in all subject areas, including specials, and in all appropriate developmental categories whether participating in in-person instruction or eLearning at home. The standards will be covered throughout the year including any gaps that may have occurred given the unusual nature we ended last school year. Attendance via in-person and eLearning will be closely monitored and recorded.

Supplies:

Students will be provided individual classroom supplies that will not be shared throughout the year. These supplies will be provided to our eLearners for pickup on August 25th along with the textbooks, notebooks, and other materials necessary. If children are going to travel between eLearning and learning in the school building we ask parents to keep a set of pencils, paper, and other general supplies at home as we would like the school supplies to stay at school as much as possible to avoid potential cross-contamination.

Students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will be issued an iPad through the established 1:1 device initiative. Other technology devices may be utilized at home, at your choosing, though a device with capabilities for writing on the screen is recommended.

Technology:

Our new Learning Management System, Schoology, will become the primary communication tool used to facilitate eLearning with our students who may not be able to join us on campus at any point. Students may move within the eLearning platform and the in-person instruction delivered as needed throughout the year. The students will follow the class schedule assigned to them at the beginning of the year and will participate in live streaming of classes when direct instruction is provided by a teacher through the use of the Schoology platform. When there is monitoring of independent work on campus our eLearning students will not be live in the classroom but will take that time to independently complete assignments at home as well.

Uniform, Student Behavior, and Discipline:

Students will be required to be in proper school uniform during the school day whether learning on campus or remotely through eLearning. All rules and regulations written in the handbook will be followed. If students who are eLearning are disrespectful or consistently off task or causing disruptions when joining the class virtually they may be removed from that class.

The behavioral expectations for students at Our Lady of Good Counsel remain the same. However, we will commit to a more focused awareness for health and safety concerns for all students and teachers and behavior when in an eLearning environment. Students will be expected to comply with hand-washing and sanitizing expectations, maintain a six foot separation, wear masks as often as possible but definitely when required at arrival,

dismissal, and other times throughout the day. Children will be expected to comply with uniform regulations whether on campus or eLearning to establish a sound learning environment for all involved and to promote cohesiveness among the entire class. We will expect children to continue to live the OLG school motto and fulfill the mission to “Learn, Live, Love, and Serve” throughout the year.

Conclusion:

We understand that not everyone is ready or able to come back on campus at this point. We understand and respect that decision and want to continue to support our families in the best way we can. Given that goal, we will be employing a blended learning environment for students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade as an option. Students who want to learn at home will utilize Schoology, our new learning management system to join select classes virtually and to complete assignments. This will allow them to maintain learning with their classmates and with their teachers each day. It will definitely look different, but we hope to provide an opportunity for all students to learn in this manner. No eLearning will be offered to Preschoolers unless we are not allowed on campus at any point for any reason.

We will continue to do the very best we can to provide a warm, welcoming, safe, and nurturing environment for all of our students, families, and staff. We are so proud of our efforts this past year, but we hope this new plan will allow us to do even better for all of our stakeholders. We will need to continue to work together, with support and open and honest communication, to provide a safe and healthy environment for all involved. Parents will need to carefully monitor their children for symptoms and should keep children at home when they are not feeling well and communicate often with the nurse. Children will need to be educated, both at home and at school, about the importance of wearing face masks for the protection of all involved and the importance of proper handwashing techniques and sanitizing procedures. Teamwork will definitely be required and will help to protect everyone as much as possible. We are confident that the OLG community will rise to the occasion by working together.