

Dear OSL families,

It was a joy to welcome our faculty and staff back to school this week. We have been busy with trainings and meetings all week and looking forward to another big week of more trainings and meetings before we welcome our scholars and families back to campus for Orientation next Thursday and Friday. Please check the notes below about Orientation and the example fee sheet.

As promised, we are publishing our COVID mitigation efforts for this coming school year. More details will be forthcoming about the use of the OSL School app for the daily health screening checklist and the absence form. The daily health screening checklist will go live next week so you will not find it there this weekend, but you may view the absence form now.

As we welcome our OSL scholars, faculty, staff, and guests to campus, we are providing the following outline for our COVID mitigation efforts. Our highest priority is the health and safety of our entire community. It will take everyone making a concerted effort to keep our community healthy. We will continue to advise you to keep your child home if he/she exhibits signs of cold/flu to prevent the spread of illness.

- We will be open for 100% in-person learning. A distance learning option will not be offered. In situations where students must remain home for extended periods due to illness or mandated quarantine, an instructional plan will be communicated and evaluated on an individual basis.
- Masking will be optional, yet highly recommended for all individuals while indoors on campus, regardless of vaccination status.
- As daily self-screenings (including bodily temperature checks) will be necessary and required for all students, faculty, and staff prior to arriving on campus, this will help us in our mitigation efforts. We will use the OSL School app for parents to submit daily health screenings. (More information and details to follow before the start of school.)
- Visitors will be welcomed on campus for scheduled visits and events and homemade goods are welcome to be sent as treats (class parties, birthdays, etc.).

- Classrooms have been re-densified and physical barriers removed.
- Field trips, retreats, and other off-campus activities will resume.
- Athletic, Fine Arts, and co-curricular events will resume practices, competitions, and showcases to include spectators when permitted.
- Positive COVID cases on campus will continue to be communicated to the school community.
- Quarantine if you have been in [close contact](#) (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19, unless you have been [fully vaccinated](#).
- Quarantine can end after Day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
- Quarantine can end after Day 7 if a COVID test is negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring.
- Currently, vaccinated individuals will not be required to quarantine if they remain symptom-free following an exposure.
- Enhanced cleaning measures will continue throughout the campus daily.
- Scholars will be held accountable for attendance as outlined in the Parent Handbook.

We are grateful for our community's support and prayers as we enter a new school year. Thank you for your efforts at home to allow us to stay in-person this year. We are grateful and honored to count you among our families this year and beyond.

Best,

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