

March 20, 2020

Dear Parents,

My prayers, and those of the staff go out to all our OLM community to keep safe and healthy and to know that God is by your side.

As Superintendent Luyten expressed in his letter, (found on our website);

“The challenge of dealing with the global pandemic and its consequences will make the weeks ahead difficult for us...our task is to work together with Christ to help each other safely reach this end.”

All schools, in consultation with the Ministry of Education and the CISVA Superintendent's office, are currently developing plans to ensure a continuity of learning. We feel that OLM has proven to be innovative, diligent and dedicated with regards to student learning, and that these qualities will serve us well in the days ahead. In particular, we believe that our school is in a unique position because of the vision we had seven years ago, whereby, with the support of the Education Committee, the parents and dedicated staff, we introduced technology to our classrooms. Students in Grades 3 to 7 are accustomed to receiving assignments on-line and our teachers are proficient with the use of technology. We currently already have many programs in place. The continuity of learning for Kindergarten to Grade 2 will pose more of a challenge, however, we are in a good place because of the good base of knowledge our primary teachers have around technology.

It is not our intention for learning to become a “homeschool” model where the parent becomes the teacher. However, your child's age and tendency towards independent learning will guide how much involvement is needed by the parent.

We are currently working on a plan, and will be taking the first week back from Spring Break to formalize it and communicate it to our parents and students. As with anything new, we do anticipate challenges along the way as we fine tune the process. However, our school community is blessed to be in a position where we are well equipped to handle this situation. I have every confidence in our staff and our students that we will all rise to this challenge and be successful.

We urge you to continue to follow the Ministry of Health guidelines to keep safe and healthy. Please pray for all families and their caregivers that are affected by illness.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Grout
OLM Principal