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My dear Parents,

A few years ago, I told you that my special password was “Jeremiah 29”, and that reading that Old Testament passage would give you an idea of the “mandate” by which we would be guided as a school. My own personal prayer each day was then, and is now (...even more than ever...) attuned to leaving us open to see the will of our loving God in all that we do to live out the special mission that is OLH!

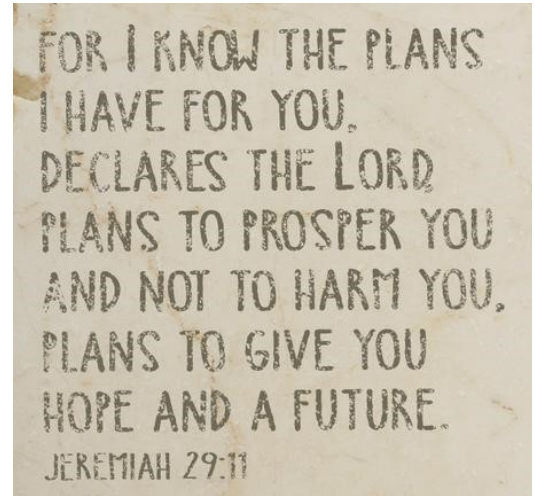
After the very unique and challenging fifteen months surrounding the pandemic, the days of summer absolutely served as a reminder (again from Jeremiah). *“Be still and know that I am your God”* has simply underscored the fact that all that we have and all that we do is securely in God’s hands. His plan may or may not be exactly what we have in mind, and we certainly may question what emerges.

At the same time, our own *stillness and openness* to “the plan” will serve as well both personally and as a school community.

We have tried keeping everyone up to date throughout the summer through email, the website, School Messenger and, in some cases, phone calls. We remind you to check the [www.olh.org](http://www.olh.org) website frequently so that you do not miss anything. (Sadly, the days of printing, folding, stamping and mailing letters seems to be a thing of the past.)

As we look to the 2021-22 school year at OLH, we embrace a full enrollment, with a strong faculty who are now seasoned veterans of many new techniques and approaches to curriculum. The quest for the very best we can do for our children is always before us! Let us remember that this is a partnership and that communication is essential right from the very beginning. We do ask that you keep in touch with the teachers and they with you!

The openness and honesty that we share must be based upon our common mission and centered around our faith! The prolonged absence from the physical setting of weekly mass should now serve as a special invitation to “bring the family home”. Attendance at Sunday mass, embracing participation as altar servers, choir members, lectors will only solidify that parish/school identity. Let us remember each other in prayer each day and seize every opportunity to help each other grow in God’s love as we surround our beautiful children with opportunities to grow in wisdom, age and grace!



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Know that we look forward to welcoming grades 1-8 back at that first bell on Wednesday, September 8...all in full uniform and ready to begin this year's awesome adventure at OLH! (Check the calendar for the return of all of our other students.)

In the coming two weeks, we do urge you to begin to establish those September routines...bath and bedtime a little earlier.....a breakfast and early morning grooming process in place...readying the backpack, supplies and home devices for assignments...and, of course, creating that student work space (his or her own "home office" stocked with supplies).

On a practical note, we remind you to check uniforms now.....cover the textbooks and be sure that the student's name is placed inside each book.....break-in the school shoes....and make that visit to the barber!

I will film a welcome back YouTube over the next week and urge you to join me as we address a few items that we will need to share. Of course, one of the items will be the latest protocols for reopening. Be sure that you read the overall plan (posted on website) well in advance.

Please be assured of my care and love for each of you. The road ahead will have its challenges, but TOGETHER we can make it be smooth! Please keep me in your prayers as well. YOU are, indeed, part of the plan as suggested by our friend, Jeremiah. It will be wonderful having everyone back where "we belong"

Peace always,

*Sister Kathy*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Faculty conference day	2 Faculty conference day	3	4
5	6 <a href="#">Labor Day</a>	7 Faculty conference day	8 First day GRADES 1-8 Dismissal 12:30	9 Grades 1-8 10am Kdgn orientation 10am PK Orientation Dismissal 12:30	10 Grades K-8  Dismissal 12:30	11
12	13	14 7pm MEETING FOR ALL PARENTS	15 BAND/ VIOLIN DEMO 1PM SCHOOL BOARD	16	17 10:30 Opening liturgy	18
19	20 7-PARENT/ TEACHER MTG PREP 6 -7-8 Hamptones	21  Hamptonix	22 7-PARENT/ TEACHER MTG INTER-MEDIATE 3- 4-5 DRAMA	23 Prin Mtg	24 Young Authors Assembly	25
26	27 iReady begins Tap begins Hamptones  7- PARENT/ TEACHER MTG PRI-MARY K-1-2	28 Ballet Begins  Hamptonix	29 Jazz begins	30 Ballet begins		