



# NOW...MORE THAN EVER ..... WE BEGIN AGAIN!

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS...**what you may be asking...and wondering about as we move toward re-opening. (This are all tentative, of course, pending the State's final decision.)

## What is the first day of school?

Wednesday, September 9 for all PREP students (6-7-8)

Thursday, September 10 for all Intermediate (3-4-5)

Pre-K by appointment

Friday, September 11 for all Primary (K-1-2)

\*\*\*\*ALL will be dismissed at 12:30

Each community comes **ONLY** on the assigned days.

## Will the school buses run?

Each district has the obligation to bus OLH kids regardless of their own district plans. Districts will issue their pick-up and return schedules and any other policies they will implement.

## How will the children enter and exit the building?

All will be directed to their own "community entrances" in the rear of the building. This will be explained in depth as we get closer to opening. Look at the video posted on website.

## Will there be **AFTERCARE** this year?

Yes...the program from 3-5 PM will begin on Monday, September 21.

## Will we be able to resume **Drama, Dance, Chorus**?

Yes.....and we will find a way to re-invent how we do these great performing groups....and **YES**, we will find a way to do the Christmas show! (Creativity!!!!!!)

## What about **Violin, Guitar and Band**?

Yes...there will be a plan in place to resume these...again within proper guidelines. (Not during the first week of September!)

The Paul Effman Music program will be virtual only..for now



**Brynn and Everly will join grades 3 and 1...two of the wonderful new families who will be part of OLH for the first time!**

## Will the children be required to wear masks in school?

**YES....**everyone will wear a mask at all times in the halls, on bus, in the yard, lunchroom....When social distancing is possible within a classroom, masks may be removed.

The school will provide an "official mask with logos" as well as back up disposable masks. We do urge families to provide their own....washable masks (with initials on them)

Masks from home must **NOT** bear any political statement or advertisement for a product.

## **QUESTIONS ASKED DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS:**

**Has the school's plan for reopening been approved by NYS? YES!!!**  
**OLH WILL OPEN ON SEPTEMBER 9!**

**THE FIRST FEW DAYS.....Do THE CHILDREN COME ONLY ONE DAY?**

**YES.....**The purpose of these days is simple orientation...PREP on WEDNESDAY, INTERMEDIATE on Thursday...PRIMARY on Friday

**WHEN IS THE FIRST FULL DAY? MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**WILL THERE BE BUS SERVICE ON THOSE DAYS? YES.** You should be given notice of bus time and stops....If you do not hear from your public school district, please call their transportation offices....before September 4

**WHAT SHOULD THE STUDENTS BRING ON ORIENTATION DAY? Nothing.** This will be a day when we walk them through procedures, explain...meet.....welcome them back.

**DO STUDENTS WEAR UNIFORMS ON THE ORIENTATION DAYS? YES.....**jumpers, slacks, ties, short sleeve shirts, vests (no long sleeve sweaters)

**WILL THEY BE REQUIRED TO WEAR SWEATER VESTS?** The first day will serve as a uniform check up. If the weather is warm during the first weeks of school, students will be permitted to remove the vests ...provided that shirts are tucked in...

**\*\*\*\*\*ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST HAVE NAMES WRITTEN INSIDE**

**MUST CHILDREN WEAR MASKS TO SCHOOL? YES....All will wear masks anytime walking in halls, classrooms, on buses.** When social distancing is possible within a classroom, masks may be removed. The school will provide an "official mask with logos" as well as back up disposable masks. We do urge families to provide their own....washable masks (with initials on them)

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**WILL THERE BE TEMPERATURE CHECKS AT SCHOOL?** YES...at the entrance for each community. PARENTS are asked to do this at home and to keep any child home if displaying a temperature of 100 degrees

**ARE STUDENTS PERMITTED TO BRING CELL PHONES TO SCHOOL? NO....**There is no need for students to carry phones. Any phone observed being used or carried will be confiscated.

**HOW WILL CHILDREN BRING LUNCH?** We ask that each student bring his/her lunch in a disposable bag (not lunch boxes, please). Each should also have a napkin and a baggie to hold the mask during lunch.

**WILL THERE BE HOT LUNCH?** Not at this time. We hope to resume hot lunch and pizza as soon as possible....most likely by November.

**WHAT ABOUT HOT LUNCH?** It is our hope to restart this program of Tuesday and Thursday lunches when we deem it safest....most likely in November.

**WHAT ABOUT PEANUT ALLERGIES?** As of AUGUST 23, OLH is designated as a **PEANUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please help us safeguard the health of all.

**MAY THE CHILDREN BRING BIRTHDAY TREATS AND SNACKS??** Until the “:go ahead:” is given, please do NOT send in brownies, cupcakes, etc. Best suggestion: send a pencil, special eraser or other small item...but, please **NO FOOD**

**IF I GIVE MY CHILD PERMISSION TO WALK TO THE LIBRARY IN TOWN AFTER SCHOOL, HOW DOES HE/SHE LEAVE THE BUILDING?**

***THIS APPLIES ONLY TO PREP STUDENTS:*** The student MUST have a note from the parent submitted to the office prior to 9AM He’s he would leave via the rear Prep door at walkers and riders...walk on the sidewalk around the building and in to town.

**WHEN WILL AFTERCARE BEGIN?** We project that Aftercare will begin (3-5PM) on Monday, September 21.

**WHAT DO WE DO IF OUR FLYNN AND O’HARA ORDER DOES NOT ARRIVE BY SEPTEMBER 9?** Your child should wear dark slacks and aa dress shirt (BOYS) or a skirt and simple blouse (girls) No sweats, tees, jeans

**MAY THE CHILDREN BRING WATER BOTTLES TO SCHOOL?** YES (until we are able to reactivate the fountains ).The bottles must be plastic...with the caps on securely. (NO METAL THERMOS-TYPE WATER BOTTLES)

**IF ANOTHER PARENT IS PICKING UP MY CHILD AFTER SCHOOL, WHAT DO I DO?** Parent should send a note to the office before 9AM stating the name of the parent who will be responsible for pick-up.

**PLEASE:** When you send in a walkers and riders note, be sure to write the NAME of the child and grade on the note. Your name should be visible. (Be sure to use last names....we have several Ava, Sofia, Jacob, etc

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE [www.olh.org](http://www.olh.org)** and go to Now and Yet to Come for complete details regarding opening. Become familiar with

**GOOGLE CLASSROOM  
FLIPPED CLASSROOM  
POWER GRADE BOOK  
ZOOM SESSIONS**

**The curriculum will be the traditional grade level curriculum...BUT...at least for the first few weeks, teachers will be assessing the levels where the children are now. We know that there will be gaps and challenges. The emphasis will be on the basics.....and acclimating students to routine.**

In the event that we would need to revert to a full remote learning plan, please be advised that each grade would be engaged in a full day of directed learning and be given lessons via zoom, directed learning, assigned work. All would work from Google Classroom.

\*\*\*\*It is essential that each student have access to the internet and have a dedicated device for instruction.

**REMINDERS:** Students are being assigned to homeroom units in grades K-8. These groups are not done by “who wants to be with friends; etc.....and will not be adjusted...until and unless the teachers see the need to regroup as ability levels manifest themselves.

**CALLING IN YOUR CHILD’S ABSENCE must be done by telephone before 9AM.....631-283-9140**

Similarly, changing a dismissal to or from walkers and riders MUST be done IN WRITING. We simply cannot accept phone calls with changes in social plans.

There will be NO releasing walkers and riders earlier than 3PM.....and NEVER through the front doors

Teachers are always willing to answer emails....BUT.....THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE BETWEEN 7:45 AM and 3:15pm. The way that scheduling is done this year does not allow for communication while the children are in school.

**ADDENDUM: SEPTEMBER 4**

**WILL THE CHILDREN EAT LUNCH IN THEIR CLASSROOMS? YES....This is a revision!!!!!! All students will eat at their desks.....in homerooms.....Place mats will be supplied.....desks wiped down after lunch..AGAIN...the absolute need for brown bag lunches....**