



Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School  
**The Catholic School in Center Moriches**  
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January 10, 2021

Dear Our Lady Queen of Apostles School Families,

**Registration.** Information about re-registration went out to all current families on Friday and is attached again to this email. Please know that currently, we need to plan for the 2021-2022 school year with the same precautions we have in place presently. We need to plan for limited class sizes with social distancing. Of course, we hope this will not be the case, but we must be especially prudent. We want to have our present students re-enrolled and set up before accepting new student applications. A few of our classes are close to or at capacity at this point. **To ensure your child/children's spot, please register by January 29, 2021. After this date we will be accepting new student registrations and we cannot guarantee a place in the classroom for your child if you do not register now.** In addition, your commitment allows us to better plan for the upcoming school year.

**Catholic Schools Week.** As we have with most things this year, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week, just a little differently. We have kept the great spirit of so much of these different things. Let's keep it going! More information on this will be sent home in the next few weeks. We will still have Open Houses on January 31st and February 4th. Unfortunately, this year we cannot have as many student or parent volunteers to give the tours. All tours are going to be by appointment only. Even though we can't all be physically here in person, as in years past, remember the best way to help Our Lady Queen of Apostles is by talking to your friends and family about all the wonderful things happening here. Your positive word of mouth is the best advertisement we can have.

**OLQA Talent Show.** I am excited to say that we will still have the talent show this year during Catholic Schools Week!! Of course, it will be done a little differently but students in grades 3-8 are invited to register to take part in the show. Please see the attached flyer and register with the link on the google form if you would like to participate.

**Fundraising (a little differently).** This year we must fundraise a little differently than in years past. At this time, we cannot have our traditional fundraiser events. We have postponed the Chinese Auction and Taste of Education until later in the Spring but still need to fundraise to help support Our Lady Queen of Apostles Regional Catholic School. We are looking for a few large item or service donations that we can use for one or two large raffles. Possible items include landscaping services, pool cleaning services, house cleaning services, airline tickets, weekend getaways, large television, or gaming system, etc. If you can donate an item or service, please send an email to [dwaller9350@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller9350@olqany.org).

I know these are difficult times and, for many of us, this year is financially tougher than others. You are already making great sacrifices for your child by investing in their attendance here. Thank you for any help you can offer. No one of us, especially in these days, can do everything. Each one of us, though, can do something.

## Reminders.

**Health.** Please remember to fill out the health screening on Sunday. If you son or daughter will not be in school, please make sure to email [gplechner5585@olqany.org](mailto:gplechner5585@olqany.org) with a letter of absence for our records in addition to filling out the health screening.

If you have traveled anywhere out of New York State or your family is required to quarantine due to COVID please contact Mrs. Waller at [dwaller9350@olqany.org](mailto:dwaller9350@olqany.org) and Mrs. Plechner at [gplechner5585@olqany.org](mailto:gplechner5585@olqany.org) in regards to setting up temporary remote learning. (Any travel out of New York State will require a Covid test or a 10 day quarantine period) Please visit Mrs. Plechner's website for more information about the travel restrictions and requirements to return to school. (<https://olqany.org/travel-restriction-advisory>)

During school hours you can call the nurse at 631-878-1033 to report any positive cases or need to quarantine. Having open communication about travel and quarantine is the best way we can keep everyone (students and their families, faculty, and staff) safe at OLQA.

This is a good time for a reminder for all of us to continue to follow social distancing protocols, wash hands regularly, and wear a mask. We all know that children are social and they should be! Please remind your son or daughter of the importance to maintain 6 feet of distance while in the cafeteria while eating, on a mask break, and to continue to wear their masks properly while distancing at all other times.

**Recess/Gym/Mask Breaks.** With the weather getting colder please remember to send your son or daughter to school with a coat, hat, gloves, etc. Students will be going outside for gym, recess, and mask breaks as long as the weather permits. Students go out if the temperature is above 32 degrees.

While in the classroom's teachers will have a window open a small amount to circulate the air. Please make sure your son or daughter is dressed appropriately for school. Students may wear a white long sleeve shirt under their uniform shirt for warmth and girls may wear navy tights instead of knee highs to help keep warm. Students should have a school sweater or blazer they can wear if they are cold. School sweatshirts are only permitted to be worn on gym days.

Sincerely,



Dawn Waller  
Principal

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, pray for us.  
St. Peter and St. Paul, pray for us  
St. Jude, pray for us  
All Holy Men and Women, pray for us  
St. John the Evangelist, pray for us