



August 27, 2020

Notes from Ojai Valley School

Dear OVS Families,

We are excited to welcome everyone to the 2020-2021 academic year! We know this school year will look a little different at first, and it will likely change as we progress, but please know we are confident it will be a fabulous year filled with new learning as students in all grades stretch their minds and grow independently. Our younger students will be on campus in person and our students in grades 1-12 will begin the year with distance learning.

At the Upper Campus, classes will begin on Monday, August 31, and at the Lower Campus classes will begin on Tuesday, September 1. We've enclosed a few other key reminders and helpful videos.

We would like to remind everyone to be conscientious about exposure risks as we start school. We all need to be very careful with our interactions, and mindful of the health and safety procedures outlined in our [Roadmap to Reopening](#). We look forward to the start of school!

Warm regards,



Craig Floyd,
Head of School
Upper Campus



Laurie Clark,
Head of School
Lower Campus

Welcome Back Spuds!

From PK to 12th grade, OVS students will start classes next week and open the 2020-21 academic year. From construction of our new buildings at the Upper Campus to classroom modifications at Lower Campus, we have been busy improving facilities and enhancing our online programs and safety features. [View the video](#) to learn more about the upcoming days and opening of school.



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Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Drop Off

As we get closer to our first day of school, please prepare your children for the understanding that they will need to wear masks at most times,

except when eating lunch. It is important that they do get used to wearing one for some length of time before coming to school. We know that wearing face coverings is going to be a challenge for some of our younger students. Our amazing teachers will help them during the day. However, we need your help as well. [View the video](#) on health protocols and arrivals, and visit the website for tips on how to help get your child prepared.



[Learn More](#)

Materials Pick-Up

For grades 1 to 8, we are providing a Materials Pick Up Day on Friday, Aug. 28, from 9:00-11:00am on campus. All you have to do is drive up and we will hand you a bag with your child's materials for the upcoming year! Please understand many teachers will be available to greet you from a distance, but others may be in training meetings. We ask that you wear a mask when you come to pick up your child's materials.

Lower Campus Virtual Check-In

Grades 1- 8 will have a Virtual Check In on Monday, August 31 at 9:00 a.m.

The purpose of this check-in is to say "hi" to kids and get them excited about the first day and also to check in with families to resolve any tech issues. Our Tech Team will be available to assist you before Tuesday. Our goal is to support families and make sure they can access their Moodle and Seesaw accounts, and understand the various online procedures, before the first day of classes. Please check with your homeroom teacher/advisor for more details. Pre-K will also have a Virtual Check-In at 3:00 p.m. and Kindergarten at 4:00p.m. to review the drop off/pick up process.

Upper Campus Virtual Orientation

Parents and students please join us for our new student virtual orientation program on Sunday, August 30, at 3:00 pm PST. During the virtual orientation program, Head of School Craig Floyd will welcome you to the start of the school year, and introduce the administrative team for the high school. We will also answer your questions. In order to make the program as efficient as possible, please email Mrs. Laurel Colborn at lcolborn@ovs.org with your questions in advance. She will compile the questions and provide answers during the program. Please submit your questions by 3:00 pm tomorrow. We will email you the Zoom link for the program by Friday, August 28.

Meet the Upper Campus Faculty

High school classes begin online on Monday, August 31. Classes start promptly at 8:10 a.m. Before the first day of class, you should login to your Moodle account. Once you have logged into Moodle, you will be able to access short videos that the faculty recorded to introduce themselves to you and the topics that will be covered in their classes. We've taken just a few snippets from some of those videos, [click here](#), but be sure to take the time to view the longer versions posted on Moodle.

