Blue Wolf Family,      July 28, 2020

We hope this letter finds you well. Our goal is to give you as much information possible about how we are opening school without overwhelming you. We know this year is like no other due to the COVID-19 Crisis, but we will work together to make this a successful school year.

Here is a check list to help you prepare for the beginning of school for OCA:

_____ REQUIRED & MOST IMPORTANT – Complete the Parent Survey for Back to School Choice that will be posted from Wednesday, July 29th, beginning at 8:00 am, to Sunday, August 2nd, (SURVEY ENDS AT 11:59 PM, SUNDAY) on the OCA website www.ectorcountyisd.org/oca It will also be posted on the main ECISD website at www.ectorcountyisd.org, and it will be posted on the OCA Facebook page and OCA Twitter page.

In this survey, you will decide if your student will either (1) attend school in a hybrid model where they will attend school 2-3 days a week and the rest at home virtually, OR your student will (2) stay home all 5 days a week, and complete school 100% virtually. Parents must commit their choice to the first 9 weeks of school which ends October 14th, for OCA. ALL PARENTS must complete this survey.

_____ Review the Opening of School Phase-In document that is included with this letter. This will inform you of when your student will begin school and what the first 13 days of school will look like. This also may help you decide if you want to choose the hybrid model or 100% virtual model for your student in the survey above.

_____ Review the schedule of what a day will look like at OCA. This also may help you decide if want to choose the hybrid model or 100% virtual model for your student in the survey.

_____ Make sure you have purchased a clear or mesh backpack, and all the other supplies listed on our Supply List. Even if you stay at home 100% of the time, you will still need those supplies as you complete your assignments. A copy of the supply list is included with this letter. Don’t forget to bring a MASK everyday!

_____ Review the OCA / OCTECHS school calendar. It is different than the regular ECISD calendar. It is included with this letter. There are some days our students will go to school when the rest of ECISD has the day off. This is required so that we do not miss any college classes.

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As the OCA Family, we foster innovative leaders driven to forge the future.
The first 3 days of school will be orientation for our 9th graders. This will replace the Bridges program that we could not do over the summer. All 10th, 11th, and 12th grade will see their teachers online and complete assignments virtually during this time. Explanation of the next week will be given to ALL students during these first 3 days of school.

10th, 11th, and 12th grade will be staggered in the week of August 17th for when they arrive at school. Their orientation will be done at that time.

College classes will begin the week of August 24th. Our regular schedule will begin at that time in that 50% of our students attend Monday-Tuesday, and the other 50% will attend school Wednesday-Thursday. More than likely, beginning Friday, August 28th, all Fridays will be virtual for all students, with the exception of students we ask to come in for tutoring, or we believe are behind in their assignments.

Students taking college classes will see their professors once a week. The other day will be virtual for the college classes.

Lunches will be a CLOSED CAMPUS for ALL STUDENTS 9TH – 12TH GRADE. Leaving class for lunch like last year will not be an option. Students will be assigned a Lunch / Advisory teacher who will escort their Lunch Class to Travis Hall. The students will have 3 choices for lunch: (1) Bring your own lunch from home in the morning. Parents cannot drop off fast food at lunch time; (2) Eat the ECISD provided Grab and Go lunch for FREE; (3) Purchase a Grab and Go (around $6) from Great Western Dining (OC food provider) in Travis Hall. The snacks in the OC Book Store will be off limits to high school students during lunch time this school year. After students pick up their lunch in Travis Hall, they will be escorted back and eat in their Lunch / Advisory class. **NOTE – Great Western Dining will not begin until Aug. 24th. August 12 – 21st will be ECISD Lunch food only.**

When students are home and taking classes virtually, they will log in at the time the class begins. For example, if they have Algebra II at 8:00 am, they will login by 8:00 am, and participate with their class that is present in the room. They will be able to see each other. They will be able to speak and hear each other. Students in class will be able to see the student at home. Most importantly, this is how we take attendance. Students who login by 8:00 am and participate in this class will be marked present. Those who do not login and not participate from home, will be marked absent. This will look much different in how we did “online” school last semester.

We will have a staggered dismissal from 3:20 – 3:40 pm, Monday – Thursday. Students who drive will get in their vehicle and go home. **Students who have their parent pick them up will have to be on time. This is very important. Odessa College will not permit parents to pick up their student late.** Due to COVID-19, the Game Room is closed and the Sports Center is closed after school. There is no place for students to “hang out” after school. **Students must be picked up by 3:45 pm each day. Please make arrangements for this to happen.**

I am sure you will still have questions over lots of things. Please feel free to contact our main office, or email me, or message me on the school OCA Facebook page (I am the one who answers the questions on the OCA Facebook page). We will go through this journey together. I am sure there will be changes as we progress through the year. Please know we are working hard to make this year the best year possible. As always, I thank you for your support. You are welcome in our main office anytime (with a mask 😊) to address your questions. Together, we will be successful. GO WOLVES!!

James Ramage, Principal

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What a Day in the Life of an OCA Student at OC will look like 😊

STUDENTS MUST WEAR A MASK THAT COVERS THEIR MOUTH AND NOSE WHILE THEY ARE AT ODESSA COLLEGE. THIS INCLUDES OUTSIDE ALL BUILDINGS, INSIDE ALL BUILDINGS, AND INSIDE ALL CLASSROOMS. THIS IS REQUIRED IF YOU WANT TO BE ON THE ODESSA COLLEGE CAMPUS AND ATTEND CLASSES.

Before 8:00 am and Before School: (wearing a mask)
- Report to the building nearest your first morning class (most likely Deaderick Hall) and have your temperature checked and receive a wristband for your campus pass for the day. This is required by Odessa College of all persons on campus, Monday – Friday. Wristbands are different colors each day.

Classes begin at 8:00 am: (wearing a mask)
- Students must be on time. Teachers will greet them at their door, check for the wristband, then give each student some hand sanitizer.
- Students will sit in their assigned seat. Desks will be 6 ft apart, with only 12-14 desks in each room (50% capacity).
- Students will help the teacher wipe down their desk at the end of class (like a Clorox wipe).
- Dismissal will be staggered so the halls are not crowded. (10 minute passing periods). Students will walk 6 ft from each other for social distancing.
- This process will repeat itself for their 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm lunch, and their 2:00 pm class.

Lunch: (wearing a mask to and from)
- Lunch is CLOSED CAMPUS FOR ALL STUDENTS 9TH – 12TH GRADE.
- Students will report to their Lunch / Advisory teacher by 12:30 pm.
- At their assigned time, students will be escorted by their teacher to Travis Hall to pick up either the FREE ECISD Grab and Go lunch or purchase (around $6) a Grab and Go from Great Western Dining, which is the contracted food service for Odessa College. Great Western Dining services will begin August 24th.
- Fridays will only be the ECISD free food service. No Great Western Dining services on Fridays.
- Students will be escorted back to their lunch classroom to eat lunch (can take off masks at that time)
- Students may bring their lunch from home with them in the morning. Parents cannot drop off lunch (fast food) at lunch time.

Dismissal: (wearing a mask)
- Students will be staggered for dismissal from 3:20 – 3:40 pm each day to avoid crowds in the halls and outside.
- Parents will pick up their student at that time and leave for the day. Students must be picked up by 3:45 pm. Parents cannot be late.
- There are no after school activities. The OC Game Room is closed. The OC Sports Center is closed. There is no place for students to “hang out” after school and Odessa College will not allow students to hang out after school to visit.
- Students who drive will walk straight to their vehicle, get in, and safely go home.

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What a Day in the Life of an OCA Student will look like when they are home and working virtually... 😊
Both Hybrid OR at Home 100% of the Time

When students are working from home virtually, they are still in school from 8:00 am – 3:40 pm each day. Students cannot work (a job) or sleep-in during this time. Their job is school during this time and they will report to each class virtually on time. IMPORTANT – This is how OCA counts attendance for students who work from home. Those who do not login to each class on time will be marked absent.

Before 8:00 am:
- Students are to be up between 7:00 and 7:30 am. Get something to eat. Have some coffee or juice.
- Get dressed in something school appropriate to be seen. T-shirts and shorts are acceptable.
- Students turn their Chromebook on and have it ready for class. Go ahead and login before 8:00 am.
- You will see the class and they will see you at home.
- Choose a place at home to do schoolwork like a table or desk. NOT your bed.
- Being that you are on your laptop all day, you need to keep it plugged in all day. Use an extension cord if you need it for room.

By 8:00 am and while all Classes are going on during the School Day:
- Students in class will see you at home. You will see the class. You will be able to hear each other, too.
- Students from home will be marked present when the teacher sees them online.
- Students who do not login and not seen by their teacher will be marked absent.
- Students from home will participate in class. Teachers will ask you questions. You will answer questions. You will be able to ask questions. You will be able to participate with the students in class.
- This is just like regular school. You will participate with the class like you were sitting in the class, but you are actually sitting at home.
- You will get a 10 min break in between classes that you will log off, then login to your next class.
- Class times are 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 2:00 pm.
- Lunch is at 12:30. You will not have to check in to Lunch Class. You will have the whole 80 minutes for your self at home.
- Begin preparing for class after lunch about 1:50 pm.
- Your last class is at 2:00 pm. When the class dismisses around 3:20 pm, you can then log off. You can only do this when the teacher tells you to log off.

Friday Classes:
- Most of your Friday classes will be virtual beginning August 28th
- The school day begins at 8:00 am on Friday.
- Each class will be 35 minutes. You will have to login on time to each class to be marked present.
- Friday classes end at 2:40 pm
- You will not login for lunch

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