



## New Policies for OCG's 2020-21 School Year

The following are our current policies for our upcoming school year. As you know, the COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving, so we appreciate your patience and flexibility.

1. The fall semester will be held online. Our classes will begin on Saturday, August 1, and we will have a “normal” schedule through the end of December, except that instruction will be remote. We will try to hold as many of our scheduled cultural events online.

2. We are planning on resuming in-person classes in January. This is obviously subject to change. We will be constantly monitoring the COVID-19 situation and will make a decision as soon as possible. When we do come back we will do our utmost to make OCG as safe and sanitary as we can. We will keep everyone informed.

3. Online classes. As many of our parents have requested, we will increase the length of our weekly Zoom classes. Please note that this may take different forms: some will have 90-minute sessions, others might split instruction into smaller groups, etc. The teachers will be continuing to train in new techniques and technologies over the summer, so as to make their classes as interactive and engaging as possible.

The teachers are also working on how best to deliver and collect homework and assignments, and how to more effectively grade and assess student work. Your teachers will be in contact with you directly over the coming months.

4. Tuition and fees. We will continue to charge half-tuition for the time we are teaching remotely. We will charge full tuition only when we are physically back at school. In either case, we will be paying our teachers and TAs their full salaries.

We will not be participating in the Food Fair this year. We are also cancelling this year's “Management Fee” as we understand that some families may be facing financial difficulties.

5. Committee work. For the moment we will have all of our returning parents continue in their current committee assignments. The PA may ask some of you to shift assignments this summer, depending on the work that needs to be done, and to make things as fair as possible. When we reconvene with in-person classes we will likely need extra help with the safety committee.

6. Re-Registration. You will receive a notice from us next week about how to re-register your student. As before you will be updating your basic information, emergency contact information, and photo release. If you are not planning on returning, there will be a withdrawal form link on the notice.

We understand that some families are considering returning to school after in-person classes resume. If that is the case we will not charge any new registration fees when you return. However, we strongly recommend staying in school, if possible, as your student will fall behind if she/he misses a full semester of classes.