



July 22, 2011

Dear OLA Families,

It's hard to believe that summer break is more than half way through and school will be back in session in about four weeks. I trust our dear students are having a wonderful, well deserved time away from school, and that family members are enjoying the warm weather and days together.

This summer, at OLA, the office is abuzz with activity: we are busy remodeling, painting and re-carpeting rooms for the fresh, new school year; new books, magazines and supply orders are arriving daily; new students are being enrolled; and teachers are busy planning and crafting new ideas for yet another exciting year.

School begins on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 for students in K-6. Preschool begins on Thursday, August 25, 2011 with a modified schedule. The **Open House for K-6** will be held this year on Monday, August 22, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Our **Pre-School Open House** will take place on Tuesday, August 23 from 9:00 am.

This year we are pleased to fully implement our enhanced Spanish language program at OLA. For grades 1-6, students will have two weekly sessions of instruction to focus on grammar, phonics and comprehension in Spanish. New benchmarks will be set for each grade and academic content increased to deliver a program that goes beyond the Spanish program in any other MACS school.

We are also extremely proud to begin our middle school this year. We welcome our 6th grade students who will enjoy an enhanced music curriculum, the use of a mobile computer lab and the opportunity to participate in an in-school sports program among many other middle school studies and activities.

We will welcome two new teachers for Spanish and PE when school commences in August. They will work with our returning teachers to continue the mission of implementing new programs and utilizing new approaches for students throughout the school. Our faculty and PTO will also be working to provide more co-curricular and extra-curricula activities in 2011-12. All these ideas and innovations will make the coming year even more successful for our students.

All the information that you will need is being posted on the web site www.olainfo.com. Please check there for all the *Back to School* information. **Also, be sure to read our important notices on Open House and our Back to School Night in September.** If you do not have access to the internet, please call the school and we will put a packet in the mail for you. You may also stop by during our office hours (Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) and pick one up.

We are very excited about the upcoming school year and look forward to seeing our children on Open House Night -August 22nd. If you have any questions before then, do not hesitate to call the school's office at 704-531-0067.

God's blessings as you continue to have a safe, relaxing summer.

Yours in Christ,

Allana-Rae Ramkissoon

Principal