

Dear La Reina Families,

Perhaps never before has there been as much anticipation for the beginning of a school year as this 2020-21 year. We are profoundly grateful for the trust that you have placed in us during this difficult time. We value your partnership as together we dedicate ourselves to your daughter's educational and spiritual journey.

As we communicated last week, our Leadership, as well as our *Return to Campus Task Force*, have been thoughtfully reviewing and discussing the <u>new guidelines</u> released July 17, 2020, by Governor Newsom.

At this time, we will begin the school year with all students participating in our distance learning educational experience, *La Reina at Home.*

While we were eager to welcome our students back to campus for the start of school, La Reina is prepared to fully open our campus as soon as we receive county approval.

La Reina at Home: The La Reina Experience Online

We continue to refine and grow our distance learning program. We have made investments in technology and the addition of a new program to support a dynamic student life culture. We are excited to welcome five new teachers to the La Reina faculty helping us to keep our promise of a personalized academic experience for your daughter.

As always, La Reina is committed to educating the whole person and creating a community that is welcoming and inclusive.

We are particularly proud of the commitment demonstrated by our students while experiencing La Reina's distance learning program in Spring 2020:

- 97.7% attendance
- 91% parent satisfaction
- 30% higher scores than their state and national peers, on all Humanities AP exams taken by La Reina's students in spring 2020; 100% AP pass rate for AP Statistics; and, 80% AP pass rate in AP Biology.

A Message to our Students: Start of School

For our students new to La Reina, we look forward to welcoming you virtually on August 10th through our *OnBoard!* orientation program.

For all students, we look forward to beginning the school year on August 11th. The opening days of school will include a variety of activities to build community with your peers and teachers, to orient you to *La Reina at Home* policies and platforms, and to provide you with the support you need for a successful start to the school year.

Our teachers are looking forward to welcoming you to their virtual classrooms! Information regarding the first week of school and device distribution will be forthcoming.

La Reina's Plans for On Campus Instruction

We are hopeful that Ventura County will soon meet the updated epidemiological metrics allowing students to learn on campus. In preparation, La Reina has submitted the "Reopening & COVID - 19 Mitigation Plan Template" to both the Ventura County Office of Education and the Ventura County Public Health Department. Ensuring that La Reina is positioned to open on campus as soon as possible, both agencies have acknowledged receipt and noted that the completed plans have been filed.

La Reina's goal is to welcome students to campus for instruction within one week of Ventura County meeting the updated requirements from the California Department of Public Health.

This transition week will allow us time to ensure students are familiar and comfortable with all new safety measures designed to keep them, your family, and our staff healthy.

La Reina's staff continues to work tirelessly to ensure that our learning environment meets all health and safety guidelines. We are pleased to bring you <u>this message</u> from our Director of Facilities, Mr. Laird Wilson.

Key to our unwavering academic success is our deep concern and care for your daughter's social and emotional well-being. Whether through the experience of *On Campus Instruction* or *La Reina at Home,* we are excited to offer new and creative means of supporting your daughter and nurturing her faith.

As we embark on this new year, please know that we are looking forward to providing your daughter with a truly amazing educational experience.

Peace and continued blessings,

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