



September 11, 2020

Greetings!

As you can imagine, these past few months have been filled with many difficult decisions for the OC Co-Directors and Board. We have been working diligently to forge a path towards an opening that is safe and respectful of the community's wishes. We are trying to live up to our philosophy of consensus-based decision making, and while that may take more time, it is a core value of OC. Due to this, we are delaying the start of OC's 2020-21 program year.

We have heard you and your strong desire to return to campus and reconnect with the OC Community. Instead of starting the year with virtual programming, which is not ideal, we are going to devote all resources and energy to an on-campus reopening. Following the recommendation of the Chester County Health Department, we intend to begin in-person programming sometime after October 9th.

Although we would like to offer all programs, it has become increasingly clear that that may not be possible. To that end, OC is reevaluating what programs it can offer for the 2020-21 year, and we will provide this information along with the health and safety plan on September 21st. Any missed weeks of programming will be credited to your next tuition payment or refunded to you if your tuition has been paid in full. We understand that this is a challenging year for many; if you would prefer a full refund, we will provide that to you promptly.

We know this news is difficult to hear, but we are committed to keeping you frequently updated as our re-opening plans progress. We cannot thank you enough for the patience and understanding you have demonstrated throughout this process and unprecedented year. We completely understand that pausing opening is not the outcome any of you, or we, desired, but firmly believe that it is what OC needs right now.

Sincerely,

The OC Board

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