



Mater Dei Catholic School

2018 National Blue Ribbon School

The President and Principal's Pen

March 18, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the day, we hope that our first day of eLearning was a success for our students, teachers, and parents. We are a "work in progress"! We promise that we will continue with all that worked well, and we will work to make any adjustments needed to make this transition as smooth as possible. We will be in daily communication with the faculty, and we will work together to advance the eLearning program each day.

Saturday, March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day! Mater Dei would like to mark this special day by inviting our MD students to wear their Mater Dei Spirit wear and crazy socks on **Friday, March 20th**. The Crazy Sock initiative was formed to get people talking and asking questions about Down Syndrome. The idea is to wear brightly colored or mismatched socks. So, look through your drawers and see what you can come up with to participate in this Mater Dei celebration of World Down Syndrome Day!

We received several pictures from families today of home classrooms! We would love to share your pictures with the Mater Dei Community. You are welcome to send you family pictures to sharenews@materdeicatholic.com. We will include your photos in future parent communications and on our social media! We are doing this to keep us all connected during our days apart.

Please know that we are here for you. Do not hesitate to send an email to us if you need anything or if you have a question that you need to be answered.

A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP NELSON PEREZ

The pastoral and temporal response of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic continues to evolve as this public health matter develops.

Recently, you have experienced sudden changes to your work life and our mode of operations. During these uncertain and anxious times, all of us remain committed to fulfilling the mission of the Church through her various ministries.

Please [click here](#) to see Archbishop Nelson's loving and thoughtful message to students.

We continue to remember you in our daily prayer! May God bless you and keep your family healthy today and always!

Most sincerely,

Miss Diane E. McCaughan
President

Miss Elizabeth A. Waltrich
Principal