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Health and Safety Plan Update

Dear Parents,

As promised, we will continue to update you on the findings of the Task Force, who are working on a *Health and Safety Plan* for the reopening of Mater Dei Catholic School in the fall. Today's edition includes:

- Schedule for the First Week of School
- Arrival and Dismissal Times
- CARES Hours of Operation
- Uniform Clarifications

Schedule for the First Week of School

We are excited to be planning to reopen Mater Dei Catholic School for the 2020-2021 school year. In order to provide for a smooth transition for all students, we will have a scattered opening the first week of school. This schedule will enable us to welcome our children and ease them into the new school year as they adapt to changes required by the Mater Dei *Health and Safety Plan*. The first three days of school in September will be full days of school, except if a child is signed up for a half-day program.

- Wednesday, September 9th - Grades 4 to 8 will return.
- Thursday, September 10th - Kindergarten to Grade 3 will return.
- Friday, September 11th - Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 will return.
- Monday, September 14th - Pre-K3 through Grade 8 will return.

Arrival and Dismissal

We will be utilizing a number of doors throughout the school building for children to arrive and depart. Due to new morning procedures, children are welcome to arrive at school between 8:00 AM and 8:45 AM. The dismissal process will begin with the children in Pre-K 3 dismissing at 3:00 PM, followed by the students in Pre-K 4 at approximately 3:10 PM. The car riders and bus students will dismiss at 3:20 PM. The new *Health and Safety Plan* will outline in great detail, which doors each grade will use to enter and exit the building at arrival and dismissal to adhere to physical distancing requirements.

CARES Hours of Operation

CARES will open at 6:45 AM and close at 6:00 PM. CARES will be held in the gym and cafeteria for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration for CARES will be available in mid-August.

Uniform Clarifications

Just to clarify, children will wear the navy blue polo shirts year-round instead of the navy blue sweaters and ties because it is much easier for parents to wash the polo shirts regularly than to wash the sweaters.

Several parents requested permission for the girls in grades 1 through 4 to wear the winter navy, white, and khaki skirt instead of the navy, white and khaki jumper. This is totally acceptable. We did not want parents to incur additional costs; however, it is definitely an option if you choose. Also, the girls in grades 1 through 8 are welcome to wear khaki pants with the navy polo shirt if that is more comfortable for your daughter.

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Thank you for your commitment to Mater Dei Catholic School. We will continue to keep you informed through the summer months. Have a great weekend!

Most sincerely,

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