



MATER DEI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

Mary, May We Be A Reflection Of Your Hope And Peace

August 21, 2020

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank the many families who completed their Instructional Model forms and returned them to us. If your family has not completed the form, we ask you to do so as soon as possible. To access the form, please click [here](#) to find the form on our website. This information is valuable for the continuation of our planning for the 2020-2021 school year.

Many thanks to the hundreds of parents who participated in the Zoom meetings over the past three weeks. It is our hope that your current questions and concerns were answered by the various members of the Task Force. We are continuing to post the Q&A from all the Zoom meetings on the Mater Dei website. The [Mater Dei Health and Safety Plan](#) and the [Q&A](#) documents are password protected due to the sensitive information. The password is [REDACTED]. We encourage all families to take the time to review the questions and answers from each Zoom meeting. There could be a question that maybe you did not consider, and the information might be helpful as we move forward to the reopening of Mater Dei Catholic School. In addition, please take the time to read the [Summer President/Principal's Pens located on the Task Force 2020 page on the website](#). The first [Summer Pen](#) was posted on July 1, 2020. The [Summer Pens](#) contain valuable information regarding uniforms, the first week of school schedule, and other important information for our school families.

Welcome

At this time, it is our privilege to introduce the new faculty members to the Mater Dei community.

Mrs. Kristen Gulla ~ Pre-K 3A
Miss Emily Benincasa ~ Pre-K 3B
Miss Jennifer Miller ~ Pre-K 4C
Mrs. Jenna Douglas ~ Pre-K 4 (Hatfield Campus)
Miss Mary Kate Cronin ~ Grade 7
Mrs. Jeannine Walsh ~ Academic Learning Resource Grades 5 to 8

We ask you to join us in extending a warm Mater Dei welcome to the new members of our community. They are eager to meet and come to know our Mater Dei families!

The following faculty members are venturing to new positions for the 2020-2021 school year:

Miss Mackenzie Corkery ~ Art
Miss Katie Mitchell - Grade 3
Mrs. Margie Bauder ~ Pre-K 4C

Technology Support

Mater Dei Catholic School has formed a partnership with *Education Technology Professionals* for full-spectrum technology support. ETP will be providing technology integration coaching, advanced networking support, professional development, and technology repair. As we embark into eLearning, we are excited to be able to offer a designated help desk that all faculty, staff, parents, and students can access to address any concerns with any Mater Dei issued devices or subscriptions.

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 - Only Grades 4 to 8 will return.

Thursday, September 10th - Only Kindergarten to Grade 3 will return.

Friday, September 11th - Only Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 will return.

Monday, September 14th - All students in Pre-K3 through Grade 8 will return.

Thank you so very much for your commitment to Mater Dei Catholic School. We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school after many months, and we are looking forward to meeting the children who are joining the Mater Dei community!

Have a great weekend!

Most sincerely,

Miss Diane E. McCaughan
President

Miss Elizabeth A. Waltrich
Principal