



MATER DEI

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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

September 14, 2020

Dear Parents,

Good afternoon! With the first full day of school behind us, we would like to thank you for all you have done to prepare your children for the 2020 - 2021 school year! We are off to a great start, thanks to everyone working together to bring our children back to school both virtually and in person!

The children of Mater Dei are working hard with their teachers to become familiar with new policies and procedures outlined in the ***Mater Dei Health and Safety Plan***. The students have been so cooperative, but as you can imagine, simple things are taking twice the time. We decided today that we need to make some accommodations to the school calendar to give our school community time to adjust. Please see the changes to the September calendar listed below:

- **Opening School Liturgy** - scheduled for **tomorrow, September 15**, will be combined with the Student Council/National Junior Honor Society Installation Mass on **Tuesday, September 29**, at 2:00 PM. This Mass will be live-streamed for the students at Mater Dei. Details will follow for parents of the students involved in these organizations so we can make arrangements for your attendance at Mass.
- **Zoom Back to School Night** - scheduled for Grades 1 to 8 on **Tuesday, September 22**, will be postponed to **Wednesday, September 30, at 7:00 PM**. In the meantime, our teachers will correspond with you through their web pages found on the Mater Dei website www.materdeicatholic.com.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the faculty and staff of Mater Dei Catholic School. Our dedicated teachers and staff are going above and beyond to care for our children's needs: spiritually, academically, socially, and emotionally. This is in addition to the intense cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing that is going on in the classrooms all day long. The Mater Dei teachers worked tirelessly throughout summer to prepare for the re-opening of our school and continue to do so. We made the calendar

changes so that the Mater Dei Catholic School community has time to acclimate to our new routines.

We are grateful to you, our parents, for your continued support for Mater Dei Catholic School. We are looking forward to an awesome school year! Let us pray for each other as we work together to care for the beautiful children of Mater Dei Catholic School.

With sincere gratitude,

Miss Diane E. McCaughan
President

Miss Elizabeth A. Waltrich
Principal