



MATER DEI

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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

October 28, 2020

Dear Parents,

Good afternoon! Halloween and All Saints' Day are around the corner! It feels like we opened the doors of Mater Dei for the 2020-2021 school year just yesterday! We hope you and your family are well and that you are continuing to navigate life during these very different times. We have several school happenings to share with you today.

Heartfelt Thanks/Mater Dei Health and Safety Plan

We want to extend our sincere gratitude to all families for your attentiveness to the Health Tools link each morning. Your cooperation and faithfulness in providing this information to us has been extraordinary. We are truly grateful.

The ***Mater Dei Health and Safety Plan*** is posted on our website. Just a reminder, the password to access the document is **Return2Learn2020**. We wanted to be sure all families can access the plan so that you can periodically review the policies and procedures outlined by the Task Force. We continue to pray that God will keep our families, children, and staff safe during the pandemic.

Our Children/Faculty and Staff

The children of Mater Dei Catholic School have been nothing less than amazing. Our three-year-old children to our eighth-grade students have done a fantastic job adjusting to the newness of school and all the necessary procedures to keep them as safe as possible. We could not be prouder of them, and we so appreciate their tremendous response to all that is new.

The faculty and staff of Mater Dei have gone above and beyond our expectations to meet the needs of our in-person and our eLearners. Their remarkable commitment to our children has been indeed a blessing to our school community. We have asked our faculty and staff to take on so many additional responsibilities. The faculty and staff have been more than gracious in their response to our new cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting procedures, in addition to reorganizing their classroom lessons, projects, and activities. We are sincerely grateful to our fantastic Mater Dei Team!

Halloween Goose Chase

Halloween Goose Chase weekend begins tomorrow, October 30th at 4:00 PM and ends Sunday, November 1st at 7:00 PM. What a great way to spend Halloween weekend. The cost is \$30.00 per family. This event is part of **FIT** program (Families Impact Technology). There is still time to join other families by signing up at materdeicatholic.com. Join in the fun!

All Saints' Day and Veterans' Day

Our first-grade students are busy preparing for our traditional **All Saints' Day** celebration on Monday, November 2nd. Families will receive a link on Monday, November 2nd for you to enjoy this celebration with your families at your convenience. The children of Mater Dei will celebrate All Saints' Day at 2:00 PM in their classrooms. We are looking forward to praying with our "first grade Saints."

The sixth-grade class is currently working on Mater Dei's annual tribute to our Veterans'. We will celebrate Veterans' Day Wednesday, November 11th. We are very proud of the students for the effort they are putting into this event to honor our heroes. All families will receive a link for the Veterans' Day Prayer Service early on the morning of November 11th. The students will participate in the Prayer Service with their classmates during the school day.

As we have done in past years, we have collected pictures of Veterans to be honored. This year we ask you to submit your picture digitally to be used in our virtual Veterans Day. In order to do so, please complete this [Google Form](#). If you would like to honor more than one Veteran, please submit one Google Form per Veteran. Please have forms submitted by Tuesday, November 3. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Kehan at ckehan@materdeicatholic.com.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

We scheduled **Parent-Teacher Conferences** for Tuesday, November 17th, and Monday, November 23rd. Teachers will hold conferences for parents of students in Pre-K through Grade 8. The SignUp- Genius is live for you to choose a conference day and time.

Link and Direction for Sign-up [Genius](#)

We are looking forward to meeting with you to share your child's gifts and progress.

Employment Opportunities

We have several positions open at Mater Dei. We ask your help by passing this information to family members, neighbors, and parishioners of your local parish. If you know of anyone interested, please have them contact Diane McCaughan dmccaughan@materdeicatholic.com or 215-368-0995.

Pre-K 3 Aide: Tuesday and Thursday AM at the Hatfield Campus

Substitute Aides: Monday through Friday – Hatfield and Lansdale

Campuses

Substitute Teachers – Hatfield and Lansdale Campuses

Health and Safety Technician - Monday through Friday (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM)

Possibility of full time position or a job share opportunity

Job Description of Health and Safety Technician:

Mater Dei is looking to add a Health and Safety Technician to our staff. This technician would oversee and perform the preventative and reactive maintenance duties required for daily cleaning and disinfecting of the school building and common outdoor areas and maintaining daily replenishing of used items in common areas This position requires dedication and flexibility to work 40+ hours. The Health and Safety Technician reports directly to the Maintenance Supervisor and Business Manager. Send resume to Diane E. McCaughan at dmccaughan@materdeicatholic.com

Thank you for your commitment to Mater Dei Catholic School. It is a pleasure to be with your children each day. Let us continue to pray for one another as we approach the season of Thanksgiving! May God bless you and your family and keep you all safe!

Most sincerely,

Miss Diane E. McCaughan
President

Miss Elizabeth A. Waltrich
Principal