



# MATER DEI

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON  
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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

November 17, 2020

Dear Parents,

Good afternoon! With great disappointment, we are again faced with the two week closing of Mater Dei Catholic School for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 because of the Montgomery County Health Department mandate. We have been so grateful for your cooperation with the Healthy eTools screening process, your transparency regarding family situations, and your genuine concern for the health and safety of the children of Mater Dei.

As of Friday, November 20, we have been in school for 11 weeks and have not seen any school transmission of the virus. We are grateful to our faculty and staff for the extraordinary care all personnel has taken to keep our children safe, and Mater Dei Catholic School cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected.

As we did in the spring, our teachers will continue to provide a quality Catholic educational program for our students. Mater Dei is not an online institution; however, we learned much in the spring. Our teachers will work to adapt their curriculum to provide a robust eLearning experience for the students. Currently, we are looking at six days of online instruction.

**Monday, November 23rd & Tuesday, November 24th - eLearning Days**

**Wednesday, November 25th - Begins the Thanksgiving Holidays.**

**Monday, November 30th - Scheduled School Holiday**

**Tuesday, December 1st through Friday, December 4 - eLearning Days**

#### **Pre-Kindergarten**

After consultation with their educational, legal counsel, The Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced that Pre-K students would be permitted to attend school in-person during the closure because the mandate does not include Pre-School Programs and Childcare Programs. If you choose to move your child to the eLearning program, you are welcome to do so. We ask any parent interested in moving their child to eLearning to contact the office by **Thursday, November 19th**, so that we can prepare your child's learning supplies.

## **Pick Up of Student Materials – Friday, November 20, 2020**

Parents are invited to pick up the students' crates with their learning materials on **Friday, November 20th, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. We will begin the process as soon as the buses leave the property. Parents of car riders can begin to line up on Third Street coming off Line Street at 3:50 PM. Parents will pull in the schoolyard off Third Street. You will be directed to pull up to the gym doors, and volunteers will give you your children's school crates.

We will send you an additional email on **Wednesday, November 18th**, with further details about scheduling. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding. Let us work together to make this the best possible situation for our dear children.

Most sincerely,

Miss Diane E. McCaughan  
President

Miss Elizabeth A. Waltrich  
Principal