



MATER DEI

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2018 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE

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

December 2, 2020

Dear Parents,

Good afternoon! We miss your children! The hallowed halls are quiet without them. We are grateful for the presence of our Pre-K children, who are holding down the fort. Thankfully, we are coming to the end of the two-week shut down in Montgomery County.

According to the Montgomery County Board of Health website, schools may offer the educational method they choose beginning on **Monday, December 7, 2020**. Resuming in-person education does not require any vote or other action by the Montgomery County Board of Health. Although this information is on the County website, all private schools are invited to a Zoom meeting with the Montgomery County Health Department on Friday morning, December 4, 2020. We will provide you with any additional information after that meeting.

We are planning to open the doors of Mater Dei Catholic School on Monday, December 7, 2020. We ask that the children bring their iPad and Chromebooks with them in their backpacks. The crates will need to be returned with all other school supplies at your convenience during the day on Monday. The drop-off will be in the schoolyard. We will post homeroom signs for you to place the crates according to your child/children's homeroom number. Please label your child's crate with a piece of paper taped to the outside of the crate with each child's name and homeroom. The drop-off schedule is listed below:

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Again, we will need parent volunteers to assist us with this process. As the crates are dropped off, volunteers will deliver them to the classrooms. Parents will need the appropriate clearances. Volunteers will enter the building using the ramp door. The

medical screen process will take place right inside the door. Thank you in advance for all volunteers willing to help with the return of the crates. We want to give a huge shout-out to the parents who helped us on Friday, November 20, for the pick-up! We could not accomplish pick-up or drop-off without you!

Parent Volunteer Form https://forms.gle/cegV1VHBA8bGsYn57_

Friday, December 4, 2020, Neumann Scholar Announcement

We received an invitation to a Zoom webinar on Friday, December 4th, at 10:00 AM from the Connelly Foundation, announcing the 2021 Neumann Scholarship winners. We received the invitation because a student or students from Mater Dei Catholic School will be awarded a Neumann Scholarship on this live call. Initiated in 1995, this scholarship program identifies academically talented 8th grade students in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic School through an academic scholarship test. The Connelly Foundation provides a full four year scholarship to a Neumann Scholar to attend one of seventeen Archdiocesan high schools. The Neumann Scholars Program is respected and recognized by prestigious colleges and universities locally and nationally, and the students are actively recruited. We are very proud of our 8th-grade students who were eligible to take the Neumann Scholarship exam back in October.

In years past, a representative from the Connelly Foundation would visit our school and announce a scholarship winner as we gathered in the gym for an assembly. However, this year presents a unique situation. All 40 students from across the diocese who will be named Neumann scholars will be announced during this webinar.

On Friday, we will watch the live stream of the announcement, and teachers will not provide live instruction from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM. Teachers will make the necessary adjustments to classroom schedules and will communicate that directly to students. We will share more information after this exciting announcement.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Please note that we will continue to observe the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8th, as scheduled on the school calendar. There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students and teachers.

Christmas Wish List

Saturday, December 5, 2020, the Home and School Association will sponsor the Christmas Wish List prizes drawing. There are many wonderful prizes for everyone in the family. You still have time to purchase your chances. Please follow [this link](#) on our school website to see the prizes and purchase your chances. Due to the pandemic, we cannot hold our annual Christmas Extravaganza at Saint Rose of Lima. We are counting on you to help us make the Christmas Wish List drawing a

grand success! Please support this effort. We want to thank the parents who have worked so hard to provide this opportunity for us to support Mater Dei!

As we celebrate the Advent season, you and your family hold a special place in our prayers. We pray for the continued health and safety of all members of the Mater Dei Catholic School community. We are looking forward to welcoming your children home on Monday!

Most sincerely,

Miss Diane E. McCaughan
President

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