



MATER DEI

A CATHOLIC PREPARATORY SCHOOL

March 10, 2020

Mater Dei Prep Families:

As we continue to learn more about COVID-19, the Mater Dei Prep leadership team is committed to ensuring that you are updated in a timely manner. Mater Dei Prep has established a link on our website where you can access up-to-date information. You also should have received an email asking you to fill out a survey relating to critical information about internet access in the home, availability of a personal device, and travel during spring break. Please complete the survey by Wednesday, March 11, 2020.

Commissioner Repollet and Commissioner Judith Persichilli from NJ Department of Health conducted conference calls about COVID-19 with nonpublic school leaders on Friday, March 6th. The purpose was to provide guidance and direction on developing a school closure preparedness plan. Our plans include a focus on uninterrupted learning and address all areas of operation if a school closure is directed by the New Jersey Department of Health. In order to ensure there is no disruption in learning, all Mater Dei Prep teachers will participate in two days of professional development to plan for a continuation of quality instruction online using PowerSchool, should the need arise to close the building.

Mater Dei Prep will be CLOSED, suspending all classes, on Friday, March 13th and Monday, March 16th as we plan for online learning for all students. This suspension will encompass all school and after school activities.

- Please be certain to complete the brief survey regarding internet and technology availability in your home
- Please stay informed of the CDC's travel advisories as your family plans for spring break
- Please utilize these resources for additional information on COVID-19:
 - www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
 - www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml
 - www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus
- In order to minimize the spread of influenza and viruses, our cleaning company, teachers, and staff are utilizing strategies for frequent disinfection of surfaces such as desktops, tabletops, doorknobs, light switches, faucet handles, etc.
- If your child is sick, please keep them home and call the main office to provide a reason for absence

- We are monitoring daily attendance to be cognizant of any students exhibiting possible COVID-19 symptoms

Mater Dei Prep is receiving expert guidance from the Board of Trustees and professionals in our community, as well as following city and state guidance. We will stay in touch with our families with any updates as we receive them.

For further inquiries, questions, or concerns regarding our Mater Dei Prep response, please contact Daniel DeShong at ddeshong@materdeiprep.org or visit the homepage of the Mater Dei Prep website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra Serafin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

Debra Serafin
Principal at Mater Dei Prep