March 15, 2021

Mater Dei Catholic High School
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Mater Dei Celebrates Two Feast Days

Dear Parents,

This past week marked the one-year anniversary of the WHO's official declaration of a pandemic. In the days that followed, school as we knew it would change, with Distance Learning and Zoom classes becoming the norm across the nation.

Now, one year later, as we slowly begin to reopen our society and look ahead toward brighter days, our MDCHS family remains strong and vibrant. We have our juniors on retreat this week on campus, many sports are beginning, and we are able to start having more students return to campus in various forms.

While we cannot predict the future, we fully expect to return to a 5-day in-person school week for Fall 2021. Of course, there will be a distance learning option for those who choose that modality.

The athletic department has been hard at work implementing the guidance for 26 sports to safely return athletes back to their competitive teams. Now we are

beginning to work on plans to have spectators back on campus for outdoor sports after Easter Break. We thank you for your patience as we continue to move these activities forward.

Thank you to everyone who filled out our survey last week. Preliminary results indicate that we will be able to accommodate those Distance Learners who wish to return to campus in our hybrid model. Just over 300 people responded, with more than 100 students indicating that they wish to return. We will be sending a separate communication later in the week with a form for Distance Learners to officially return to campus after Easter Break.

Thank you for registering for the 2021-2022 school year. Just a reminder, Friday is the registration deadline to secure your tuition assistance, scholarships and priority in choosing classes. Please read on to learn more about many upcoming activities we are planning this Spring.

Thank you,

FRANK V. STINGO
Principal

Important Announcements

Registration Deadline is March 19, 2021!

It is important to register and complete ALL checklist items by March 19, 2021 to guarantee your place at Mater Dei for the 2021/2022 school year and any associated tuition assistance/scholarships that may have been awarded. We are not able to guarantee enrollment or elective course preferences for students who register after the March 19, 2021 deadline.

Registration links were emailed last week. If you did not receive your link, please email **enrollment@materdeicatholic.org**.

Parent/Guardian is required to complete the 2021/2022 FACTS agreement for tuition payment(s) to finalize their student's registration!

If you have any questions or require assistance, please email **enrollment@materdeicatholic.org**. You can also contact our Finance Office at 619-423-2121 and ask for Nancy Mireles at ext. 100, Mrs. Estela Gonzalez at ext. 118 or Ms. Ali Carranza at ext. 119.

Register Now

Beware: Spam Emails

It was brought to our attention last week that a suspicious/fake email using a Mater Dei staff member's name was circulating. During these times the world has seen a number of phishing, spoofing, account take over emails

increase exponentially due to people working from home. If you ever receive an email from Mater Dei that looks suspicious, please report this to Mater Dei immediately. It is always “good practice” to check the subject, sender and recipient of the email to make sure it is authentic. If you ever receive an email that looks suspicious, you can always contact Mater Dei IT to look into the matter further. We are attaching an article that may help you avoid falling victim to any scamming emails in the future.

Read the Article

Last year our Career Day was a huge success! This year we are excited to host a Virtual Career Day on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. We are looking for volunteers who would like to participate in our event. This is an opportunity to make a difference in our school community, and to inspire and motivate our students. You will be asked to share your college and career path and give advice to our current students looking to pursue a career in your field. The commitment will be from 9:30-11:30am, and the event will be virtual. We will be communicating details and logistics of the event as the date approaches. If you are interested, please register here.

Register Now

Deadline for Scholarships – Extended

There are several need-based scholarships offered to Mater Dei students. Check out the list and apply to any that your student may qualify for. The first set of application deadlines is coming up April 16, 2021.

Apply Now

MD Café Reminder

The MD Café offers food options for students delivered right to their classroom during snack break in 3rd or 6th block. Visit the website to place an order.

COVID-19 Symptoms

If anyone in your household is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, tests positive for COVID-19, has been identified as a close contact, or if you have questions about sending your student to campus, please contact our Nurse, Lisa McDonald at lmcdonald@mdchs.net.

Upcoming Dates

March 15 and 19, 2021
(Cohort A and Cohort B)

March 17 (Online)
Junior Retreat
St. Patrick's Day Mass at 9am

March 19
Registration Deadline
Feast of St. Joseph

March 24, 2021
SAT Testing

March 29 – April 9, 2021
Easter Break

April 16, 2021
Scholarship Deadlines

April 21, 2021
Virtual Career Day

April 23, 2021
Livestream Production of CLUE

April 29, 2021
Zoom Alumni Reunion Happy Hour

May 5, 2021
60-Years Legacy Mass/May Day Crowning

Important Links

Virtual Career Day Sign Up

Virtual Open House Video – Oct. 29, 2020

Student Safety Pledge

Student Expectations

Mater Dei Catholic COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)

Crusader Connection

Reopening Plan

Parents in Prayer Zoom

Technology Form

Tech Information

Student Parking Pass

[Athletics Physical Form]

[100% Distance Learning Opt-In Form]

[Grandparent Information]

[Winter Awards Recipients]

[SAT for Juniors Registration]

[Alumni Stay Connected]

Dear Crusader Nation,

Due to the updates from the California Department of Health and CIF San Diego Section, we have been given approval to begin more sports. ***Please note that Mater Dei Catholic and Metro Conference start dates and policies may differ from CIF and other member schools.***

Athletes cannot participate without an updated physical. Some sports have and will be delayed due to low numbers of physicals turned in. Contact Mrs. Alvarado if you are unsure of the status of your physical. calvarado@mdchs.net

Every student must have EMocha downloaded on their phone even if they are in Distance Learning. Students will only be allowed into athletic events after completing an EMocha health screening each day. Email Nurse Lisa if having issues. Lmcdonald@mdchs.net

Every student playing Basketball, Football, Soccer, Lacrosse, Volleyball, Wrestling or Water Polo is required to complete the consent waiver prior to the first practice or tryout.

INDOOR SPORTS UPDATE: We are following the CDPH and CIF guidelines for starting indoor sports safely. Conditioning and individual skill activities for many of these sports are beginning to take place in the gym. Please see the specific start dates for Volleyball and Basketball below. We do not have an official start date for Wrestling at this time.

Mater Dei Catholic athletes will only be able to play on one MD sports team at a time. Once a sport season has finished, the student can participate on another team in the next season of sport. Please note that spots on rosters are not guaranteed if sport seasons overlap.

While we are trying to provide opportunities for students to participate in athletics, some sports may not be fielding all three levels (Varsity, JV, Frosh/Novice) due to space, time or roster limitations. I will be working with MD coaches and the Metro Conference to determine which levels will be fielding teams and/or competing.

Metro Conference member schools will not be allowing spectators at events, however we are working on plans to begin having spectators for outdoor sports

after Easter Break. We are working on ensuring all home competitions are streamed through the NFHS Network. Check with coaches for non-conference opponents' policies.

Mater Dei will not provide transportation for athletes to Away competitions.

All students will be responsible to always have a mask and a personal water bottle with their name on it. You will have opportunities to refill on campus.

Below are the start dates and contact information for each sport and head coach.

Please note the changes in start dates for the following sports. Contact the head coach for more details.

Season 2 Start Dates
Baseball: Coach Ed Johnson ejohnson@mdchs.net
March 15 from 1:15-4:00pm – Baseball Field
Softball: Coach Centrullo mcentreullo@mdchs.net
March 15 from 1:30-4:00pm – Softball Field
Boys Lacrosse: Coach Barrios rbarrios@mdchs.net
March 16 from 4:30-6:00pm – Back Field
Girls Lacrosse: Coach Claire Johnson cjohnson@mdchs.net
March 15 from 1:30-3:30pm – Stadium

Indoor Sports Start Dates
Girls Volleyball: Coach Marissa Ritchie mritchie@mdchs.net
March 15 from 1:00-4:00pm
Boys Volleyball: Coach Marissa Ritchie mritchie@mdchs.net
March 15 from 4:00-6:30pm
Boys Basketball: Coach Jason Bryant jbryant@mdchs.net
March 16 from1:00-4:00pm
Girls Basketball: Coach David Monroe dmonroe@mdchs.net
March 16 from 4:00-7:00pm
Boys/Girls Wrestling: Coach Justin Martin jmartin@mdchs.net
TBD

Game Schedule:
3/16 Swimming at 2:00pm vs. Bonita Vista
3/18 Swimming at 2:00pm vs. Eastlake
3/18 Cross Country vs. Chula Vista @ IB Pier
3/19 Football at 7:00pm @ Helix

Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram for more updates and links to livestreams @MDCHSAthletics

Thank you,

Jared Izidoro
jizidoro@mdchs.net
Athletic Director
Mater Dei Catholic High School

COVID Return to Play Form

Campus Ministry Update

Celebrating Mater Dei Grandparents

On Monday, May 10th we will be dedicating our Parents in Prayer Rosary for all Mater Dei Grandparents. Please send us your domestic addresses for Grandparents so we can send them a special 60-Year Legacy prayer card. Unfortunately we cannot send outside of the U.S. Thank You!

Grandparent Information

Junior Retreat Kicks off TODAY!

Cohort A – March 15
Virtual – March 17
Cohort B – March 19

Need Prayer?

Students who need prayer, please send your prayer intentions to intentions@materdeicatholic.org.

Parents in Prayer

Mondays at 8:30am

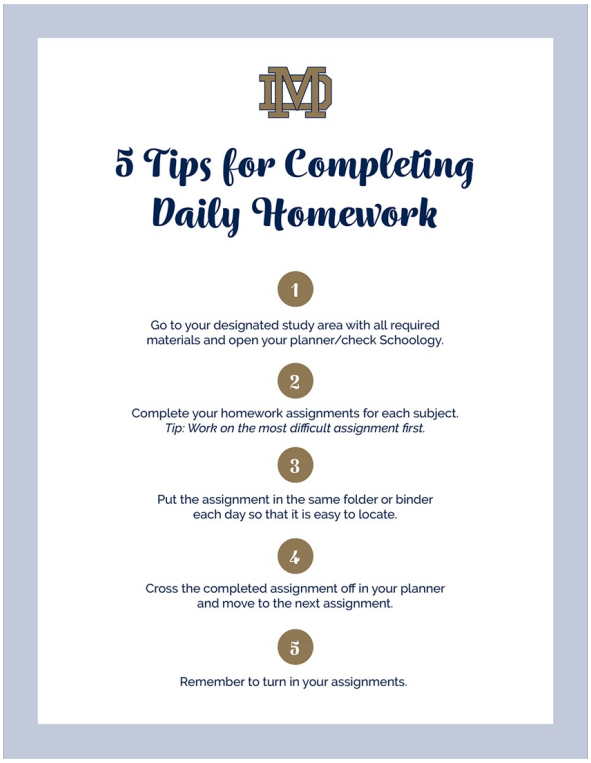
Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 980 7359 4520
Passcode: 1L0p1P

Counseling Updates

Tutoring

Tutoring is available throughout the week. Please click here to see the schedule.



OTHER USEFUL TIPS:

Counseling Tips for Taking Tests
Tips On How to Help Manage Stress
How to Fill Out the FAFSA
Writing Your College Essay
How to Fill Out the CSS Profile
Good Study Habits
6 Tips to Help Avoid Burnout
Top Character Traits that Impress Colleges
7 Tips for Getting Organized

Crusader Spirit

Making a Difference

Crusader Alumni Dimitri Gianousopoulos ’18 is embarking on a worthy philanthropy project with his fraternity at USC that

focuses on COVID-19 relief to help Los Angeles Mission and Ronald McDonald's House Charities. The goal is to raise enough money to provide proper PPE to people experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles. Dimitri stated that he continues to carry on the virtues of caring and service he received from his time at Mater Dei. He will be receiving his B.S. in Astronautical Engineering from USC in 2022. If you would like to help, contact Dimitri at gianouso@usc.edu.

ASB Announcements

Virtual Talent Show
April 16th

We will be holding another Virtual Talent Show. To participate, send in your application between March 22-26, 2021.

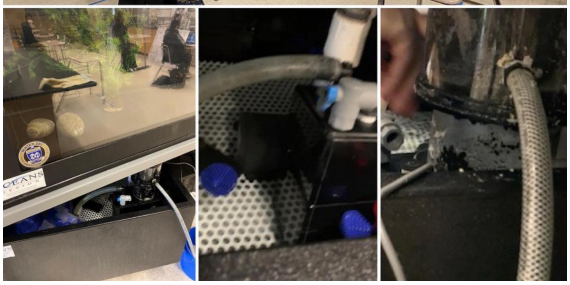
ASB

Anyone interested in applying for ASB, applications are live now and are due March 26, 2021 by 2pm. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Rolston at crolston@mdchs.net.

Sea Bass Project

The Academy of Science has been working hard this week to prepare for a new batch of seabass coming from the Living Coast Discovery Center

next Friday. This is a close up of the sump pump/chiller. Students had to take apart everything in the tank, rinse, clean, rinse again, and then put it all back together. It took all 4 classes to get it done yesterday. Tomorrow we will be adding fresh sea water to the tank. Before we make the tank home to a new batch of seabass, the tank needs to be ready with the right amount of salinity, ph, ammonia, nitrites, nitrates and temperature.

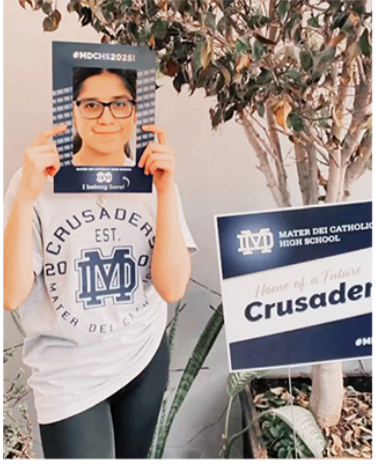


New Crusaders Class of 2025

New Crusader Drive-Thru

On Friday we welcomed, congratulated and distributed hundreds of t-shirts and lawn signs to the Class of 2025! Let's go Crusaders!

Welcome to the Crusader Nation!



Scholarship Recipients from St. Vincent and Good Shepherd

Congrats to St. Vincent's Sam Carta for earning the Principal Scholarship based on his HSPT score. He will receive 75% off full tuition for 4 years. Way to go, Sam!

Congrats to Dominic Domingo, 8th grader at Good Shepherd, for earning a 4-year Principal Scholarship (75% off full tuition). Way to go!

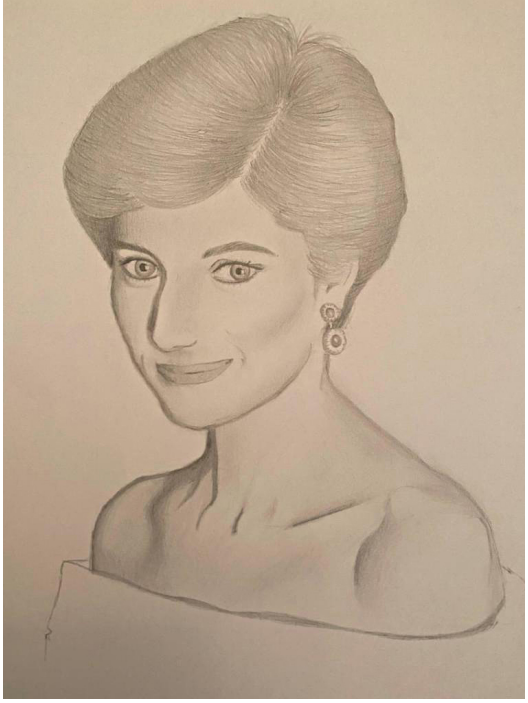
News from VAPA

Spring Virtual Drama Production

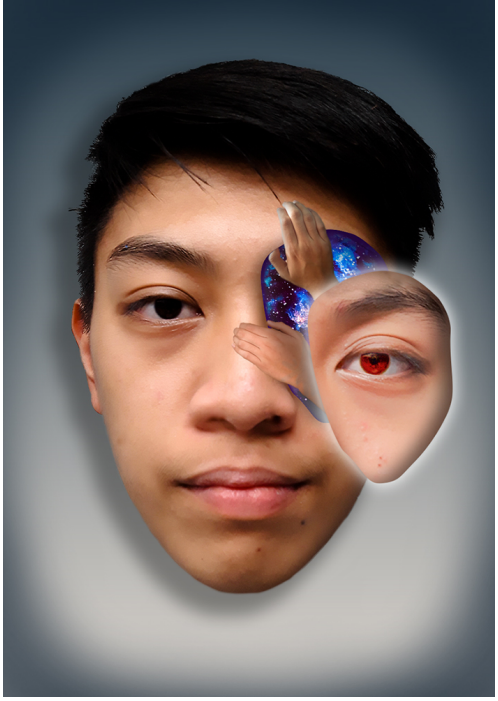
Join us for our Live Stream Production of CLUE on April 23 at 6pm.

Based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game, Clue is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery. The tale begins at a remote mansion, where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Led by Wadsworth the butler, Miss Scarlet, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up. Clue is the comedy whodunit that will leave both cult fans and newcomers in stitches as they try to figure out... WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT!

Studio Art Students Are Amazing!



Diana Felix Ibarra ‘21



Nathan Manipon ‘23

Advancement News

60-Year Legacy Documentary

Filming of the 60-Year Legacy documentary of Marian/Mater Dei Catholic High School is underway. Here is a sneak peak at some of the people who will be featured: John Rey, Bill Gerken, Sherry Kelleher, George Milke and Frank Singo.

We are planning an evening of fun to celebrate our 60-Year Legacy with our community of Alumni. Please help us capture alumni emails so we can be sure not to miss anyone. Thanks for forwarding this link to any of your alumni friends!

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