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Dear Families,

I pray that everyone is healthy and in good spirits. It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. As you know, this is a historic year for Mater Dei, as we become the first TK-12 school in the Diocese of San Diego, but it's also a historic year for Mater Dei Juan Diego Academy in particular. For the first time in our school history we have an 8th grade class. Our pioneers will become our first graduating class at MDJDA. And so it is fitting that this school year our theme is "Together We Soar", "Emprendiendo juntos el vuelo".

We are preparing our students to soar this academic school year and beyond. Our 8th graders will soon be ready to soar into high school. As a school we are ready to soar as we continue to grow as educators, empowering our students to succeed academically and inspiring them to put their faith into action. Together We Soar also means that we do this as a team, as the Mater Dei family. So I once again ask for your patience, grace and flexibility throughout this school year. As the pandemic continues, it is by working together, by relying on each other and our faith that we will be able to maneuver through the challenges that may lie ahead. Isaiah 40:30 says, "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." This verse reminds us that God is with us on this journey. Our faith, our hope in Him will guide us, will strengthen us and will help us soar. Let's continue to work together and have an amazing school year.

Blessings,
Leticia Oseguera

Dear Families,

As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, we are filled with so many emotions. Excitement, wonder, and love fill our hearts as we embark on this school year together. Mater Dei Juan Diego Academy has persevered and excelled throughout this pandemic and we know that "Together We Soar".



We welcome our new students and families to the Mater Dei family. This is truly a special place to be. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new students and families in the coming days. We have been working diligently to ensure we provide you and your children with a welcoming and rigorous learning environment where all students can soar to new heights.

I wish you all an amazing year filled with good health!

With love,
Cristina Torres

IMPORTANT DATES

August 26: First Mass of the Year, Live Streamed for Parents

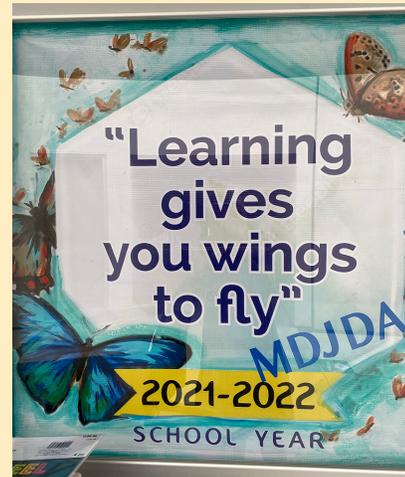
September 6: No School

September 21: Peace One Day

November 22-26: Thanksgiving Break

December 17- January 3: Christmas Break

April 11- 22: Spring Break



A Message from Father Martinez

Mater Dei exists to “inspire and educate the hearts, minds, and souls of our students.” This is our mission, one which makes me very excited and humbled to be leading the Mater Dei community as the new president.



Catholic schools are about making present an experience of God’s love. And not just any experience, but a formative experience, something that will affect our students’ lives, fashioned by their own self-reflection and understanding. That is very much the case here at Mater Dei, where we definitely make a difference in people’s lives, sometimes in very profound ways.

We try to form our students into better people, Christ-centered persons who are life-long self-directed learners, effective communicators, and collaborative individuals. Young women and men who have a strong focus on service and social justice. Without a doubt, they populate the halls here at Mater Dei.

We want our students to be true friends in the Lord: friends who usher each other into moments of greatness, who draw out the potential given to us by God, who lead us to our own victories, who help shape us into what we are supposed to be. That’s what true Crusaders are.

From Marian High School to Mater Dei Catholic High School and Mater Dei Juan Diego Academy, this has always been the place to be. As we build on our 60-year-old tradition, we continue to grow and innovate, responding to the needs of today's young men and women. We do it by taking care of the whole person and by forming them in the life of the mind, the body, and the spirit.

Please keep our Mater Dei community in your prayers as we move through the transition into the new school year. May our loving God continue to bless you, and your families, now and always. *Mary, Mother of God, Lead us to your Son, Jesus!*

Gratefully,
Fr. Joaquin Martinez, S.J.

Fr. Martinez Bio

Parent and Student Handbook

As we begin the 2021-2022 school year, we ask that all parents please become familiar with our MDJDA and our policies. Please read the **Parent Handbook** thoroughly. Once you have read it, please sign and return page 2, the Handbook Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Content. Thank you so much for working with us to ensure your child has a great school year.

Parent Handbook

COUNSELING CORNER

Dear Families,

Throughout the school year, the counseling program will provide a variety of services for students and families in order to support the growth and development of all students. These services include:

- Classroom Guidance Lessons
- Short-term Individual Counseling
- Short-term Group Counseling
- Conflict Mediation
- Crisis Intervention
- Community Referrals and Resources
- Consultation



Parents, students, and teachers/staff can refer a student for routine concerns but referrals should not be used for mental health emergencies. More detailed information about the school counseling program has been attached here as a "Parent Brochure." Please look through the provided information and do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Thank you,
Mr. Smith

After school **activities**

We are working hard to bring back our Diocesan League Sports as well as our after school clubs and activities. We will let you know as soon as we have more information. In the meantime, here are the clubs, sports and activities we are working on.

Clubs: ASB, Yearbook, MDJDA Newspaper, MDJDA Video Production

Sports: Fall Sports will include Girls Softball, Varsity Flag Football and JV Flag Football

Activities: MDJDA Orchestra Project, Kali Martial Arts, Code Ninjas

Virtual Back to School Night

Thank you for joining us for the Virtual Back to School Night. The recordings can be found in OTUS or by contacting your child's teacher.

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main content is a presentation slide with a blue background and white floral patterns. The slide text reads: "SECOND GRADE BACK TO SCHOOL PRESENTATION" in large, bold, black letters. Below this, it says "Maestra García and Mrs. Lee" and "Please change your zoom name to add your student's first name". There are two cartoon illustrations: one on the left with a girl and the word "WELCOME" in a red banner, and one on the right with a girl and a sign that says "BACK TO SCHOOL!". The Zoom interface includes a video thumbnail of a woman in the top right, a name bar with the letter "m", and a timer at the bottom left showing "0:05 / 11:24".

2021-2022 First Day of School!



NEWS FROM ADVANCEMENT

Homecoming Weekend
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Sunday, September 26, 2021



To culminate what is sure to be an exciting and fun Homecoming Weekend, on Sunday, September 26, 2021 there will be a Tee-Time Scramble Golf Outing at Enagic at Eastlake from 10:30am-1:30pm. All are welcome. All money raised will go towards our TK-12th Grade Crusader Athletic Programs. To sign up, click [here](#).



Parents in Prayer

Mondays at 8:30am

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 980 7359 4520
Passcode: 1L0p1P

Annual Report

If you have given to the Mater Dei Fund over the past year, please remember to review the Annual Report (emailed earlier this week) to confirm how you would like your name to appear in the **Crusader Connection**. Also, please remember to fill out the commemorative gift form if you have donated in excess of \$200. Thank you!

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