



MONARCH NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

UPDATE: CORONAVIRUS

Dear Parents and Students,

Good morning and I hope you and your family are well.

As I said in my letter yesterday, we at MDHS are making decisions regarding school remaining open or voluntarily closing as other schools have done. While we continue to follow the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, the CA and OC Health Departments' guidelines, it is in collaboration with Bishop Kevin Vann of the Diocese of Orange and Dr. Erin Barisano, Superintendent of Catholic Schools that the President, Fr. Steve Sallot and the entire MD Administrative Team have made the following decision: **Mater Dei High School will close to all students effective as of end of school today March 13 through Friday, April 17.**

Effective March 16 and 17 all teachers will be on campus to refine and put final details to an Online Education Program for all students. Effective March 18, Online Learning will begin for all students at their homes or at a place of parents choosing. We ask both parents and students to log in to CANVAS by 9:15am Wednesday morning to be introduced to the Online Learning Program and expectations. Effective March 13, all athletic games and practices are postponed until further notice. Please check the Master Calendar section of the MD website for updates. All school events through the end of March are cancelled or postponed. (See [Master Calendar](#) for updates)

Please note: No cases of Coronavirus have been diagnosed for any staff member or student at Mater Dei High School

As of today, school offices will continue to be open; students will continue to take Easter Break as per the [MD Master Calendar](#), April 9-17. We will continue to update parents through our Monarch News and the MD website as this “New Normal” develops or changes.

May Our Blessed Mother, Mary Mater Dei, continue to watch over our MD community throughout this period of “New Normal.”

Sincerely,

Frances Clare

Principal