



Mater Dei Academy Weekly

January 5, 2018

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Holy Mass will be *Tuesday, January 9th* at 8 AM. All are invited to join us! Please let us know if you will attend to ensure enough hosts for Holy Communion.

The servers for Tuesday's Mass will be Xavier Mascari and Madison Hewitt. The readers will be Henry Wilson and Ryan Milliken.

There will be NO SCHOOL on *Monday, January 15* for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Winter is here! Please make sure your child(ren) come to school with appropriate coats, hats, and gloves/mittens. Also, if they are cold in the classrooms, our dress code permits a navy blue button-down cardigan sweater for girls and a navy blue pull-over cardigan sweater or sweater vest for boys. These sweaters should not have hoods.

If your child will be late or absent, make sure to call or email the school.

Please tune in to 10TV or 10tv.com for school closings. You will also receive an email no later than 6:15 AM if we close for the day.

We are always looking for pictures to put on the website. If you have pictures of the school or students please send them to school@materdeiacademy.org
Thank you!

Saint of the Day: Saint John Neumann



This American saint was born in Bohemia in 1811. He became a noted scholar and entered the religious life. Zealous for the missionary life and to lead souls to Christ, he decided to leave his homeland to dedicate himself to the European immigrants in America, who were deprived of spiritual support. He arrived in New York and was ordained in 1836. In 1842, John joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. He was a tireless missionary, and he never lost his love and concern for the people. John was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. As bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. A founder of Catholic education in this country, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from two to nearly 100. He also daily visited the seminary to encourage vocations; oversaw the building of 65 churches; and instituted the Forty Hours' Devotion throughout his diocese, thus enshrining it as an American tradition. John Neumann died on January 5, 1860 at the age of 48, and was canonized in 1977.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.

Saint John Neumann, you helped organize Catholic education in the United States. Please watch over all Catholic schools and help them be a model of Christianity in their actions as well as their words. Amen.

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