



MATER DOLOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

8/24/21 Eagle Bulletin

Face Mask Policy from Diocese of Baton Rouge

"The correct use of facemasks is required for students in Grades K-12 and all adults while indoors and strongly encouraged for students in all grade levels below kindergarten. All students being transported by bus must wear face masks, regardless of their grade level."

Disinfecting Wipes

You may send a small container of disinfecting wipes for your child to keep in his/her schoolbag or locker/cubby so that he/she may use them to wipe desks before they sit.

Reminders:

- Keep the lines of communication open. Some emails may have inadvertently gone to teachers' SPAM folders. Please call the office if a teacher does not reply within 24 hours to make sure he/she received the message. Faculty contact information is attached.
- Thank you for keeping our school community safe by not using cell phones in car line or school zone.
- Some of our students have **peanut allergies**; therefore, no peanut products are allowed for either lunchroom meals or mid-day snack breaks. If students bring a snack that contains a peanut product, they will not be allowed to consume it. This includes, but is not limited to, Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches, Zapp's Potato Chips, Ritz Peanut Butter Snack Crackers, and Granola Snacks. You are encouraged to check labels carefully for peanuts as a main ingredient.
- The **PE shirt** is now available through the online school store.

School store <https://materdolorosa.itemorder.com/sale> From our school's website, click "Admissions" and "Online Store and School Supplies".

Mark your Calendar.

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 23rd

7:40-11:10=Classroom Instruction

11:10-11:30=Dismissal

No Lunch served and No aftercare

Teachers will be participating in curriculum, instruction, and assessment professional development from Noon-3:00.

Other Important Dates:

Wednesday, 8/25

8:00 1st-8th grade Mass. Wear masks and practice physical distancing.

Friday, 8/27

Spirit Day! Students may wear blue jeans or uniform bottoms with their MDCS spirit shirts. School shoes must be worn. No rips, tears, or holes are allowed in the blue jeans.

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Saturday, 8/28

10-Noon Altar Server Meeting

Wednesday, 9/1

8:00 1st-8th grade Mass. Wear masks and practice physical distancing.

Friday, 9/3

1.) Progress Reports Distributed

Please use the attached faculty list if needed to keep the lines of communication open so that our students master the learning standards of the diocese as a result of our partnership with you.

You may also access the faculty list by clicking “About” then “Faculty and Staff” from the schools webpage.

2.) Spirit Day! Students may wear blue jeans or uniform bottoms with their MDCS spirit shirts. School shoes must be worn. No rips, tears, or holes are allowed in the blue jeans.

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Monday, 9/6

Labor Day Holiday!

Wednesday, 9/8

Dad's Club Meeting at 6:30 in the gym. Wear masks and practice physical distancing.

Monday, 9/13

Home and School Club Meeting at 6:00 in the gym...Wear masks and practice physical distancing.

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Reflection <https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2021/08/23/the-faith-of-bartholomew/>

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 [*Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*](#)

Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus son of Joseph, from Nazareth.” But Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” [John 1:45–46](#)

Nathanael, who also goes by the name Bartholomew, reacted strongly to the news from his friend Philip that they had found the promised Messiah. Why did Nathanael react this way? Most likely because it was common knowledge among the Jews that the promised Messiah would come from Bethlehem, not from Nazareth. So Nathanael immediately raises this doubt because of Jesus’ supposed origin. Of course, Jesus actually was born in Bethlehem and only later moved to Nazareth, but Nathanael did not immediately realize this.

The first lesson to ponder today is that, just like Nathanael, we can easily doubt matters of faith because we do not fully understand. Perhaps if Philip had come and said that Jesus was born in Bethlehem but raised in Nazareth, then Nathanael may have been more immediately open. But this encounter most likely unfolded as it did, with Nathanael’s initial doubt, because the Holy Spirit, Who inspired these Scriptures, wanted us to learn an important lesson. The lesson we must learn is that we must not close the door on the Truth just because something doesn’t immediately make sense to us. Doubts are never from God. The good news in this Gospel passage is that, even though Nathanael did immediately express a certain doubt, he remained open to what Philip was saying. Philip, in answer to this doubt, said the best thing he could have said. He said, “Come and see.”

What is it in your life that seems confusing to you in regard to your life or in regard to the many truths of our faith? If there is something that you struggle with in this way, then listen to the words of Philip and allow them to be spoken to you: “Come and see.”

Once Philip brought Nathanael to Jesus, Nathanael quickly professed his full faith in Jesus as the “Son of God” and the “King of Israel.” Jesus said very little to Nathanael to convince him of these truths. Jesus simply told Nathanael that he had seen him sitting under the fig tree and that He knew that Nathanael was a man without guile. To be without guile means that you are not two-faced; rather, you are a very honest and straightforward person. Nathanael’s immediate realization of the greatness of Jesus could have only come by the gift of grace working in his soul. He came to see Jesus and believed through the interior gift of faith.

The lesson of Nathanael tells us that if we bring our confusion to our Lord in faith and openness, all will be made clear. We will have our temptations to doubt removed, and we will be able to have faith that goes far beyond human reason alone.

Reflect, today, upon the genuineness and openness of the heart of Nathanael. Bring to our Lord any and every question you have with the expectation that you will receive what you need. Faith

does not usually come through convincing arguments or detailed deductive reasoning. It normally comes through a pure and simple openness to the Voice of God speaking within our soul. But when the gift of faith is given, it brings with it a holy certainty that cannot be doubted.

My loving Lord, You invite all of us to come to You, to see You and to have faith in You. You truly are the Son of God and the King of all. Please open my mind to all that You wish to say to me so that I may shed my doubts and come to a transforming faith in all things. Jesus, I trust in You.