

MATER DEI MISSION STATEMENT

Mater Dei, a Catholic, diocesan regional high school nurtures the spiritual, moral, intellectual, emotional, and social growth of young men and women.

In a caring environment, respectful of individual differences, her comprehensive program educates, fosters faith, and develops gospel values.

THOUGHTS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we enter the month of March, please know that we will continually promote our students' spiritual growth throughout the Lenten season by providing morning prayer, a Eucharistic service, and a Eucharistic adoration each day; a reconciliation service; and meatless Friday lunches. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Judy Kampwerth, Ms. Colleen McDermott, and our area pastors for their dedication to fostering the faith of our students!

March also brings the end of our third quarter on Friday, March 9. Thus, please plan to attend the third quarter parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, March 15, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., to discuss your child's academic progress with his/her individual teachers.

Finally, student life at Mater Dei, as always, is filled with numerous activities! With warmer temperatures arriving soon, our students will be surrounded with several distractions. Please help your child remain focused throughout the spring, as our expectations will remain high.

As always, please know that it is truly our goal to live the Mission for each of our students, for we hold firm to the belief that a Catholic education truly is a gift that lasts a lifetime. Thus, please do not hesitate to contact us should you need assistance. May God continue to bless all members of the Mater Dei community!

Registration

Believe it or not, it is time to prepare for the 2018-2019 school year! Starting March 6, class advisors will meet with students during their English or theology class to discuss the registration process and to distribute registration forms. We encourage parents and students to plan course selections together and to utilize the academic counseling offered by the class advisors.

Please note that the *2018-2019 Curriculum Guide* will be emailed to families, as well as posted on PlusPortals ("School Links And Files") and our website ("Academics" menu, "Curriculum" page). The guide provides both descriptions of and prerequisites for all courses. (To conserve paper, students will not receive copies.)

Please also note that the registration form includes three types of course offerings:

- required courses = premarked with an 'X'
- recommended courses = highlighted
- elective courses = neither marked nor highlighted

Students must return the registration form, with a parent signature and the \$50 registration fee, to their class advisor by March 23. The registration fee will be applied to your child's 2018-2019 course and activities fee.

Our teachers and class advisors look forward to assisting you and your child select classes in which he/she will achieve success — please do not hesitate to call!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, March 15, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

We are pleased to offer parents the opportunity to discuss their child's academic progress with individual teachers during our third quarter Parent-Teacher Conferences.

You will receive an email informing you when the report cards are available for you to print from PlusPortals.

Report cards will not be available in the office.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . .
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

MARCH KNIGHT LIFE

- 2 X-Schedule (11:15 a.m. dismissal)
- 5 No School — Casimir Pulaski Day
School Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- 6 2018-2019 Registration Begins
S.A.F.E. Presentation for Freshmen
- 7 S.A.F.E. Presentation for Juniors
- 8 S.A.F.E. Presentation for Seniors
Clinton County Art & Band Festival (7:00 p.m., Mater Dei)
- 9 S.A.F.E. Presentation for Sophomores
End of the Third Quarter
- 11 Winter Concert (7:00 p.m.)
- 12 Junior Retreat Day
Mothers & Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 13 Sophomore Retreat Day
- 14 Freshman Retreat Day
- 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- 19 Band Parents Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 23 2018-2019 Registrations Due
- 25 Fathers & Friends Breakfast (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
- 26 Fathers & Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 28 XX-Schedule (1:00 p.m. dismissal)
- 29 No School — Holy Thursday
- 30 No School — Good Friday



WINTER CONCERT

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 7:00 P.M.

ENJOY PERFORMANCES BY OUR
CONCERT AND JAZZ BANDS,
WIND ENSEMBLE, AND CHORUS.

SPRING ATHLETIC CAMPS

PLEASE SHARE OUR UPCOMING CAMPS
FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES 2–8.

SOFTBALL: MARCH 10, 9 A.M. TO 12 P.M.

BASEBALL: MARCH 11, 12 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE.

SPRING MUSICAL

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 7:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 7:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2:00 P.M.



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

Treat your family to breakfast
on Palm Sunday, March 25,
from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
in the cafeteria.

MENU

eggs, sausage,
pancakes, hash browns,
biscuits and gravy,
coffee, juice, and milk

TICKETS

adults = \$8.00
children 6 - 13 = \$5.00
children 5 and under = free

NEED A NIGHT OUT?

Volunteers — ladies and gentlemen —
are needed Saturday, April 28,
from 11:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.
for the late-night prom festivities
sponsored by Mothers & Friends.

Two-hour, four-hour or “all night” shifts
are available for your convenience.

To volunteer, please contact one of the chairs:

Karen Kaufman

(doublek_mkb@yahoo.com or 973-1554)

Susan McCray

(sgmccray@hotmail.com or 210-7971)

**THANK YOU for your support, which is
vital to the success of this important event!**

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude,
so I may rediscover the grace of a prayer-filled life.

Help me to fast from all that threatens my body and soul,
and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need,
thereby rediscovering the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season of Lent be a grace-filled time
during which I rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.

**CONGRATS
AND
GOOD LUCK**

SCHOLAR KNIGHTS CONTINUE TO DOMINATE

As of February 26, our Scholar Knights have amassed a remarkable 68-10 record! In addition, they were the champions of the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl Sectional, the Metro East Quad League Tournament, and the Clinton County Tournament; and they earned second place in the South Central Scholastic Conference.

We wish the Scholar Knights and moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann “good luck” at the Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl State Tournament March 3 and IHSA Regional March 5.

CLINTON COUNTY BAND AND ART FESTIVAL

The Clinton County Band and Art Festival will be held March 8 at Mater Dei. Our students’ artwork, selected from our Advanced Drawing and Design and Portfolio courses, will be displayed prior to the concert at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us in congratulating the following musicians who have been selected to perform: Savannah Boggs, Reese Bradford, Angie Carey, Susy Cowgill, Holly Dumstorff, Katie Goring, Taylor Goring, Morgan Huelsmann, Caroline Kenow, Anna Klostermann, Ben Logullo, Kate Maue, Rachell Maue, Hannah McSparin, Christina Mioux, Sophia Mondt, Alyssa Noll, Alexa Rinderer, John Schlueter, Hannah Schmitz, and Madeline Sullivan.

We thank band director Mr. Blake Korte and art teacher Mrs. Vicki Moylan for their dedication to our students.

WYSE TEAM EARNS THIRD AT REGIONAL AND MEMBERS ADVANCE TO SECTIONAL

On February 8, our Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) team, under the guidance of moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann, earned third place at the WYSE regional competition, during which students tested their knowledge in two of the following academic disciplines: biology, chemistry, computer science, English, mathematics, and physics. Team members were Morgan Berndsen, Kata Bowen, Abby Brandenburger, Carly Etter, Justin Fritch, Max Harad, Abby Kay, Mai Khuc, Jaden Meadows, Alexis Patton, Hong Saraputtised, Madison Stone, Phusana Suwannachote, Nick Wolden, Lauren Wuebbels, and Kelly Yeh.

In addition, the following WYSE members earned individual recognition: Mai Khuc – 1st place in physics and 2nd place in math, Jaden Meadows – 2nd place in English, Max Harad – 2nd place in biology and 3rd place in math. We wish Mai, Jaden, and Max “good luck” at the WYSE sectional March 12!

INDOOR PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE SUCCESSFUL IN MCCGA AND WGI COMPETITIONS

Performing this year’s show, “The Harvest,” under the direction of band director Mr. Blake Korte, our Indoor Percussion Ensemble earned 2nd place at the Mid Continent Color Guard Association (MCCGA) competition at Edwardsville High School February 9 and 1st place at the Winter Guard International (WGI) St. Louis Regional Competition at Francis Howell High School February 17. The season will conclude with the MCCGA competition at O’Fallon Township High School March 10 and the WGI competition at Dayton, OH, April 18-21.

FBLA EARNS AWARDS AT AREA CONFERENCE AND MEMBERS TO COMPETE AT STATE

Under the guidance of moderator Mrs. Heather Land, our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) earned the Largest Chapter Registration Award at the FBLA Southwestern Area Conference January 20. Of the thirty-six members competing, eleven earned 1st place, thirteen earned 2nd place, and three earned 3rd place in their category. In addition, Emily Wiegmann was elected as the 2018-2019 vice president for the FBLA Southwestern Area.

We wish “good luck” to the following students, who will compete at the Illinois FBLA State Leadership Conference: Abby Arentsen, Amy Boeckman, Kendall Bowman, Grace Fuehne, Luke Goebel, Abbi Imming, Malina Isaak, Lauren Kampwerth, Ben Kassen, Hunter Lee, Ben Logullo, Rachell Maue, Jun Moon, Alexis Patton, Allison Rickhoff, Phusana Suwannochote, Matthew Sinnock, Madison Stone, Katie Toennies, Emily Wiegmann, and Jacey Wieter.

REQUEST FOR PARENTAL SUPPORT

Our administration and faculty take great pride in the high level of support our parents continually provide throughout the school year. Thus, as we prepare for our final quarter together, we are requesting additional support in regard to attendance, cell phones, and dress code for the remainder of the year.

ATTENDANCE Please remind your child that he/she is required to arrive in his/her first period class by 8:10 a.m. in order to ensure he/she does not receive a tardy or unexcused absence.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES Students are permitted to utilize their electronic devices, excluding cell phones, for academic purposes during school hours. Therefore, please remind your child that he/she may not contact you using his/her electronic device or cell phone, including texting, during school hours. In the case of an emergency, you may contact one another via the office.

DRESS CODE Please remind your child that only sweatshirts and jackets with a Mater Dei logo; and solid black, navy, or white sweaters (not gray) may be worn during the school day. In addition, shorts and Capri pants are not permitted until announced by the Administration. For parents of male students, please remind your son that he must be clean shaven with sideburns no longer than his ear lobes, his bangs may not cover his eyebrows, and his hair may not touch his collar.



MOTHERS & FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

DONATIONS Please contribute to the dinner auction's success by donating an item, party, or service. You may donate individually or coordinate with friends to donate a larger item, such as the always popular tailgating parties, card parties, and dinners. Donation forms are available in the office and on our website (www.materdeiknights.org, "Parents" menu).

RESERVATIONS Reservations (\$65 per seat) are limited. Reservation forms are available in the office and on our website (www.materdeiknights.org, "Parents" menu).

VOLUNTEERS Volunteers are needed to set up April 11, 12, and 13; and to clean April 14 and 15.

To volunteer or to receive further information, visit the dinner auction Facebook page, "Mater Dei Mothers & Friends Dinner Auction," contact chairpersons Becky (314-560-4549) or Brian (314-223-0052) Kenow, or email 2018MDauction@att.net.

THANK YOU for supporting this essential fundraiser!

AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .

Plan to take a chance to win the following raffles: one semester of tuition, a wine tour through Napa Valley, a Hearts on Fire half-carat diamond necklace, a home theater system, a lottery ticket tree, and a queen-size handmade quilt.

The winning tickets will be drawn at the Mothers & Friends dinner auction (winners are not required to be present to win).

The raffle order form will be available soon in the office and on our website.

NOTE: The tuition is transferable to any student who will be enrolled for the 2018-2019 school year.

WANT A SNEAK PEEK?

So you may enjoy a sneak peek at the items available for purchase at the dinner auction, the "A Knight in Casablanca" program will be provided on our website as soon as possible!

... DON'T FORGET ...

COLLEGE PLACEMENT OFFICE ON SCHOOLGY

For the latest information, join the College Placement Office group on Schoology with the code 4N3C9-XM2CR.

ACT PREP COURSE MARCH 10, 17, AND 24

We are proud to offer our students an ACT prep course at Mater Dei. For only \$25, students will receive instruction March 10, 17, and 24 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Students may order an optional ACT prep book for \$19. Students may register for the course in the College Placement Office.

We thank Ms. Cheryl Sackett, who will teach math; Mr. Dwight Thomas, who will teach science; and Mrs. Emily Timmermann, who will teach English and reading.

ACT TEST AT MATER DEI APRIL 14

Students planning to take the ACT test at Mater Dei April 14 must register online (www.actstudent.org) by March 9.

NOTE: All Mater Dei students are expected to take the ACT test.

NOTE: The Mater Dei school code (where you attend school) is 140-395.

The Mater Dei test center code (where you take the test) is 173-590.

The NCAA Eligibility code is 9999.

ACT TO LAUNCH NEW, FREE PREP TOOL

ACT is preparing to launch a new, free prep tool that will utilize results from the pre-ACT and previous ACT tests in order to develop a personalized study program for the student. The tool is scheduled to launch in March 2018. Visit www.act.org/academy to sign up for alerts. Mrs. Goetz will also notify students when the tool has launched.



NEED A TUXEDO FOR PROM?

Order from Becker Jewelers and earn money for Mater Dei

We thank Becker Jewelers for generously donating \$4 to Mater Dei for each tuxedo ordered by a Mater Dei student for prom (April 28). The funds will then be utilized for next year's prom.

For our students' convenience, Becker Jewelers representatives will visit Mater Dei both to measure the students and to accept their orders (dates to be announced). Students may also visit Becker Jewelers to be measured and to place their order (315 North Main, Breese and 917 Main Street, Highland).