



MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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.

OUR STUDENTS THANK YOU

"Mater Dei has made a valuable impact on my life! The education my classmates and I receive prepares us for our future and helps us build a strong relationship with God. In the environment at Mater Dei, it has been easy for me to make new friends and reach my academic goals. Thank you for your generous support of the Mater Dei community!"

Kate Toennies, Class of 2019, St. Bernard Catholic Church (Albers)

"I am so grateful that I am able to continue my Catholic education at Mater Dei! Attending Mater Dei has allowed me to continue growing in my faith and has been the best decision in my academic career. In addition, I have made many new friendships that will last a lifetime. Therefore, I thank my St. Paul parish family and all who support the Catholic education provided at Mater Dei."

Alyssa Noll, Class of 2019, St. Paul Catholic Church (Highland)

"I am very happy with my choice to attend Mater Dei! The amazing teachers and students welcomed me with open arms. I have enjoyed the incredible opportunity to make new friends, to grow academically, and to participate in new extracurricular activities. I am looking forward to continuing my Catholic education at Mater Dei and thank you for your continued support!"

Mya Albers, Class of 2019, St. Dominic Catholic Church (Breese)

"Deciding to attend Mater Dei was one of the greatest choices I made in my academic career. Being part of a Catholic school has given me the opportunity to grow in my faith, excel academically, and make many new friends. My experience would never have been possible without the support of our parishioners. Therefore, I personally thank you, as your generosity has made a difference in my life!"

Claire Kampwerth, Class of 2019, St. Mary Catholic Church (Carlyle)

"The Catholic education I receive at Mater Dei is very valuable to me! Attending has enabled me to recognize my potential. I have also met new people through the many extracurricular activities Mater Dei offers. Finally, I have learned so much from the remarkable teachers. Thank you for all the help you give me and the other Mater Dei students!"

Matthew Fuehne, Class of 2020, St. Damian Catholic Church (Damiansville)

"At Mater Dei, students learn not only academic subjects, but also skills to grow in their faith, become a leader, and develop friendships. In the short two years I have been at Mater Dei, I have already grown as a person, spiritually and academically, and am building the foundation for lifelong friendships with my classmates. I thank all the parishes for generously supporting Mater Dei, a school that is making a difference in the lives of so many people!"

Gabrielle Millikin, Class of 2020, St. Clare Catholic Church (O'Fallon)

SHADOW A KNIGHT

Join us for a day to truly experience the Mater Dei spirit!
To schedule a visit, contact Mrs. Maria Zurliene.

JOIN THE MATER DEI FAMILY

Contact Mrs. Maria Zurliene for additional information.

Registration

February 24, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Freshman Welcome

Information provided in the spring

TRANSPORTATION

We provide **free** transportation for students living outside the Central Community High School district: east to Salem, north to Highland, south to Mt. Vernon, and west to I-64/Air Mobility Drive.

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Families are encouraged to apply for need-based and academic scholarships and grants.

Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships

For the 2018-2019 school year, families may begin the application process January 31, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Applications, which must be submitted online, will be available on the Empower Illinois website, www.empowerillinois.org, under the "Students" menu.

Scholarships and Memorial Grants

Applications for scholarships (parish and unrestricted) and Mater Dei Memorial Grants (tuition assistance) will be available following a student's registration.

KNIGHTS LEARN

EXTENSIVE CURRICULUM Our extensive, multi-level curriculum provides all students, including those needing academic accommodations, with the opportunity both to challenge themselves and to achieve success.

TECHNOLOGY

Bring Your Own Device Program For academic purposes, students may utilize the school-wide Wi-Fi and the electronic device of their choice (except cell phones).

Electronic Learning Days Days of learning are no longer lost to “snow days,” as students attend class electronically using Schoology.

Electronic Textbooks (e-books) The use of e-books has been implemented in numerous courses.

PlusPortals Our interactive web portal provides students and parents with academic, attendance, and discipline reports, as well as general school information.

Microsoft Office 365 Students receive an Office 365 email address and a license to utilize Microsoft Office 365 products on their device(s).

PREPARATION FOR COLLEGE Our College Placement Director provides information and workshops related to the college placement process, including preparing for the ACT and SAT, searching for and applying to colleges, applying for scholarships and financial aid, and NCAA eligibility. In addition, we host a College Fair and offer an ACT prep course taught by our faculty members.

CLASS OF 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Average ACT Scores

Composite = 24.4 (state 21.4)
English = 24.7 (state 21.0)
Math = 23.9 (state 21.2)
Reading = 24.3 (state 21.6)
Science = 24.2 (state 21.3)

Average ACT Scores for College Prep Curriculum *

Composite = 25.1
English = 25.5
Math = 24.7
Reading = 24.9
Science = 24.8

** A college preparatory curriculum includes four years of English and three or more years each of mathematics, science, and social studies.*

ACT Performance Thirty-one students (27%) earned an ACT composite score of 28 or higher, and nineteen students (17%) earned an ACT composite score of 30 or higher.

Scholars The Class of 2017 included twenty-seven Illinois State Scholars (23%) and two National Merit Commended Scholars.

Scholarships Eighty-six percent of the Class of 2017 received scholarship offers, which totaled \$10.8 million.

College Credit Hours The Class of 2017 earned nearly 2,300 hours of college credit through enrollment in our dual-credit and Advanced Placement courses.

KNIGHTS SERVE

LEARNING OUR FAITH

Students enroll in a theology course each semester and participate in a day of retreat, with their class, each year.

LOVING OUR FAITH

For our masses, students serve as ushers, servers, musicians and lectors.

The Class of 2018 also includes forty-seven eucharistic ministers and thirty-four catechists who serve local Youth Faith Formation programs.

LIVING OUR FAITH

Missions and Special Collections

During the 2016-2017 school year, students donated nearly \$11,000 to our weekly class missions and special collections.

Service

Students provide service both as a school community and as individuals. Underclass students complete twelve hours of service each year, and seniors complete a three-week service project.

Liturgical Opportunities

Students participate in masses and prayer both as a school community (seven masses, daily prayer) and in their theology classes.

During Lent, daily Eucharist services and a reconciliation service are offered.

KNIGHTS LEAD

ACTIVITIES

Art and Photography Club, Bass Fishing, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Book Club, Chess Club, Chorus, Color Guard, Fall Play, FBLA, Liturgical Music Group, Liturgical Planning Team, National Honor Society, Newspaper, Peer Tutoring, Scholar Bowl, Science Club, Spanish Club, Spring Musical, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Student Ambassadors, Student Council, Teens for Life, WYSE, and Yearbook

Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, and Winter Drum Line

ATHLETICS

Fall

Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Soccer (boys), and Volleyball

Winter

Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, and Wrestling

Spring

Baseball, Soccer (girls), Softball, and Track and Field

STUDY HALL MEETINGS

Numerous activities meet during a designated school-wide study hall, allowing students to participate in multiple activities.