

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

It is with a renewed spirit that we begin the month of April at Mater Dei, for with its many rain showers, April also brings an opportunity for new beginnings! We look forward to warmer weather, the success of our spring activities and athletics, and the continued academic success of our students. As you will discover from reading this month's newsletter, our students will be involved in numerous activities during the remaining weeks of school. Thus, please help your child remain focused throughout the fourth quarter, for the expectations we hold for our students will remain high.

As always, please be assured that your decision to become a member of the Mater Dei family is highly valued by our administration and faculty. Because we truly believe that Catholic schools support family, church, and community through the education of our youth, we continually fulfill our calling to serve as exemplary models of academic excellence and faith development. In fact, research shows that Catholic schools positively affect the attitudes and behavior of their students, who later serve as cornerstones of their parishes. We thank you for your trust in our mission!

In closing, I pray that God continues to bless your family as you enjoy Easter and the beauties of spring!



May you have ...
the gladness of Easter,
which is *hope*;
the promise of Easter,
which is *peace*;
the spirit of Easter,
which is *love*.



JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

Enjoy a family breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 14, 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
note: children 5 and younger are free

STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

We are pleased to announce our "Students of the Quarter" for the third quarter:

- seniors Alexis Patton and Blake Sellers
- juniors Madeline Strieker and Andrew Tasker
- sophomores Sarah Lipski and Alden Moss
- freshmen Josie Przygoda and Jacob Patton

The "Students of the Quarter" are selected by the faculty from the list of students who have earned high honor roll or honor roll recognition.

Join us in congratulating these students and their families for this accomplishment!

END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

- May 14 Semester Exams
- May 15 Semester Exams
- May 16 Semester Exams, Last Day
- May 23 Senior - Parent Mass & Banquet
- May 24 Breakfast & Graduation Practice
Graduation Ceremony

FOR UNDERCLASS STUDENTS

- May 16 Semester Exams
- May 17 Semester Exams
- May 20 Semester Exams, Last Day

NOTE: The *May Knight Life* will include exam schedules and dismissal times.



THE COLLEGE PLANNING PROCESS

A PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS OF JUNIORS, SOPHOMORES, AND FRESHMEN
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Mrs. Donna Goetz, Director of College Placement, and Mrs. Deb Foote, senior class advisor, will host "The College Planning Process" for parents of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen on Thursday, April 25, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

During this event, Mrs. Goetz and Mrs. Foote will provide valuable information regarding various aspects of the college planning process, including the benefits of dual credit courses and the procedures for college testing, college applications, and scholarship and financial aid applications.

In addition, Mrs. Jill Klostermann, from the Kaskaskia College Financial Aid Office, will present information regarding financial assistance.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Goetz with questions.

APRIL KNIGHT LIFE

- 1 School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 5 Calendar Drive Day
Illinois FBLA State Leadership Conference
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Mothers & Friends Dinner Auction
- 8 Mothers & Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 13 ACT Testing at Mater Dei
- 14 Fathers & Friends Breakfast (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
- 15 Band Parents Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 17 XX-Schedule (1:00 p.m. dismissal)
- 18 No School—Holy Thursday
- 19 No School—Good Friday
- 22 No School—Easter Monday
- 25 "The College Planning Process" Presentation (7:00 p.m.)
- 26 Physics Day at Six Flags
- 27 Prom (6:00 p.m. to 3:30 a.m.)
- 29 Fathers & Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 30 Clinton County Academic Excellence Banquet



MOTHERS & FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION RAFFLES

There is still time to purchase a chance to win the following raffles: one semester of tuition, a beach getaway for two, a diamond bolo bracelet, a home theater system, a lottery ticket tree, cash, and a whole hog with processing. Winning tickets will be drawn at the Mothers & Friends dinner auction April 6. The raffle order form is available on our website and in the office.

NOTES: Your presence is not required to win. The tuition is transferable to any student who will be enrolled for the 2019-2020 school year.



A KNIGHT ON THE RED CARPET PROM 2019: SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Plans are underway for Prom 2019: A Knight on the Red Carpet! The evening will begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner, the dance, and the late-night festivities. The senior promenade and coronation will be held at 9:00 p.m. Students are strongly encouraged to change clothes at school following the dance. Hangers and garment bags will be available for tuxes, dresses, and jewelry.

From 11:00 p.m. to 3:30 a.m., guests will enjoy the late-night festivities, which include a hypnotist, two inflatables, dodgeball, cornhole (a.k.a. bags), painting, and a variety of additional games. The many prizes include GoPro cameras, Google Home Mini smart speakers, Apple watches, laptops, an Amazon Echo Show, Beats headphones, Bluetooth speakers, dorm refrigerators, TVs, Keurigs, luggage, Cardinals and theme park tickets, cash, and gift cards. All guests will receive an attendance prize!

For dedicating their time and talents to this special event, please join us in thanking the members of our junior class; our prom moderators, Mrs. Melissa Kunkle and Mrs. Emily Timmermann; and our late-night festivities coordinators, Mrs. Kellye Holtgrave, Mrs. Monica Mensing, and Mrs. Lisa Rivera.

For donating funds to support the late-night festivities and prizes, we also thank our families and Mothers & Friends. **(If you would still like to donate, please send your donation to the office.)**

Finally, as always, we thank you for helping us achieve our goal of keeping Prom 2019 memorable and safe!

ATTN: PARENTS NEED A NIGHT OUT?

Volunteers - ladies and gentlemen - are needed Saturday, April 27, 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 Lisa Rivera (lisarivera@mac.com or 560-8620)

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

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

KNIGHTS QUALIFY FOR ACADEMIC CHALLENGE STATE FINALS

At the ACES Academic Challenge Sectional held on March 8, Jun Moon earned second place in mathematics, and Taylor Goring earned a qualifying score in English. Jun and Taylor will now compete at the ACES Academic Challenge State Finals at Eastern Illinois on April 23. Katie Toennies also competed at the sectional.

We wish Jun and Taylor "good luck" and thank Academic Challenge moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann for his dedication to our students!

INDOOR PERCUSSION SEND-OFF PERFORMANCE APRIL 8

Join us in wishing the Mater Dei Indoor Percussion members "good luck" at a send-off performance on April 8 at 8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Under the direction of band director Mr. Blake Korte and drum line instructor Mr. Matt Murphy, the ensemble will perform this year's show, "Every Single Moment," prior to departing for their final competition at the Winter Guard International (WGI) Championships April 9-11 at Dayton, OH.

KNIGHTS' AMAZING GENEROSITY

We are proud to announce that as of March 18, the Mater Dei community has raised a grand total of \$16,975.79 for our class missions and special causes!

WARM HEARTS CAMPAIGN

Through the Warm Hearts Campaign, our students and faculty raised \$200, which was donated to help pay the utility bills of local families in need.

HELPING HANDS



MATER DEI MEGA RAFFLE

Plan to take a chance to win cash prizes: one \$10,000 prize, two \$2,500 prizes, three \$1,000 prizes, twenty \$100 prizes!

Winning tickets will be drawn at the Mater Dei Golf Classic June 1.

Tickets (\$100 each) are available from Fathers & Friends members, parish school board members, or the Mater Dei office.

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

MATER DEI GOLF CLASSIC

Plan to join us at the Mater Dei Golf Classic Saturday, June 1 at Governor's Run in Carlyle! six-person teams of men, women or couples shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Registration forms will be available on our website in the near future.

GREEN & JEANS DAY

Our Green & Jeans Day, held March 18, raised \$665 for St. Patrick Center in St. Louis, which assists those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

WEEKLY MISSION COLLECTIONS

During the third quarter, our students and faculty donated \$995 to support the class missions.

SENIORS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We are pleased to announce that the following seniors will be recognized at the Clinton County Academic Excellence Banquet on April 30, for their academic Achievements: Amy Boeckman, Brady Boeckmann, Katharine Bowen, Angela Carey, Justin Fritch, Charles Harad, Olivia Holtgrave, Madison Stone, Madeline Sullivan, and Meredith Wilke. At the banquet, these seniors and their parents will be recognized by the administrators of their respective schools. Each honoree will receive a medallion and a framed "Certificate of Achievement." The event is sponsored by the four Clinton County high schools and hosted by the Albers American Legion.

HALL OF HONOR CLASS OF 2019

Please join us May 3 for the induction of the members of the Mater Dei Hall of Honor Class of 2019: Heidi Haar '84, Rosemary Huelsmann '69, Tom Hustedde, the late Bob Innes '88, and Matthew Rakers '78.

Established in 1997, the Hall of Honor recognizes alumni and friends of Mater Dei who have lived their lives as witnesses of our mission.

The celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass in our Chapel, followed by dinner and the induction ceremony.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Mater Dei Grant-in-Aid program. For a reservation form (\$20 per person), please contact the office.