

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 all of you are aware, we are currently in a critical period in our lives. Unfortunately, concerns and restrictions related to Coronavirus have taken over our lives and our wonderful school environment. However, as we were reminded by one of our students, we must not forget the need for and power of prayer in our lives, as prayer is our weapon against this enemy. Through prayer, we will receive mental, emotional, and spiritual relief, as well as assurance that we will be okay!

Due to the mandated school closure, many school activities have been or will be cancelled. Sadly, our students are getting the short end of the stick in this situation. Please let us know how we can help as your children try to understand: "Why us? Why now? How long will we be held back in our lives?"

On a positive note, I encourage you to participate in the Holy Week services that will be available online via different platforms, including the Mater Dei website. The Holy Week services are the highlight of our church year and provide us food for our journey to everlasting life.

In closing, I invite all of you to continue to pray for healthier days for our country. And, as always, please contact us should you need assistance, for our goal is to provide our students with the best remote-learning experience possible.



2020-2021 Registration Due April 17

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will continue via mail. Still, we encourage parents and students to plan course selections together and to utilize the academic counseling offered by our class advisors. In addition, the *Curriculum Guide*, which provides descriptions of and prerequisites for all courses, has been emailed to families and is available on PlusPortals ("School Links and Files").

Please return the registration form (with a parent signature) and the \$50 registration fee by Friday, April 17. The registration fee will be applied to the student's 2020-2021 course and activities fee.

Again, our class advisors' goal is to ensure that our students select courses in which they will be challenged and achieve success. Therefore, please do not hesitate to request assistance!

NOTE: Please contact your child's class advisor if you did not receive the registration form in the mail.

STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

We are pleased to announce our "Students of the Quarter" for the third quarter: seniors Wren Heiligenstein and Colby Litteken, juniors Myah Helmkamp and Thomas Marron, sophomores Julia Millikin and Matthew Wolden, and freshmen Kayla Zurliene and Ryan Voss.

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

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

Remote Learning To Continue Through April

The dedication of both our teachers and our students during this extended time of remote learning is second to none! Still, this experience is a unique experience.

Therefore, if necessary, please assist your child(ren) with remaining focused, time management, and organization.

For additional support, please do not hesitate to contact teachers or Mr. Dennis Litteken. **Together, we can ensure that our students continue to achieve success!**

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

ACES TEAM QUALIFIES FOR STATE FINAL

At the Academic Challenge for Engineering and Science (ACES) Sectional held March 6, our ACES team earned second place (less than one point behind the first place team) and qualified for the ACES State Final.

In addition, the following ACES team members earned individual recognition: Jun Moon, first in Chemistry and Math; AJ Mueth, first in Engineering Graphics and second in Computer Science; Katie Toennies, first in Engineering Graphics; Taylor Goring, second in English and third in Engineering Graphics; and Blake Kloeckner, third in math.

We congratulate our ACES team members, as well ACES moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann, on their success!

SCHOLAR KNIGHTS EARN SECOND AT IHSA REGIONAL

The Scholar Knights' season (48-20) concluded with a second place finish at the IHSA Regional held March 9. Throughout their season, the Knights captured the Clinton County Tournament Championship; finished second in the Masonic Sectional and Catholic Schools Tournament; and advanced to the championship round in the Metro East Quad League, in which they finished third.

Freshman Cohen Wiegers led the team with 238 toss ups. Senior Anna Klostermann scored 182 toss ups (388 career toss ups), senior Luke Zurliene scored 94 toss ups (187 career toss ups), senior Jun Moon scored 83 toss ups (101 career toss ups), and senior Val Hund scored 18 toss ups (31 career toss ups).

We congratulate our Scholar Knights, as well as Scholar Bowl moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann, on their success!

WEEKLY MISSION COLLECTIONS

During the third quarter, our students and faculty donated \$789.58 to support the class missions.

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 May 30.

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

Tickets may also be purchased online via the link on our website's home page. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

MATER DEI GOLF CLASSIC

Plan to join us at the Mater Dei Golf Classic May 30 at Governor's Run in Carlyle!

six-person teams (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.

WARM HEARTS CAMPAIGN

Through the Warm Hearts Campaign, our students and faculty raised \$257, which will be donated to help pay the utility bills of local families in need.

SENIORS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We are pleased to announce that the following seniors were to be honored at the Clinton County Academic Excellence Banquet for their academic achievements: Alyssa Becker, Matthew Fuehne, Taylor Goring, Piper Heiligenstein, Wren Heiligenstein, Nickolas Hummert, Meredith Innes, Anna Klostermann, Lainey Kramer, Faith Rackers, and Katie Toennies.

This honor, which is sponsored by the four Clinton County high schools, recognizes the top 10% of each senior class.

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

HALL OF HONOR CLASS OF 2020

Please join us May 1 for the induction of the members of the Mater Dei Hall of Honor Class of 2020: Ruth Eversgerd '63, Kathie Heimann '61, John Hempen '70, and Don Schomaker '74.

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.

APRIL KNIGHT LIFE

The lives of our Mater Dei Knights certainly are not the same during this time, as our calendar of events must remain empty. We miss seeing our students not only in the classroom, but also outside the classroom participating in extracurricular activities!

Please know that we are hoping to reschedule the prom festivities, but are unable to make a final decision at this time.

We appreciate your continued understanding and grace during this time of uncertainty.



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

THE SIDESHOW APRIL 12 – APRIL 18

ONLINE AUCTION
open to all



THE MAIN EVENT AUGUST 29

DINNER AUCTION
reservations required

Recognizing the immediate priorities of our community during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Mothers and Friends Auction Committee will now host A Knight Under the Big Top Sideshow, an online-only auction, April 12, 2020, through April 18, 2020; and A Knight Under the Big Top Main Event, the annual dinner auction, Saturday, August 29, 2020. As always, these events provide an opportunity to raise funds that are vital to the success of Mater Dei Catholic High School.

A KNIGHT UNDER THE BIG TOP SIDESHOW: SUNDAY, APRIL 12 THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 18

This online auction – April 12, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. through April 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. – will include “time-sensitive” items, including events that occur or certificates that expire prior to August, as well as finding a forever home for Bailey, a red Labrador puppy. Donations may also be made to the Fund-A-Need during this event.

The online event is open to everyone (not only guests attending the Main Event). All those interested in participating in online bidding must register by texting *sideshow2020* to 76278 or visiting the online registration site. The link for the online registration site is available on our website: “Parents” menu, “Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction” page.

A KNIGHT UNDER THE BIG TOP MAIN EVENT: SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

The traditional dinner auction, an evening of fine food and friendship, will be held Saturday, August 29, 2020.

For those who previously submitted reservations, those reservations will be held for the new date. Registered guests who are now unable to attend have the opportunity to convert their payment for tickets to a cash donation (with a tax receipt). To cancel your reservation or to receive additional information regarding your reservation, please email mdauction20reservations@gmail.com or call 618-381-6052.

For those who need to submit reservations, please refer to the “Reservations” section below.

DONATIONS The due date for donations is now August 7, 2020. The revised donation form is available on our website: “Parents” menu, “Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction” page.

RESERVATIONS Please plan to join us for the dinner auction August 29, 2020! The reservation form and the invitation, which includes detailed information, are available on our website: “Parents” menu, “Mothers & Friends Dinner Auction” page. Please note that seating is limited, and reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis and secured with payment.

RAFFLES Try your luck at winning one of the following raffles: a trip to enjoy Cirque du Soleil in Las Vegas or Orlando, a diamond necklace (half-carat total weight), an LG 55” Class 4K Smart UHD television, a lottery ticket tree, cash (limited raffle), a whole hog with processing, and one semester of tuition. The winning tickets will be drawn at the dinner auction. (Attendance at the dinner auction is not required to win.)

Both the raffle order form (to purchase via mail) and the link for the online raffle order form (to purchase online) are available on our website: “Parents” menu, “Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction” page.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION For additional information, visit the dinner auction Facebook page (“Mater Dei Mothers & Friends Dinner Auction”), email mdauction20@gmail.com, or contact dinner auction chairs Susan McCray (618-210-7971) or Kellye Holtgrave (314-497-8017).