
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 proceed through the month of March, please know that we will continually promote the spiritual growth of our students throughout the Lenten season by providing daily morning prayer, daily Mass, a reconciliation service, and meatless Friday lunches. Please join me in thanking Campus Minister Ms. Colleen McDermott and Fr. Chuck Tuttle for their dedication to fostering the faith of our students!

March also brings the end of our third quarter on Friday, March 11. Thus, please plan to attend parent-teacher conferences on Wednesday, March 16, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss the academic progress of your child(ren).

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.

In closing, 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 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 family!

2022-2023 Registration

Believe it or not, it is time to prepare for the 2022-2023 school year! Starting March 7, class advisors will first discuss the registration process during the students' English or theology class. This year, each student will then meet individually with his/her class advisor to discuss course selections and to complete the registration form. Finally, students and parents will review the course selections and note requested revisions prior to returning the registration form to the class advisor.

Please note that the *2022-2023 Curriculum Guide* will be emailed to families, as well as posted on PlusPortals ("School Links And Files") and on 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 April 29. The registration fee will be applied to a student's 2022-2023 Course and Activity Fee.

Our teachers and class advisors look forward to assisting our students with selecting courses in which they will achieve success. Thus, please do not hesitate to call or to email with questions!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Wednesday, March 16, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

We invite parents to discuss their child(ren)'s academic progress with individual teachers during our third quarter parent-teacher conferences.

Please note that we will utilize our traditional format of "first come first served."

We will send an email to inform you when report cards are available for you to print from PlusPortals, as report cards will not be available in the office.

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

MARCH KNIGHT LIFE

- 2 Ash Wednesday Mass (9:40 a.m.)
- 4 ACES Sectional
- 7 2022-2023 Registration Process Begins
IHSA Class 1A Mater Dei Scholar Bowl Regional (4:30 p.m.)
School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 10 Clinton County Honor Band & Art Show (7:00 p.m., Mater Dei)
- 11 End of the Third Quarter
- 13 Winter Concert (7:00 p.m.)
- 14 Mothers & Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 16 Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- 17 X-Schedule (11:15 a.m. dismissal)
- 18 No School
- 21 No School
Band Parents Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 28 Fathers & Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 30 Reconciliation Services
Christian Discipleship and Service Award Nominations Due

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WINTER CONCERT: MARCH 13

Enjoy performances by our concert band, jazz band, wind ensemble, and chorus at our Winter Concert on Sunday, March 13, at 7 p.m. in the main gymnasium.

(The date has been changed from the original date of March 6 that was published on the "Events Calendar.")

SPRING MUSICAL: APRIL 8, 9, 10

Enjoy a performance of Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, a musical adaptation of the beloved and timeless film of the same name, on Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, April 9, at 7 p.m.; or Sunday, April 10, at 2 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST: APRIL 10

In support of our Fathers & Friends, treat your family to a delicious breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the cafeteria.

BE THE HANDS OF CHRIST



We sincerely thank all who donated to our Catholic Schools Week Charity Challenge and our Catholic Schools Week Collection! The level of generosity was exceptional!

Catholic Schools Week Charity Challenge

The Mater Dei community donated a total of **\$3,450**, including an \$812 donation from our Marching Knights family, to the Onate-Angel family! The family's youngest child, Jose, is currently undergoing treatments for Leukemia. Please continue to pray for Jose, his family, and his medical team!

Catholic Schools Week Collection

The Mater Dei community donated **23 boxes** of individually-packaged food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Belleville's Night Drop-In Center! The food will be used to provide sack lunches to those in need.



A PRAYER FOR FEASTING DURING LENT

Loving God,

Always, but especially during this holy season of Lent, grant us the strength to fast from all that leads us away from you and to feast on all that brings us closer to you.

- ◆ fast from judging others; feast on self-improvement
- ◆ fast from gossiping; feast on spreading good news
- ◆ fast from focusing on differences; feast on focusing on our oneness
- ◆ fast from words that insult; feast on words that praise
- ◆ fast from discontent; feast on gratitude
- ◆ fast from anger; feast on patience
- ◆ fast from pessimism; feast on optimism
- ◆ fast from complaining; feast on appreciation
- ◆ fast from indulgence; feast on self-care
- ◆ fast from hostility; feast on peace
- ◆ fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness
- ◆ fast from selfishness; feast on compassion for others
- ◆ fast from criticism; feast on encouragement
- ◆ fast from apathy; feast on enthusiasm
- ◆ fast from suspicion; feast on trust
- ◆ fast from stress; feast on quiet silence
- ◆ fast from talking; feast on listening
- ◆ fast from desiring control; feast on faith

In fulfilling these callings, we may continue to serve as models of your son, Jesus. Amen.

**CONGRATS
AND
GOOD LUCK**

SCHOLAR KNIGHTS WIN CLINTON COUNTY TOURNAMENT

On February 23, under the guidance of moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann, our Scholar Knights were crowned the champions of the Clinton County Tournament for the third consecutive year after defeating Carlyle, Central, and Wesclin! With this year's championship, Mater Dei leads the tournament's 31-year history with nineteen championships, followed by Central (seven) and Wesclin (five).

Join us in both congratulating our Scholar Knights and wishing them "Good luck!" as they compete in the IHSA Class 1A Mater Dei Regional on March 7!

ACES TEAM PLACES SECOND AT REGIONAL AND ADVANCES TO SECTIONAL

Join us in congratulating our Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science (ACES) team for earning second place at the ACES Regional Competition on February 9! Under the guidance of moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann, each student completed a standardized test in two of the following academic disciplines: biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, mathematics, and physics.

The following team members earned individual recognition: Caleigh Arentsen, first place in biology; Cohen Wiegers, first place in English; Cesare Zini, first place in computer science and second place in physics; Callie Caylor, second place in math; Brennan Cook, second place in computer science; Joseph Goring, second place in engineering graphics; Max Morton, third place in computer science; and Martina Zinesi, third place in math. Additional team members were Julia Millikin, Michael Redman, Remmie Vail, Ashlyn Vonder Haar, and Kayla Zurliene.

On March 4, the team competed in the ACES Sectional Competition, the results of which will determine if they advance to the ACES State Finals held in April.



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CLINTON COUNTY HONOR BAND AND ART SHOW AT MATER DEI MARCH 10

We are honored to host the Clinton County Honor Band and Art Show on Thursday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the main gymnasium! Musicians from Mater Dei, Carlyle, Central, and Wesclin will perform under the direction of guest conductor John Fannin, who served as Assistant Director of Bands at Murray State University from 1995 until his retirement in 2020. Prior to the concert, art work created by students from the four schools will be displayed.

Please join us in congratulating our musicians who were selected to perform: Caleigh Arentsen (flute), Brandon Chan (percussion), Austin Cook (percussion), Brennan Cook (trombone), Ben Cowgill (tenor saxophone), Chloe Logan (flute), Ava McSparin (euphonium), Megan Melone (flute), Ben Miller (alto saxophone), Julia Millikin (alto saxophone), Ellen Nuxoll (clarinet), Gabe Onate-Angel (alto saxophone), Ella Paterson-Heier (clarinet), Reagan Porter (trumpet), and Aidan Varel (French horn).

Please also join us in congratulating our artists whose art work will be displayed: Logan Beer, Madison Bonner, Sierra Brinker, Eva Choisne, Michelle Colson Wharwood, Jade Helton, Anna Hemker, Abigail Holtgrave, Jenna Huegen, Ashleigh Jamruk, Riley Kleber, Katy Le, Zachary Ludwig, Katharine McElhose, Julia Millikin, Brady Pollmann, Jacob Pollmann, Lyndsey Richter, Brooke Rickhoff, Bay Thangsuwan, Shyanne Thompson, Carli Timmermann, Maddalena Tirino, John Venhaus, Braeden Williams, and Brooke Zurliene.

We thank director of bands Mr. Alex Normansell and art teacher Mrs. Vicki Moylan for their dedication to our students! We also thank Madeline Moylan, Mater Dei Class of 2014, for designing the art work for the event (displayed above.)

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 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.

DRESS CODE Please remind your child that a dress code polo shirt must be worn at all times. Moreover, only sweatshirts and jackets with a Mater Dei logo; and solid black, navy, or white sweaters and fleece quarter-zip pullovers (not gray, not with a non-Mater Dei logo) 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.

The complete attendance policy and the complete dress code policy are provided on in the *Student Handbook*, which is available on PlusPortals ("School Links and Files" window) and our website ("Parents" menu).



A Knight at Mardi Gras

MOTHERS & FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Planning continues for "A Knight at Mardi Gras," the Mothers & Friends dinner auction scheduled for Saturday, April 23! This event, one of our largest fundraisers, is an opportunity to enjoy fine food and fellowship in support of our students!

Information is also provided on our website: "Parents" menu, "Mothers and Friends Dinner Auction" page.

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.

RESERVATIONS Please submit reservations (\$65 per seat) as soon as possible, as seating is limited. The invitation and the reservation form are available in the office and on our website.

VOLUNTEERS The dinner auction's success is a direct result of our parents' willingness to share their time and talents! Volunteers are needed to set up April 21 and 22, to assist during the dinner auction April 23, and to clean April 23 and 24.

RAFFLES As in the past, the dinner auction will include a number of raffles that may be purchased by both attendees and those who are unable to attend. The raffle order form will be provided on our website when finalized.

PROGRAM So you may enjoy a sneak peek and plan your bidding, the dinner auction program will be provided on our website when finalized.

CONTACT To volunteer or to receive additional information, visit the "Mater Dei Mothers and Friends" Facebook page, contact dinner auction chair Kellye Holtgrave (618-219-6661), or email mdauction2022@gmail.com.

THANK YOU for supporting this vital fundraiser!



Happy
St. Patrick's Day!

May your troubles be less.
May your blessings be more.
May nothing but happiness
come through your door.



ATTN: PARENTS NEED A NIGHT OUT?

Volunteers - ladies and gentlemen - are invited to assist with the late-night prom festivities sponsored by Mothers & Friends.

Volunteers are needed from
Saturday, April 30, at 10:45 p.m.
to Sunday, May 1, at 3:30 a.m.

To volunteer, please contact
Lisa Rivera (lisarivera@mac.com or 560-8620)
or Kim Miller (jnkmiller19@gmail.com or 444-8417)

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



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 30). 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 Street, Breese).



PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

ACT TEST AT MATER DEI APRIL 2

Students may still register by March 11, with a late fee, for the April 2 ACT test at Mater Dei. Registration information is available in the College Placement Office and on the ACT website (www.act.org).

NOTE: If the registration page shows no seats available, please immediately inform Mrs. Goetz via email or Teams chat, as she can add additional seats.

FREE ACT PREP DURING PERIOD 8 STUDY HALLS

To assist our students in preparing for the ACT, Mrs. Goetz will host free ACT prep sessions in room 505 during period 8 study halls in March.

All interested students may participate in as many sessions as they choose.

ACT MATH BOOT CAMP MARCH 26

Ms. Cheryl Sackett will host an ACT math “boot camp” prep session on Saturday, March 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The fee is only \$10. Students may register in the College Placement Office.

CLASS OF 2022 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Mrs. Goetz reminds parents of seniors to continuously review scholarship information with their child(ren) via the “College Placement” group in PlusPortals (select “Groups” on the PlusPortals homepage).

Specifically, scholarship information is provided in the *College Placement Newsletter*, which Mrs. Goetz emails to all families and posts on PlusPortals in the “College Placement” group (in the “Links and Files” window, select “College Placement Newsletter” from the folder drop-down menu).

NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE? FILE THE FAFSA NOW

Parents may file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at this time at www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa. For assistance, contact Mrs. Goetz.

NOTE: Parents will utilize the 2020 income tax information that is on file with the IRS. The IRS Data Retrieval Tool simplifies this process.

NOTE: Parents must create an FSA ID for both the student and one parent prior to beginning the process (“Apply for Aid” menu, “Filling Out the FAFSA Form” sub-menu, “Creating an FSA ID” page). The information must match the information on each person’s social security card.

NOTE: Remember to submit the FAFSA to all colleges to which your student plans to apply.

NACAC COLLEGE FAIRS

NACAC is hosting numerous in-person and virtual college fairs this spring. For additional information, visit the NACAC college fairs website: www.nacacattend.org/1708505

ELIGIBILITY FOR NCAA ATHLETICS

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are considering playing athletics at an NCAA Division I or Division II college or university should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

ACT TEST DATES

For registration information, visit the College Placement Office or the ACT website: www.actstudent.org.

April 2, 2022 (at Mater Dei)
late registration deadline March 11, 2022

June 4, 2022
deadline May 6, 2022

July 16, 2022
deadline June 17, 2022

GENERAL NOTES

In order for Mater Dei to receive ACT scores, the registration must include our CEEB code (where a student attends school): 140-395.

Test accommodations must be requested at the time of registration. International and ELL students are eligible for extended time.

To avoid extra fees in the future, at the time of registration, students should list potential college choices to which they would like their ACT scores to be sent.

ACT TEST ANSWERS

Students who complete the ACT test at a national test center on a national test date in December, April, or June may order the ACT Test Information Release (TIR) for \$30 per test date.

The TIR may be ordered at the time of registration or during the six-month period after the student’s test date.

The TIR provides a digital copy of the test questions, a student’s answers, and the answer key. For the writing test, a student will receive a copy of the writing prompt, the scoring rubric, and the scores assigned to his/her essay.