

## 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!

2022-2023  
Registration  
Due April 29

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year continues! We encourage parents and students to plan course selections together and to utilize the academic counseling offered by our class advisors. The *Curriculum Guide*, which provides descriptions of and prerequisites for all courses, was emailed to parents and students March 8 and is available on PlusPortals ("School Links and Files").

Please return the registration form with a parent signature and the \$50 registration fee by April 29. The registration fee will be applied to the student's 2022-2023 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!

### STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

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

seniors Brooke Zurliene and Remie Vail  
 juniors Megan Melone and Ethan Toennies  
 sophomores Emma Eversgerd and Wil Harris  
 freshmen Claire Thole and Carter Murphy

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!



Easter Blessings

May you be blessed with  
 the gladness of Easter,  
 which is hope;  
 the promise of Easter,  
 which is peace;  
 the spirit of Easter,  
 which is love.

## APRIL KNIGHT LIFE

- 2 ACT Testing at Mater Dei (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
- 4 School Board Meeting (7 p.m.)
- 8 Musical: *White Christmas* (7 p.m.)
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- 10 Fathers & Friends Breakfast (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)  
Softball Camp (12 p.m. to 3 p.m., grades 2-8)  
Musical: *White Christmas* (2 p.m.)
- 11 Indoor Percussion Performance (7 p.m.)  
Mothers & Friends Meeting (7 p.m.)
- 13 XX-Schedule (1 p.m. dismissal)
- 14 No School: Holy Thursday
- 15 No School: Good Friday
- 18 No School: Easter Monday  
Band Parents Meeting (7 p.m.)
- 22 Calendar Drive Day
- 23 Mothers & Friends Dinner Auction
- 25 Fathers & Friends Meeting (7 p.m.)
- 27 Clinton County Academic Excellence Awards (7 p.m.)
- 28 Student Council Blood Drive
- 29 2022-2023 Registrations Due  
Six Flags Physics Day
- 30 Prom (8 p.m. to 11 p.m.)  
Late-Night Prom Festivities (11 p.m. to 3:30 a.m.)

## JOIN US

### SPRING MUSICAL: APRIL 8, 9, 10

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

Tickets (\$6 each) may be purchased at the door or in advance at the office (during office hours). Knight Club members may contact the office for "will call" tickets.

### PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST: APRIL 10

In support of Fathers & Friends, enjoy a family breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the cafeteria. The menu includes eggs, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, corn bread, coffee, juice, and milk.

Meals are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children age 6-13, and free for children age 5 and under.

### INDOOR PERCUSSION PERFORMANCE: APRIL 11

Enjoy a "friends and family" performance by our Indoor Percussion on Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the main gym.

### GOLF CLASSIC: JUNE 4

Gather your teammates for the Golf Classic on June 4 at Governors Run in Carlyle! The six-person team scramble offers three divisions (men, women, or couples) and two shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Registration forms will be available on our website soon.

## END-OF-YEAR SCHEDULE

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

### FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

- May 18 Semester Exams
- May 19 Semester Exams
- May 20 Semester Exams, Last Day
- May 26 Senior-Parent Mass and Awards
- May 27 Breakfast and Graduation Practice  
Graduation Ceremony

### FOR UNDERCLASS STUDENTS

- May 20 Semester Exams
- May 23 Semester Exams
- May 24 Semester Exams, Last Day



Plans are underway for Prom 2022: A Cosmic Knight! The evening will begin with the dance from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. (coronation at 9 p.m.) and conclude with the late-night prom festivities from 11 p.m. to 3:30 a.m.

The late-night prom festivities will include a hypnotist, a dodgeball tournament, a bags tournament, painting, casino games, and a lot of food! The many prizes include chances in the inflatable money cube, Apple watches, Fitbit watches, Apple AirPods, Beats devices, tailgate speakers, Bluetooth speakers, Cardinals and Grizzlies tickets, and more. All guests will receive a gift card as an attendance prize.

For dedicating their time and talents to this event, we thank our junior class; our prom moderators, Mrs. Vicki Moylan and Mrs. Emily Timmermann; and the late-night prom festivities chairs, Kim Miller, Lisa Rivera, and Janel Zurliene.

For their donations to support the late-night prom festivities, we thank our families, Mothers & Friends, and local businesses. (Families may still send donations.)

Finally, we thank you, our parents, for helping us achieve our goal of keeping Prom 2022 memorable and safe!

NOTE: Students are strongly encouraged to change clothes at Mater Dei following the dance. Hangers and garment bags will be available for tuxes, dresses, and jewelry.

## Attention Parents: Volunteers Needed

Volunteers - ladies and gentlemen - are needed 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 or Kim Miller.

Lisa: lisarivera@mac.com or 560-8620  
Kim: jnkmler19@gmail.com or 444-8417

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

## KNIGHTS IN ACTION

### SCHOLAR KNIGHTS COMPETE AT IHSA CLASS 1A SCHOLASTIC BOWL STATE FINAL

Our Scholar Knights' season (67-13) concluded at the IHSA Class 1A Scholastic Bowl State Final Tournament on March 18, where they were 20 points shy of advancing to the third-place match. On their journey to the state finals, the Knights captured championships at the Mater Dei Regional on March 7 and the Mater Dei Sectional on March 12. Throughout their season, the Knights also placed first in the Clinton County Tournament, Metro-East Area Catholic Schools Tournament, and Heartland Catholic Schools Tournament; and placed second in the Metro-East Quad League, Masonic Academic Bowl Sectional Tournament, and South Central Scholastic League Tournament.

For individual achievements, the IHSSBCA selected Cohen Wiegiers to the Class A All-State Second Team and Caleigh Arentsen and Dakota Driemeyer to the Class A All-Sectional Team. Additionally, Cohen Wiegiers is now Mater Dei's all-time leader in career tossups with 745.

We congratulate our Scholar Knights, as well as moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann and assistant moderator Mrs. Emily Timmermann, on their successful season!

### ACES TEAM PLACES THIRD AT SECTIONAL AND THREE MEMBERS ADVANCE TO STATE

Join us in congratulating our Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science (ACES) team for earning third place at the ACES Sectional Competition on March 4: Caleigh Arentsen, Callie Caylor, Brennan Cook, Dakota Driemeyer, Joseph Goring, Julia Millikin, Max Morton, Michael Redman, Remmie Vail, Cohen Wiegiers, Martina Zinesi, Cesare Zini, and Kayla Zurliene! 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.

Please also join us in congratulating the team members who earned individual recognition and advanced to the ACES State Competition: Caleigh Arentsen, first place in biology; Cesare Zini, first place in physics; and Joseph Goring, second place in engineering graphics. We wish them "Good luck!" as they compete on April 4.

### INDOOR PERCUSSION PERFORMS "SET IN STONE"

We wish our Indoor Percussion members "Good luck!" at the Central States Percussion Association (CSPA) Championship on April 9 at Francis Howell High School. They previously competed in CSPA competitions at Hazelwood Central High School on February 26 and Fort Zumwalt East High School on March 12.

We also invite the Mater Dei family to enjoy a performance of our Indoor Percussion's show, "Set in Stone," on April 11, at 7 p.m. in the main gym.

### MATER DEI FAMILY DONATES \$11,642.64

For the benefit of others, our Mater Dei family raised \$4,678.28 during the third quarter!

Specifically, the Mater Dei family raised \$928.28 for our class missions; \$300 for our Warm Hearts Campaign (to pay the utility bills of local families in need), and \$3,450 for our Catholic Schools Week Charity.

Thus, through third quarter, our Mater Dei family has raised a grand total of \$11,642.64!

We thank you, our Mater Dei family, for serving as the hands of Christ!



### EASTER FOOD DRIVE: APRIL 1-12

From April 1 - 12, our four classes will enjoy a friendly competition for a good cause: collecting canned goods for local food pantries.

Like last year, when our Mater Dei family donated 2,142 canned goods and \$130, the top homeroom will earn a soda and a snack, and the top class will earn a jeans day.

We offer our gratitude to Mrs. Deb Foote, Mrs. KK Schneider, and our National Honor Society members for hosting this event, which has resulted in the donation of a total of 30,001 canned goods since 2005!

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## SENIORS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

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We are pleased to announce the seniors who will be honored for their academic achievements at the Clinton County Academic Excellence Ceremony on April 27: Caleigh Arentsen, Callie Caylor, Joseph Goring, Abigail Holtgrave, Julia Millikin, Annalyse Richter, Rachel Rivera, Henry Triplett, Maya VanDorn, and John Venhaus.

Sponsored by the four Clinton County high schools, this honor recognizes students in the top 10% of each senior class.

Join us in congratulating these students and their families for their academic accomplishments!

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## HALL OF HONOR CLASS OF 2022

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On May 6, we will celebrate the induction of the Mater Dei Hall of Honor Class of 2022: Maura Berndsen '86, Neil Jansen '87, Deacon Linus Klostermann '72, and Al Varel.

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, followed by dinner and the induction ceremony.

For a reservation form, please contact the office.



# PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

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## THE COLLEGE PLANNING PROCESS: APRIL 21

### A Presentation for Parents of Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen

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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 21, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Lampe Commons.

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.

For questions, please contact Mrs. Goetz ([dgoetz@materdeiknights.org](mailto:dgoetz@materdeiknights.org) or 618-526-7216).

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## NACAC VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIRS

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NACAC is hosting virtual college fairs on April 12 and April 26. For additional information, visit the NACAC college fairs website: [ww.nacacattend.org/fairs](http://ww.nacacattend.org/fairs)

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## KASKASKIA COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS VIA PARCHMENT

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For seniors who enrolled in dual credit courses, final transcripts from Kaskaskia College must be requested via Parchment. Mrs. Donna Goetz will email the instructions for this process when she receives them from Kaskaskia College.

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## ACT TEST DATES

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For registration information, visit the College Placement Office or the ACT website: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

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.



## MOTHERS & FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION SATURDAY, APRIL 23

"A Knight at Mardi Gras," the Mothers & Friends dinner auction is this month! This event, one of our largest fundraisers, is an opportunity to enjoy fine food and fellowship in support 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 [mduction2022@gmail.com](mailto:mduction2022@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU** for supporting this vital fundraiser!