

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 the end of the school year rapidly approaches, I enjoy reflecting on what has been an outstanding year! Under the leadership of the Class of 2022, our students once again achieved success in academics, service, and extracurricular activities. Thus, it is with great pride that we will honor our underclass students at the National Honor Society Induction and Underclass Awards Night and our seniors at both the Senior-Parent Mass and Awards Night and Graduation. While we will certainly miss the Class of 2022, we are confident they will continue to dedicate themselves to achieving success and to serving others with their many gifts. Please join me in praying for our seniors as they prepare to begin a new chapter in their lives.

As in years past, I am also impressed with the exceptional level of support provided by all the members of our Mater Dei community! The dedication of our students, parents, faculty, staff, pastors, alumni, and friends creates a truly unique "Mater Dei spirit!" **THANK YOU** for your support, which allows us to educate, to foster faith, and to develop gospel values in each of our students. Together, we certainly made a difference this year!

As always, may God continue to bless you and your family as you enjoy a safe and relaxing summer! Please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance.



Join us in thanking the following members of our faculty for their dedicated service to the Mater Dei community: Mr. Alex Normansell, for two years of service, and Mr. Doug Ratermann, for five years of service.

May they enjoy many blessings on their new journeys!

SENIOR EVENTS SCHEDULE	
Wednesday, May 18	Exam period 8
Thursday, May 19	Exams periods 4/5, 6, 7 (dismiss 1:59 p.m.)
Friday, May 20	Exams periods 1, 2, 3 (dismiss 10:51 a.m.) Gown Distribution 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 26	Senior-Parent Mass & Awards 6:00 p.m., St. Dominic
Friday, May 27	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice 8:30 a.m., commons Graduation Ceremony 7:00 p.m., gymnasium

NOTE: Gowns will not be issued until all tuition and fees are paid, all books are returned, and all disciplinary responsibilities are fulfilled.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: An occasion of dignity, recognition, and celebration, Graduation is the most meaningful of academic activities. Thus, to preserve the decorum of the event, please exercise etiquette appropriate for the occasion and refrain from using noise makers and silly string, which prevent others from enjoying the ceremony. Please also ensure that your child adheres to the expected dress code for all the activities. As always, thank you in advance for your support!

UNDERCLASS EXAM SCHEDULE	
<u>Friday, May 20</u>	
pd 7	exam 12:19 - 1:19
pd 8	1:23 - 1:49
pd 8	exam 1:50 - 2:50
<u>Monday, May 23</u>	
pd 1	exam 8:10 - 9:10
homeroom	9:14 - 9:19
pd 2	exam 9:23 - 10:23
pd 4/5	exam 10:26 - 11:26

<u>Tuesday, May 24</u>	
pd 3	exam 8:10 - 9:10
homeroom	9:14 - 9:18
pd 6	exam 9:22 - 10:22

NOTE: On Monday and Tuesday, Mater Dei buses will travel their normal routes. Students on other routes will not have bus service after school.

MAY KNIGHT LIFE

- 2 School Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- 3 Baccalaureate Mass (9:30 a.m., Cathedral)
- 4 May Mass (9:40 a.m.)
- 6 X-Schedule (11:15 a.m. dismissal)
Hall of Honor (6:15 p.m.)
- 9 Mothers and Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 10 NHS Induction & Underclass Awards Night (7:00 p.m.)
- 15 Spring Concert (7:00 p.m.)
- 16 Band Banquet (6:30 p.m., Knights of Columbus)
- 18 Senior Exam (period 8)
- 19 Senior Exams (periods 4/5, 6, 7)
- 20 Senior Exams (periods 1, 2, 3; 10:51 a.m. dismissal)
Graduation Gown Distribution (11:00 a.m.)
Underclass Exams (periods 7 and 8)
- 23 Underclass Exams (periods 1, 2, and 4/5)
- 24 Underclass Exams (periods 3 and 6; 10:22 a.m. dismissal)
End of Fourth Quarter and Second Semester
- 26 Senior-Parent Mass and Awards (6:00 p.m., St. Dominic)
- 27 Senior Breakfast and Graduation Practice (8:30 a.m.)
Graduation Ceremony (7:00 p.m.)
- 31 Fathers and Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

JOIN US

SPRING CONCERT: MAY 15

Enjoy performances by our concert band, jazz band, wind ensemble, and chorus at our Spring Concert on Sunday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the main gymnasium.

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, couples) and two shotgun starts (7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m). Registration forms are available in the office and on our website.

For those who do not golf, but want to support the Golf Classic, numerous volunteer opportunities are available! Please contact Mr. Dennis Litteken for additional information, including the various roles and shifts (dlitteken@materdeiknights.org).

SUMMER FATHERS AND FRIENDS MEETINGS

Mark your calendar for the summer Fathers and Friends meetings on June 27 and July 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Family

IS GOD'S GREATEST GIFT



WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR ALL MEMBERS OF OUR MATER DEI FAMILY WHO PLAYED A ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR!

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

KNIGHTS DONATE TO LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Through their personal Lenten rice bowls, our students and faculty donated over \$500 to CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. We thank them for serving as the hands of Christ!

THREE ACES TEAM MEMBERS COMPETE AT STATE COMPETITION

Congratulations to Cesare Zini for earning first place in physics at the Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science (ACES) State Competition in April! Caleigh Arentsen and Joseph Goring also advanced to the state competition. We also thank moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann for his dedication to our ACES Team!

STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE

During the blood drive hosted by our Student Council and Red Cross on April 28, 52 units were collected. We thank the students, faculty, and community members who presented to donate to this life-saving event!

KNIGHTS COMPETE IN COMMODITY CHALLENGE

Seniors Olivia Book, Owen Huelsmann, and Carissa Litteken recently competed in the Clinton County Farm Bureau's Commodity Challenge, through which students learned the "ins and outs" of today's commodity markets by "trading" corn, soybeans, and wheat on the cash, futures, and options markets (via an online interactive game). Of the more than 40 participants, Olivia Book earned fifth place. We thank Deacon Glenn Netemeyer, our Introduction to Agriculture instructor, for providing this real-life learning opportunity!

WEARING SHORTS

The dates on which students may wear shorts and capri pants are May 4 for seniors and May 9 for underclass students.

Please ensure that your child's shorts comply with the dress code, which states that shorts must be no more than three inches above the knee. Also, please remind your child that sandals are not acceptable.

While we are confident that the students will adhere to the dress code policy, we do reserve the right to prohibit shorts and capris at any time.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

SUMMER CAMPS

For our summer grade school athletic camps, the brochure, which includes the registration form, is available in the office and on our website. Online registration is also available via the link provided on our website.

(www.materdeiknights.org, "Athletics" menu, "Summer Athletic Camps 2022" page)

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Please join us in thanking the members of our 2021-2022 School Board for their faithful service: Jaclyn Albers, Gregg Cox, Patrick Holtgrave, Keith Kampwerth, Paula Kampwerth, Laurie Klostermann, Tina Kohrmann, Joe Millard, Brian Patton, Kyle Ritzheimer, Rex Schomaker, Denise Sinclair, Jill Tasker, Roger Toennies, and Renee Wilke.

We extend a special thank you to Keith Kampwerth, Rex Schomaker, and Renee Wilke, who will “retire” in June.

MATER DEI MEMORIAL GRANTS

Applications for Mater Dei Memorial Grants (tuition assistance) for the 2022-2023 school year are due June 15, 2022.

An informational letter and the memorial grant application, which were emailed to all parents on April 28, 2022, are also available on PlusPortals in the “School Links and Files” window.

For questions, please contact Mr. Dennis Litteken or Mrs. Julie Mueth.

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

MATER DEI MEGA RAFFLE

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

Mega Raffle tickets (\$100 each) may be purchased on our website, from Fathers & Friends members and school board members, and in our Advancement Office.

Winning tickets will be drawn at the Golf Classic June 4.

Thank you for your support of this vital fundraiser!

PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION



KASKASKIA COLLEGE JUMP START PROGRAM

an opportunity to earn college credit with reduced tuition

Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors – who are all eligible to participate in the Kaskaskia College Jump Start Program – still have time to register for a summer semester course!

The Jump Start Program provides students who will be sophomores, juniors, or seniors during the 2022-2023 school year with the opportunity to enroll in one course each semester for half the cost of tuition and mandatory fees (maximum three credit hours). Students are also responsible for the full cost of course fees, textbooks, and lab fees (if applicable.)

Additional specific information is available on the Kaskaskia College website: www.kaskaskia.edu/academics/college-for-high-school-students/jump-start. For a registration form or for assistance registering, contact College Placement Director Mrs. Donna Goetz (618-526-7216 or dgoetz@materdeiknights.org).

NOTE: These courses are not dual credit courses. Credit is earned only at Kaskaskia College (not at Mater Dei.) Thus, we recommend enrolling in courses that are not offered as dual credit courses at Mater Dei.

SENIORS: REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS VIA PARCHMENT

Mater Dei transcripts and Kaskaskia College transcripts

For submission to the post-secondary institution they plan to attend, seniors must order transcripts for Mater Dei, as well as Kaskaskia College (for dual credit courses, via their Parchment account (www.parchment.com)).

For questions, contact College Placement Director Mrs. Donna Goetz (618-526-7216 or doetz@materdeiknights.org).

ACT TEST DATES

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

June 11, 2022

late registration deadline May 20, 2022

July 16, 2022

deadline June 17, 2022

late registration deadline July 24, 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.