
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, 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. Join me in thanking Campus Minister Miss Colleen McDermott, Fr. Chuck Tuttle, and our local clergy for their dedication to fostering the faith of our students!

March also brings the end of our third quarter on Friday, March 8. Therefore, please plan to attend parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, March 14, 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 the arrival of warmer temperatures, 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. Please do not hesitate to contact us for assistance. May God continue to bless all members of the Mater Dei family!

2024-2025 REGISTRATION

Believe it or not, it is time to begin preparing for the 2024-2025 school year!

Starting March 18, our class advisors will begin meeting with each student to discuss course selections and to complete the registration form. Students and parents will then review the course selections and note requested revisions prior to returning the registration form to the class advisor.

Please note that the *2024-2025 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 19. The registration fee will be applied to a student's 2024-2025 Course and Activity Fee.

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

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, March 14, 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.

We will utilize our traditional "first-come, first-served" format.

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.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

MARCH KNIGHT LIFE

- 3 Winter Concert (6:00 p.m.)
- 4 School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 6 Clinton County Honor Band Concert & Art Show (7:00 p.m., Carlyle)
- 8 X-Schedule (11:15 a.m. dismissal)
End of the Third Quarter
- 11 No School
Mothers & Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 13 Retreat Day - Freshman
- 14 Retreat Day - Sophomores
Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- 15 Retreat Day - Juniors
- 18 2024-2025 Registration Begins
Band Parents Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 20 Reconciliation Services
- 24 Fathers & Friends Breakfast (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
- 25 Fathers & Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 27 XX-Schedule (1:00 p.m. dismissal)
- 28 No School: Holy Thursday
- 29 No School: Good Friday
- 31 Christian Discipleship and Service Award Nominations Due

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WINTER CONCERT: MARCH 3

Enjoy performances by our concert band, jazz band, chorus, percussion ensemble, chamber ensembles, and soloists at our winter concert on Sunday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m., in the main gym.

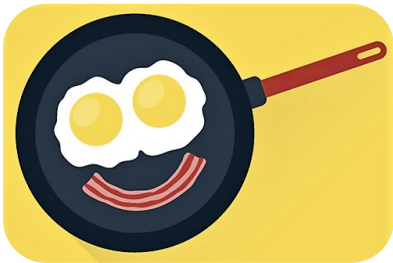
MUSICAL: APRIL 5, 6, AND 7

Enjoy a performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* on Friday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m.; or Sunday, April 7, at 2:00 p.m.

CALENDAR DRIVE DAY: APRIL 12

Students still have the opportunity to sell Mater Dei calendars and to meet their quota of eight sales in order to earn a day off school on Friday, April 13.

FATHERS & FRIENDS BREAKFAST: SUNDAY, MARCH 24



JOIN US

Treat your family on
Palm Sunday, March 24,
from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
(dine in or carryout)

MENU

eggs, sausage,
pancakes, hash browns,
biscuits and gravy,
cornbread,
coffee, juice, and milk

PRICE

adults = \$12
children 6-13 = \$8
(children 5 and under = free)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Late –Night Prom Festivities

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

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 27,
to set up and to pick up food.

Volunteers are also needed to host the event from
Saturday, April 27, at 10:45 p.m.
to Sunday, April 28, at 3:30 a.m.

To volunteer for a shift, please contact
Kim Miller (jnkmliller19@gmail.com
or 618-444-8417).

THANK YOU for supporting this important event
for our students and their guests!



EASTER FOOD DRIVE MARCH 11 – 22

From March 11 - 22, our
four classes will enjoy a
friendly competition for a
good cause: collecting
canned goods for local
food pantries.

Like last year, the top
homeroom will earn a
soda and a snack, and the
top class will earn a jeans
day. In addition, if our
total surpasses last year's total of 1,145 donations, then
all students will enjoy a jeans day.

We offer our gratitude to Mrs. Emily Timmermann, Mrs.
KK Schneider, and our National Honor Society members
for hosting this opportunity to serve as the hands of
Christ. Since 2005, our annual food drive has resulted in
the donation of a total of 32,235 canned goods!

**CONGRATS
AND
GOOD LUCK**

SENIOR FBLA MEMBERS ACHIEVE SUCCESS

Under the guidance of moderator Mr. Cory Arentsen, our senior FBLA members placed in the top three in each of the eight competitions in which Mater Dei competed as part of the Southwestern Area FBLA Conference held in January! (Due to our Senior Service Project, they were unable to attend the conference to compete in the in-person competitions and were limited to the online tests.)

Join us in congratulating Carson Dorries (2nd Business Calculations), Lydia Engelmann (3rd Economics), Emma Johnson (1st Business Communications), Eli Kohrmann (2nd Accounting), Barrett Lampe (3rd Personal Finance), Avery Pingsterhaus (1st Accounting), Dalton Timmermann (2nd Agri Business), Aidan Toennies (1st Cyber Security), Simon Toennies (1st Public Policy), and Garrett Zurliene (3rd Business Calculations).

ACES TEAM MEMBER GARRETT ARENTSEN ADVANCES TO SECTIONAL

Join us in congratulating Garrett Arentsen (1st in Chemistry) and Daniel Goring (3rd in Engineering Graphics), who medaled at the Academic Challenge in Engineering and Science (ACES) Regional Competition on February 7! Additional team members included Logan Barton, Trent Becker, Alayna Benhoff, Lexi Caylor, Landon Hayden, Luke Hilmes, Ava McSparin, Reese Strubhart, Claire Thole, Simon Toennies, Kylie Voss, and Olivia Wolden.

Under the guidance of moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann, each student completed standardized tests in two of the following disciplines: biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering graphics, English, mathematics, and physics.

We wish Garrett "Good luck!" as he competes at the ACES Sectional Competition on March 1.

MUSICIANS SELECTED FOR MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY QUAD-STATE BAND FESTIVAL

Under the guidance of band director Mr. Jordan Profitt, the following students were selected to participate in the Murray State University (MSU) Quad-State Band Festival held February 22-24: Sylvia Heiligenstein, Robert Klostermann, Olivia Kunz, Jon Marble, Ella Marron, Ellie Miller, Ella Paterson-Heier, and Reagan Porter. Following on-site auditions, students were assigned to one of four honor bands, each of which performed at a concert on Saturday. The event also included master classes, concerts by MSU ensembles, and rehearsals with MSU staff and guest conductors.

CLINTON COUNTY HONOR BAND CONCERT AND ART SHOW AT WESCLIN MARCH 6

The Clinton County Honor Band Concert and Art Show will be held Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m., at Carlyle High School. Musicians from Mater Dei, Carlyle, Central, and Wesclin will perform under the direction of guest conductor Dr. Michael Hudson, Associate Professor of Music Education at University of Kentucky. Prior to the concert, art work created by students from the four schools will be displayed.

Join us in congratulating our selected musicians and artists: musicians Nick Adams, Sophie Beer, Alex Beyer-Powe, Abby Brown, Austin Cook, Ella Detmer, Robert Klostermann, Marley Kock, Keegan Kohlbrecher, Olivia Kunz, Jon Marble, Ella Marron, Finley Meyer, Ellie Miller, Chris Millikin, Deidre Morales-Rios, Peyton Muscarello, Ella Paterson-Heier, Reagan Porter, Ashley Ratermann, Andrew Sinnock, Ethan Wheelan, and Trevor Zeeb; artists Aubrey Durbin, Emily Ess, Alyson Guzman, Danica Helmkamp, Katy Huels, Ella Paterson-Heier, Ashley Ramos, Marin Reeves, Brady Reynolds, Cecelia Richter, Reese Strubhart, Kailey VonAlst, and Madison Winkeler.

We thank band director Mr. Jordan Profitt and art teacher Mrs. Jodi Venhaus for their dedication to our students!



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.

IT'S A
Glitz AND Glam
KNIGHT
Saturday, April 13, 2024

MOTHERS & FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION

Planning continues for "It's a Glitz and Glam Knight," the Mothers & Friends dinner auction scheduled for Saturday, April 13! This event is not only one of our largest fundraisers, but also an opportunity to enjoy fine food and fellowship!

NOTE: The information below, as well as the referenced documents and links, are provided on our website: www.materdeiknights.org ("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 (\$75 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 11 and 12, to assist during the event April 13, and to clean April 13 and 14. A volunteer SignUp Genius is available on our website.

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 is available in the office and on our website. A link for online purchases is also available on our website.

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, contact dinner auction chairs Melissa Becker (618-401-3420) or Tracy Mensing (618-830-4816) or email mdauction@materdeiknights.org

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.



REQUEST FOR PARENTAL SUPPORT

attendance and dress code

Our administration and faculty take great pride in the high level of support our parents continually provide throughout the school year. Therefore, as we prepare for our final quarter together, we are requesting additional support with attendance and dress code for the remainder of the year.

ATTENDANCE Please remind your child that tardies are accumulated for all periods, including homeroom. In addition, after the first ten minutes of a period, a student is considered absent. (As a reminder, first period begins at 8:10 a.m.)

DRESS CODE Please remind your child that only long-sleeve sweatshirts that are Columbia blue, gray, navy, or white and have a Mater Dei logo are permitted. In addition, a dress code polo shirt must be worn under crewneck sweatshirts.

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 in the *Student Handbook*, which is available on our website: www.materdeiknights.org ("Parents" menu).



PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

KASKASKIA COLLEGE PLACEMENT TEST AT MATER DEI

Kaskaskia College will offer their placement tests at Mater Dei as follows:

Math: March 15, pd. 1 study hall for seniors planning to attend Kaskaskia College

English & Writing: April 5, pd. 6 study hall for juniors planning to enroll in our English 101 or CNA courses who have not earned an ACT English score of 18 and for seniors planning to attend Kaskaskia College

NOTE: Students must register with Mrs. Goetz **and** complete Kaskaskia College's free admission application (www.kaskaskia.edu/admissions) prior to completing the placement test(s).

ACT TEST AT MATER DEI: APRIL 13

For the ACT test at Mater Dei on April 13, the registration deadline is March 8. (The late registration deadline, which includes a late fee, is March 24.) Registration information is available in the College Placement Office and on the ACT website (www.act.org). **See Mrs. Goetz for a \$5-off coupon.**

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.

ACT MATH "BOOT CAMP" APRIL 6

Miss Sackett will offer an ACT math "boot camp" prep session on Saturday, April 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The fee is only \$10. Mrs. Goetz will accept registrations and payments (cash).

NOTE: A minimum of eight students is required.

MINI COLLEGE FAIR: MARCH 20

We are proud to host a mini college fair on March 20, during which a variety of colleges and universities will be in attendance. All students will have the opportunity to attend the fair, as it will be held during study hall. Additional information will be provided in the near future.

NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE? FILE THE FAFSA NOW

Families who have not yet filed the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) are encouraged to do so as soon as possible via the Federal Student Aid website: www.studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa.

Families who have filed the FAFSA are encouraged to contact the school(s) to which they submitted the FAFSA to request information related to projected dates for financial aid offers and revised admission and commitment deadlines.

For assistance, contact Mrs. Goetz (dgoetz@materdeiknights.org).

CLASS OF 2024 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Mrs. Goetz reminds parents of seniors to encourage their child to continuously review scholarship information available in the College Placement Office.

ACT TEST DATES

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

April 13, 2024 (at Mater Dei)
deadline March 8, 2024
late registration deadline March 24, 2024

June 8, 2024
deadline May 3, 2024

July 13, 2024
deadline June 7, 2024

NOTES

In order for Mater Dei to receive ACT scores, the registration must include our CEEB code (where a student attends school). **The Mater Dei CEEB code is 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 \$32 per test (\$40 if ordered after the test).

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.