

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 2024, our students once again achieved success in service, academics, 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 Banquet and Graduation. While we will certainly miss the Class of 2024, 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 faculty members for their dedicated service to the Mater Dei community:

- Kathryn Schneider, 24 years (2000-2024)
- Jared Green, five years (2019-2024)
- Alicia Salazar, one year (2023-2024)

May they enjoy many blessings on their new journeys!

SENIOR EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, May 10	Exam period 8
Monday, May 13	Exams periods 4/5, 6, 7
Tuesday, May 14	Exams periods 1, 2, 3 (dismiss 10:51 a.m.) Gown Distribution 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, May 16	Senior-Parent Mass & Banquet 6:00 p.m., St. Dominic
Friday, May 17	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice 8:00 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

Thursday, May 16

pd 1	8:10 - 8:58
homeroom	9:02 - 9:07
pd 2	9:11 - 9:59
pd 3	10:03 - 10:51
pd 4/5 (lunch)	10:55 - 12:15
pd 6 exam	12:19 - 1:19
pd 8	1:23 - 1:49
pd 8 exam	1:50 - 2:50

Friday, May 17

pd 1 exam	8:10 - 9:10
pd 2	9:14 - 9:30
pd 2 exam	9:30 - 10:30
pd 7 exam	10:34 - 11:34

Monday, May 20

pd 3 exam	8:10 - 9:10
homeroom	9:14 - 9:20
pd 4/5 exam	9:24 - 10:24

NOTE: Mater Dei buses will travel their normal routes. Students on other routes must ask their bus driver if they will have bus service after school Friday and Monday.

MAY KNIGHT LIFE

- 1 May Mass (9:40 a.m.)
- 3 Hall of Honor (6:30 p.m.)
- 5 Spring Concert (4:00 p.m.)
Band Banquet (6:00 p.m., Knights of Columbus)
- 6 School Board Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 8 NHS Induction & Underclass Awards Night (7:00 p.m.)
- 13 Mothers and Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
- 10 Senior Exam (period 8)
- 13 Senior Exams (periods 4/5, 6, 7)
- 14 Senior Exams (periods 1, 2, 3; 10:51 a.m. dismissal for seniors)
Graduation Gown Distribution (11:00 a.m.)
- 16 Underclass Exams (periods 6 and 8)
Senior-Parent Mass and Banquet (6:00 p.m., St. Dominic)
- 17 Senior Breakfast and Graduation Practice (8:00 a.m.)
Underclass Exams (periods 1, 2, and 7)
Graduation Ceremony (7:00 p.m.)
- 20 Underclass Exams (periods 3 and 4/5; 10:24 a.m. dismissal)
End of Fourth Quarter and Second Semester
- 23 Class of 2028 Freshman Welcome (11:00 a.m.)
- 28 Fathers and Friends Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

JOIN US

SPRING CONCERT: MAY 5

Enjoy performances by our concert band, jazz band, percussion ensemble, chorus, and color guard at the Spring Concert on Sunday, May 5, at 4:00 p.m. in the main gymnasium.

GOLF CLASSIC: MAY 31 AND JUNE 1

Gather your teammates for the Golf Classic at Governors Run in Carlyle, as we are still accepting teams for the Friday, May 31, 12:30 p.m. shotgun start!

The six-person-team scramble offers three divisions (men, women, couples). For a registration form, contact the office.

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

SUMMER FATHERS AND FRIENDS MEETINGS

Mark your calendar for the summer Fathers and Friends meetings on June 24 and July 29 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

TEENS FOR LIFE BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE THROUGH MAY 17

Since March, our Teens for Life members have been hosting a raffle for a basket filled with a Yeti tumbler, a baby afghan, an Old City Café gift certificate, a rosary bracelet, and two rosary key chains. The proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Pregnancy Care Clinic in Salem and Centralia, Sidewalk Advocates for Life, and 40 Days for Life. Each week, the basket raffle has "traveled" to a new parish. To date, Teens for Life has raised nearly \$700! Tickets (\$5 each) may be purchased in the office until May 17.

KNIGHTS DONATE TO LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Through their personal Lenten rice bowls, our students who chose to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl program donated \$137.87 to support the alleviation of hunger and poverty both in the United States and around the world. We thank them for serving as the hands of Christ!

STUDENT COUNCIL HOSTS BLOOD DRIVE

During the blood drive hosted by our Student Council and the American Red Cross on April 25, 51 units were collected. We thank the students, faculty, and community members who presented to donate at this life-saving event!

KNIGHTS COMPETE IN FBLA STATE COMPETITION

Congratulations to our FBLA members who placed in the top 10 in the Illinois FBLA State Conference competitive events: Avery Pingsterhaus - 2nd in Accounting I, Simon Toennies - 2nd in Public Policy and Advocacy, and Carson Dorries - 8th in Business Calculations!

WEARING SHORTS

When students are permitted to wear shorts (May 2 for seniors, tba 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 links provided on our website.

(www.materdeiknights.org, "Athletics" menu, "Summer Athletic Camps 2024" page)



Please join us in thanking the members of our 2023-2024 School Board for their faithful service: Jaclyn Albers, Gregg Cox, Erin Etheridge, Deacon John Fridley, Brent Goebel, Paula Kampwerth, Laurie Klostermann, Tina Kohrmann, Brian Patton, Nancy Rakers, Kyle Ritzheimer, Kurt Schmitz, Jill Sinnock, Jill Tasker, and Brenda VonHatten.

We extend a special thank you to Jaclyn Albers, Brian Patton, Kyle Ritzheimer, and Jill Tasker, who will “retire” in June after serving two three-year terms.

MATER DEI MEMORIAL GRANTS

Applications for Mater Dei Memorial Grants for the 2024-2025 school year are due June 10, 2024.

An informational letter and the memorial grant application were emailed to all families May 5 and will be available on PlusPortals in the “School Links and Files” window.

For questions, please contact Mr. Dennis Litteken or Mrs. Dori Mason.



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 or from Fathers & Friends members, school board members, and the Advancement Office.

Winning tickets will be drawn at the Golf Classic June 1.

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 2024-2025 school year with the opportunity to enroll in one course (maximum three credit hours) each semester for half the cost of tuition and mandatory fees. 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 (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

Seniors must order transcripts for Mater Dei and Kaskaskia College (for dual credit courses) via their Parchment account (www.parchment.com).

In their account, students must add Mater Dei and Kaskaskia College as institutions. (The Kaskaskia College student ID will be required.) They may then place an order at any time and should indicate “hold for grades.”

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

ACT TEST DATES

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

June 8, 2024
late registration deadline May 19, 2024

July 13, 2024
deadline June 7, 2024
late registration deadline June 21, 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.