



MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SHADOW A KNIGHT

In order to truly experience the unique environment of Mater Dei, students enrolled in grades 7 and 8 are invited to join us for a day of school!

By shadowing a knight, which includes attending classes, enjoying lunch, touring the campus, and receiving a shirt, prospective students gain valuable insight into life at Mater Dei.

We hope you choose to enjoy a day with the Mater Dei family!

IN THE WORDS OF OUR STUDENTS

"For each of us, our shadow day was a key factor in our decision to attend Mater Dei! Throughout the day, in the classes and the halls, the faculty and the students made us feel welcome and comfortable. We also appreciated meeting one-on-one with Mrs. Zurliene after the tour to discuss our questions and concerns. We agree that when we left, we felt like we were already a part of the Mater Dei family!"

Lane Kohrmann (Germantown) and Kayden Barriger (St. Rose), Class of 2027

"Shadowing a knight gave us the opportunity to experience life as Mater Dei students! We saw how teachers taught and how students interacted with each other, received answers to our questions, and enjoyed lunch. (The variety of options at lunch is amazing!) Because we shadowed, we were also more confident and less nervous on the first day for freshmen. We strongly recommend shadowing a knight – the experience is very beneficial!"

Myah Pollmann (Beckemeyer) and Elena and Lauren Winter (Carlyle), Class of 2028

SCHEDULING YOUR VISIT

To schedule a day to shadow a knight, contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Maria Zurliene (via phone: 618-526-7216 or via email: mzurliene@materdeiknights.org).

Note that we do not schedule shadows on the following days during the 2026–2027 school year (due to no school, early dismissal, or semester exams): September 4 and 7; October 9, 12, and 30; November 11, 25, 26, and 27; December 16 through 31; January 1, 4, 15, and 18; February 12 and 15; March 5, 8, 12, 24, 25, 26, and 29; April 29 and 30; May 1; and after May 14.

Note that our students attend Mass each Thursday. With our Mass schedule, all classes meet, but for shortened lengths of time. The following exceptions to our "every Thursday" schedule apply to available dates for shadowing: no Mass – January 7 and May 13; and alternate dates – September 2 (not 3), October 7 (not 8), December 8 (not 10), January 13 (not 14), February 10 (not 11), and March 3 (not 4).

PLANNING FOR YOUR VISIT

Selection of a Knight You may shadow a knight of your choice or request the selection of a knight with similar interests.

Transportation You are welcome to arrange transportation to and/or from Mater Dei or to ride the applicable bus to and/or from Mater Dei.

Students living outside the Central Community High School district are welcome to ride the Mater Dei bus that serves their area. We provide free bus transportation to the following locations:

- east to Posey – Hoffmann – Centralia – Sandoval – Carlyle
- north to Highland
- west to O'Fallon – Lebanon – New Baden – Trenton (In O'Fallon, the location is the park 'n ride near I-64/ Air Mobility Drive.)

Dress Code Our students wear polo shirts or sweatshirts (with a Mater logo) and black, khaki, or navy pants. Therefore, we kindly request that you do not wear jeans, if possible. (Please do not purchase specific pants for only the visit.)

Schedule Our school day begins at 8:10 a.m. Please arrive at the main office at 8:00 a.m. to meet your knight. In addition to observing classes and enjoying lunch, you will receive a personal tour of our campus. Our school day ends at 2:50 p.m.

Lunch Lunch is on us! Our daily selection includes a "traditional" lunch that varies daily, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, nachos, salads, fruit, chips, dessert snacks, ice cream, milk, lemonade, soda, and water. Also, microwaves are available for students if you choose to bring your lunch. *(For chips, dessert snacks, and ice cream, please bring \$2.)*

Reading Material and/or Assignments In case you observe a class during which our school-wide study hall occurs or in which students complete an assignment, quiz, or test, please bring assignments, a book, or an electronic device with reading material.

Water Bottle You are welcome to bring a personal water bottle and to utilize the filling stations.