

## 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!



Support our Fathers & Friends by treating your family to breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 9, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, in the cafeteria.

#### MENU

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

#### TICKETS

adults = \$8.00  
children 6 - 13 = \$5.00  
children 5 and under = free

### Real Easter Bunnies . . .

Are white as snow because Jesus takes away all sins.  
*Isaiah 1:18*

Have big eyes to look and choose what is good.  
*1 Thessalonians 5:21*

Have big ears that are quick to listen.  
*James 1:19*

Have big feet to hop with thanksgiving.  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Are gentle, kind-hearted and forgiving.  
*Ephesians 4:32*

Eat healthily by filling up on God's word each day.  
*Psalms 119:11*

### STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

We are pleased to announce our "Students of the Quarter" for the third quarter of this school year:

seniors Callie Becker & Ethan Schumacher  
juniors Hannah Timmermann & Zach Sorgea  
sophomores Madison Stone & Justin Fritch  
freshmen Anna Klostermann & Matthew Fuehne

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.

Congratulations to these students and their families for their dedication!

### END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

#### FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

May 12	Semester Exams
May 15	Semester Exams
May 16	Semester Exams, Last Day
May 25	Senior—Parent Mass & Banquet
May 26	Breakfast & Graduation Practice
	Graduation Ceremony

#### FOR UNDERCLASS STUDENTS

May 18	Semester Exams
May 19	Semester Exams
May 22	Semester Exams, Last Day

NOTE: the May *Knight Life* will include exam schedules and dismissal times.



## THE COLLEGE PLANNING PROCESS

A PRESENTATION FOR JUNIORS,  
SOPHOMORES AND THEIR PARENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Mrs. Donna Goetz, Director of College Placement, and Mrs. Deb Foote, senior class advisor, will host “The College Planning Process” for juniors, sophomores, and their parents on Tuesday, April 4, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

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.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Goetz with questions.

## APRIL KNIGHT LIFE

- 1 Musical — *High School Musical* (7:00 pm)
- 2 Musical — *High School Musical* (2:00 pm)
- 3 School Board Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 4 FBLA Field Trip  
“The College Planning Process” Presentation (7:00 pm)
- 8 ACT Testing at Mater Dei (8:00 am)  
Softball Camp — grades 2 thru 8 (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)
- 9 Baseball Camp — grades 2 thru 8 (12:00 pm - 4:00 pm)  
Fathers & Friends Breakfast (8:00 am - 12:00 pm)
- 10 Mothers & Friends Meeting (7:00 pm)
- 12 XX-Schedule (1:00 pm dismissal)
- 13 No School — Holy Thursday
- 14 No School — Good Friday
- 17 No School — Easter Monday  
Band Parents Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 18 No School — NCEA Convention
- 19 No School — NCEA Convention
- 21 Physics Day at Six Flags
- 24 Fathers & Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 26 Clinton County Academic Excellence Banquet
- 28 Student Council Blood Drive (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)
- 29 Prom (6:00 pm to 3:30 am)

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THE SEASON FOR  
REBIRTH  
RENEWAL  
REGROWTH



## PROM 2017: KNIGHT ON THE RITZ — SATURDAY, APRIL 29 —

Plans are underway for Prom 2017: Knight on the Ritz! The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with Mass, followed by dinner and the dance. The senior promenade and coronation will be held at 9:00 pm.

From 11:00 pm to 3:30 am, the guests will enjoy late-night festivities, including a hypnotist, two inflatables (human foosball and an obstacle course), human Hungry Hungry Hippos, dodgeball, a photo booth, cosmic bingo, and a variety of additional games, such as giant Connect 4 and Jenga!

The many prizes include a GoPro camera, a laptop, an Echo Dot, Instax cameras, Beats headphones, UE Boom 2 speakers, Cardinals and theme park tickets, cash, and gift cards! **All guests will receive an attendance prize!**

Following the dance, students are strongly encouraged to change clothes at school. Hangers and garment bags will be available for tuxes, dresses and jewelry.

For dedicating their time and their talents to this special event, please join us in thanking the members of our junior class, our junior homeroom teachers (Mr. Tom Hustedde, Mrs. Judy Kampwerth, Mrs. Celia Kannall and Mrs. KK Schneider), our late-night festivities coordinators Mrs. Angie Henrichs and Mrs. Deb Knebel, and our Mothers & Friends.

We also thank all the parents who have generously donated funds to support the late-night festivities and prizes. **(If you would still like to donate, please send your donation to the office.)**

Finally, as always, we thank you for helping us achieve our goal of keeping Prom 2017 memorable and safe!

## NEED A NIGHT OUT?

**Volunteers — ladies and gentlemen — are needed on Saturday, April 29, from 11:00 pm to 4:00 am** for the late-night prom festivities sponsored by Mothers & Friends.

Two-hour, four-hour or “all night” shifts are available for your convenience.

To volunteer, please contact the chairs:

Angie Henrichs

(ahenrx@hotmail.com or 401-1841)

Deb Knebel

(dknebel@wisperhome.com or 806-5485)

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

# KNIGHTS IN ACTION

## AMBER LITTEKEN QUALIFIES FOR WYSE STATE COMPETITION

At the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) sectional competition, held at McKendree University on March 13, senior Amber Litteken earned first place in English and third place in mathematics. Amber will now compete at the WYSE state competition at the University of Illinois on April 19.

Ben Logullo (biology and computers), Annie Kuenstler (chemistry and English), and

Sarah Maller (biology and mathematics) also competed at the sectional competition.

We thank WYSE moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann for his dedication to our students.

## KNIGHTS QUALIFY FOR NATIONAL FBLA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

From their test scores for the Illinois FBLA State Leadership Conference, held in Springfield on March 25, the following students qualified for the National FBLA Leadership Conference: Corynn Henrichs – 1<sup>st</sup> place in Database Design and Applications, Zach Honer – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Insurance and Risk Management, Sarah Kniepmann – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Spreadsheet Applications, Sophia Lager – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Computer Applications, and Kara Ratermann – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Word Processing.

We thank FBLA moderator Mrs. Heather Land for her dedication to our students.

## NEWSPAPER AND YEARBOOK EARN AWARDS AT 2017 SISPA CONVENTION

At the 2017 Southern Illinois School Press Association (SISPA) Convention held at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, *The Knight* yearbook earned the prestigious Golden Dozen Award, recognizing the 2015-2016 *Lights, Camera, Action* yearbook as one of the twelve best at the convention. The 2015-2016 editors were Lindsay McCray and Taylor Padak, both members of the class of 2016. Mrs. Melissa Kunkle and Mrs. Pam Zurliene serve as moderators for the yearbook.

In addition, *The Lance* newspaper earned the Blue Banner Award, recognizing overall excellence for the October 2016 and December 2016 issues. The 2016-2017 editors are Amber Litteken (Editor-in-chief and editorial page), Sarah Maller (Editor-in-Chief and picture page), Kendall Bowman and Katya Hoffmann (sports page), John Hund (front page), Ben Logullo (features), and Anna Klostermann and Ellie Stark (club news). Mrs. Donna Goetz serves as moderator for the newspaper.

## SCHOLAR KNIGHTS FINISH SECOND AT IHSA CLASS 2A SECTIONAL

After winning the IHSA Class 2A Regional, our Scholar Knights' concluded with a second place finish at the IHSA Class 2A Sectional and a final record of 69-5. Ben Logullo was recognized as the All-Sectional Player of the Year and John Hund and Ethan Schumacher were recognized as First Team All-Sectional players.

We congratulate the Scholar Knights and moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann on their impressive season!

## WARM HEARTS CAMPAIGN

**Our students and faculty raised \$252 during our Warm Hearts campaign, which was donated to help pay the utility bills of a local family in need.**

**HELPING  
HANDS**

## GREEN & JEANS DAY

**On March 17, our students and faculty raised \$810 for St. Patrick Center in St. Louis, which assists those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.**

## SENIORS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

We are pleased to announce that the following seniors will be recognized at the Clinton County Academic Excellence Banquet on Wednesday, April 26, for their academic achievements: Adam Gall, William Harad, Corynn Henrichs, Trevor Johnson, Anna Knebel, Amber Litteken, Gabrielle Ludwig, Sarah Maller, Nicholas Schmitz, Ethan Schumacher and Otto Stark.

At the banquet, these seniors and their parents will be recognized by the administrators of their respective schools. Each honoree will receive a medallion and a framed "Certificate of Achievement." The event is sponsored by the four Clinton County high schools and hosted by the Albers American Legion.

## HALL OF HONOR CLASS OF 2017

Please join us on Friday, May 5, as we induct the members of the Mater Dei Hall of Honor Class of 2017: Phyllis Berndsen, '63; the late Dr. James Kirby; Dr. Jeff Ripperda, '96; and Rita Winkeler, '73.

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 pm with Mass in our Chapel, followed by dinner and the induction ceremony.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Mater Dei Grant-in-Aid program. For a reservation form (\$20 per person), please contact the office.