

## 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

Warm greetings from Mater Dei! As we enter the month of February, a strong sense of spirit fills the halls as a result of both the return of our seniors and our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Knowing they have enriched the lives of others through giving of themselves, the seniors have returned with a renewed sense of energy, faith and purpose.

Energy, faith, and purpose also drive our faculty as they continue to challenge your children to strive for their best in the classroom. I am confident our students will continue to rise to those challenges just as they did first semester, when 20 seniors were named as Illinois State Scholars and 58% of the student body earned recognition on the semester honor roll. The success of our students is no accident, but rather a direct result of the commitment by our students, parents, and faculty!

Let us also commit ourselves to answering the call to serve others by sharing the gifts Christ has given to each of us. Many of our students continue to answer this call by serving as a Big Brother or Big Sister, volunteering at Murray Center, teaching in the Operation Safe Kids program, leading Confirmation retreats, tutoring their peers, and serving as lectors and Eucharistic ministers. Please encourage your child to share his/her gifts in church and at school.

Finally, as parents and teachers, we play a vital role in passing our Catholic traditions to our students. Thus, we must remember that together, we can make a difference in the life of your child. As always, may God continue to bless you and your family!



### **SUPPORT THE SOUNDS OF THE KNIGHTS**

#### **CHICKEN DINNER — FEBRUARY 10**

Treat your family to delicious fried chicken on Sunday, February 10, from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Breese.

Tickets are \$9.00 for adults,  
\$5.00 for children ages 6 to 12  
and free for children under the age of 6.

#### **WINTER CONCERT — FEBRUARY 24**

Enjoy the sounds of our bands and chorus at the winter concert, held in the gymnasium at 7:00 pm.

#### **TRIVIA KNIGHT — MARCH 16**

Put on your thinking caps for an evening of trivia! Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Breese, doors open at 6:30 pm and questions fly at 7:00 pm.

The cost is \$10 per person with a minimum of four brains and maximum of eight brains per table. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams.

For your convenience, a registration form is provided on page 4 of this newsletter.



### **Knights Attend March for Life**



The following members of our Mater Dei family participated in the 40<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life, held in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 25: Emily Abbott, Caroline Cowgill, Molly Cowgill, Lizz Deeba, Lucy Gonzalez, Maya Hubbs, Adam Rinderer, Robert Stark, and Mrs. KK Schneider.

Please join us in thanking them, as well as our other Teens for Life members, for their continued dedication to protecting life!



### **Have Any Spare Change?**

We thank our Student Council and their moderators, Mrs. Christine Gramann and Mrs. Jackie Chiarolanza, for sponsoring a Penny War to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

In their attempt to win the Penny War, which will be held February 4 through February 14, each class must donate pennies to their own bottle to earn points, while donating silver coins and paper money to the "rival" classes, who will then lose points.

May the most generous and strategic class win!

## FEBRUARY KNIGHT LIFE

- 2 Junior High Scholar Bowl Tournament
- 4 Penny War for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Begins  
School Board Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 6 FAFSA Completion Night (6:00 pm—8:00 pm)
- 9 Murray Center Visit (8:00 am—12:00 pm)
- 10 Band Parents Chicken Dinner (11:00 am—6:00 pm)
- 11 First Day to Collect Calendar Drive Prize Money  
FAFSA Completion Night (6:00 pm—8:00 pm)  
Mothers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 13 Mass — Ash Wednesday (9:40 am)
- 14 Valentine's Day  
Last Day for Seniors to Request to "Drop" a Class  
Penny War for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Ends
- 15 No School — Tri-County Institute  
Hall of Honor Nominations Due
- 18 No School — Presidents' Day  
Band Parents Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 22 Operation Teen Safe Driving Fair (pd 4/5 study hall)  
Christian Discipleship & Service Awards Nominations Due
- 23 Incoming Freshman Registration (8:30 am—11:00 am)
- 24 Winter Concert (7:00 pm)
- 25 Fathers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 28 Last Day to Collect Calendar Drive Prize Money

## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

### CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP & SERVICE AWARDS

The Christian Discipleship Award, presented to one senior; and the Christian Service Awards, presented to one freshman, one sophomore, and one junior; serve to recognize students for their unselfish service to school, church, and community.

To obtain nomination forms, please visit our website ([www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org), "Faith" menu then "Service Awards" menu) or contact Mr. Jim Darr in Campus Ministry (526-7216). Nominations are due February 22.

### HALL OF HONOR

The Hall of Honor serves to recognize members of the Mater Dei community whose lifetime achievements or service to Mater Dei exemplify the Mater Dei Mission.

Nominees must have graduated from Mater Dei, St. Mary's, or St. Dominic's at least twenty years prior to their nomination **OR** have provided significant service to Mater Dei on a continuous basis for at least twenty years prior to their nomination.

To submit a nomination, please contact Mr. Dennis Litteken ([dlitteken@materdeiknights.org](mailto:dlitteken@materdeiknights.org)) by February 15.



## MOTHERS & FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

**RESERVATIONS** Reservations will be accepted until March 1. For a reservation form, contact the office

or visit our website ([www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)).

**VOLUNTEERS** Assistance is needed to set-up on Thursday, March 7, and Friday, March 8; at the auction on Saturday, March 9; and to clean up on Sunday, March 10. Please contact chairs Steve and Jennifer Klosterman to volunteer (via email: [materdei.knightcruise@gmail.com](mailto:materdei.knightcruise@gmail.com) or via phone: 618-304-9067).

THANK YOU  
for supporting this essential fundraiser!

## WANT FREE TUITION, A CARIBBEAN CRUISE OR CASH?

Take a chance to win free tuition (\$25/ticket), a Caribbean cruise (\$10/ticket) or \$2,000 cash (\$50/ticket-limited raffle)!

The winning tickets will be drawn at the Mothers & Friends dinner auction (winners are not required to be present to win).

For a raffle order form, contact the office or visit our website.

Please note that the tuition is transferable to any student who will be enrolled for the 2013—2014 school year.

## WANT A SNEAK PEEK?

So you may enjoy a sneak peek at the items available for purchase at the auction, the "A Magical Knight Cruise" program will be provided on our website soon!

Please also visit Facebook — "Mater Dei M&F Auction"

## Knights Surpass 2013 Calendar Drive Quota!

THANK YOU to the Mater Dei community for your dedication to the success of the 2013 calendar drive! We are pleased to announce that as of February 1, 4,329 calendars have been sold!

Moreover, Mr. Litteken would like to remind you that as a result of your efforts, nearly \$165 per student was raised, helping Mater Dei to continue providing your child with a high quality Catholic education.

We are also pleased to announce the students who served as the top salesperson for their class:

freshman Katelyn Wesselmann, with 50 sales; sophomore Eric Deering, with 75 sales; junior Sam Schmitz, who also earned the honor of serving as the school's top salesperson, with 100 sales; and senior Kari Wiegmann, with 95 sales!

Finally, please note that although the drive has officially ended, calendars are still available for purchase, as we still hope to reach our goal of 4,800 sales. In addition, **students may still sell calendars to reach the quota required for the day off school on March 15**, but they are no longer eligible for prizes. Please note that prize money will be available beginning February 11 and must be collected by February 28.

Again, **THANK YOU** for your commitment to Mater Dei! Together, we have made a difference!



## PLANNING FOR COLLEGE



### FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHTS FEBRUARY 6 AND 11, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Mrs. Donna Goetz, our College Placement Director, will offer FAFSA Completion Nights to assist our parents in completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Parents and their senior students should both attend. (Families may arrive anytime between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm, as they will work at their own pace.)

Prior to attending the session, parents must visit the FAFSA website ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) to create an account and PIN number. (To avoid delays, the student's social security number and name must be entered exactly as they are listed on the student's social security card.) In addition, families must bring financial records, including tax returns, for both the parents and the student. (Families may use 2011 tax returns and then file a change when their 2012 tax returns are complete.)

If you are unable to attend the scheduled sessions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Mrs. Donna Goetz (via phone: 526-7216, via email: [dgoetz@materdeiknights.org](mailto:dgoetz@materdeiknights.org)).

### ACT PREP COURSE REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 25

We are pleased to again offer our students an ACT preparation course taught by Mater Dei faculty. For only \$40, students will receive fifteen hours of instruction and Peterson's *The Real ACT Prep Guide, 3d edition*. Please join us in thanking Mrs. Donna Goetz for providing English instruction; Mr. Dwight Thomas for providing mathematics instruction, and Mrs. Michelle Thomas for providing science instruction.

**NOTE:** For students who previously purchased *The Real ACT Prep Guide, 3d edition*, the cost for the course is \$18.

### ACT TEST ON APRIL 13 REGISTER BY MARCH 8 (MARCH 9 – 22 WITH A LATE FEE)

Students planning to take the ACT test at Mater Dei on Saturday, April 13, are reminded to register online ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)) by Friday, March 9. Information is available in the College Placement Office.

**NOTE:** All Mater Dei students are expected to take the ACT test.

**NOTE:** The Mater Dei school code (code for where you attend school) is 140-395.

The Mater Dei test center code (code for where you take the test) is 173-590.



## WARM HEARTS

Walking past second wing, students will soon begin seeing hearts! Starting during Catholic Schools week and continuing into the month of February, students, faculty and staff who donate \$1 to the "Warm Hearts" campaign will receive a heart for the bulletin board, symbolizing their commitment to helping pay the heating bills of families in our community who are in need this winter.

Please join us in thanking our Religion Department and St. Vincent de Paul Society for reminding us that in times of need, God calls us to serve as "our brother's keeper."



# Mater Dei TRIVIA KNIGHT



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MATER DEI MUSIC PROGRAM

**Saturday, March 16, 2013**

**KC Hall, Breese, IL**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM & TRIVIA BEGINS AT 7:00 PM**

- ♪ **NEW PRICING** \$10 per person with a minimum of four (4) players and a maximum of eight (8) players per table
- ♪ cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place tables
- ♪ beer and soda available for purchase

**For additional information,  
please contact Mark and Allison Cowgill (526-7153).**

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## TRIVIA KNIGHT REGISTRATION FORM

one form per table required

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU  
for supporting  
the Mater Dei  
Music program!**

**Please return this registration form with payment (checks payable to Mater Dei) to:**

**Mater Dei Trivia Knight  
c/o Mark and Allison Cowgill  
433 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Breese IL 62230**