

## 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 2013, our students once again achieved success in academics, service, 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 Banquet and at Graduation. While we will certainly miss the Class of 2013, 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 truly creates a 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 contact us during the summer should you need assistance.

### SCHEDULE OF SENIOR ACTIVITIES



- Wednesday, May 15** Exam – period 7
- Thursday, May 16** Exams – periods 4/5, 6, and 8
- Friday, May 17** Exams – periods 1, 2, and 3 (10:51 am dismissal)  
Graduation Gown Pick-Up – 11:00 am, Chapel

**Thursday, May 23** Senior–Parent Mass & Banquet – 6:30 pm, St. Dominic Church

**Friday, May 24** Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice – 8:30 am, gymnasium  
Graduation Ceremony – 7:00 pm, 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!

### SCHEDULE OF UNDERCLASS EXAMS

<u>Tuesday, May 21</u>		<u>Wednesday, May 22</u>		<u>Thursday, May 23</u>	
pd 1	8:10 - 8:58	pd 1	exam 8:10 - 9:10	pd 4/5	exam 8:10 - 9:10
homeroom	9:02 - 9:07	homeroom	9:14 - 9:19	pd 6	exam 9:14 - 10:14
pd 2	9:11 - 9:59	pd 2	9:23 - 9:51	homeroom	10:18 - 10:23
pd 3	10:03 - 10:51	pd 2	exam 9:51 - 10:51	pd 7	exam 10:27 - 11:30
pd 4/5	lunch 10:55 - 12:15	pd 4/5	lunch 10:55 - 12:15		
pd 6	12:19 - 1:00	pd 6	12:19 - 1:10		
pd 7	1:04 - 1:46	pd 7	1:14 - 1:46		
pd 8	exam 1:50 - 2:50	pd 3	exam 1:50 - 2:50		

**NOTE:** Local school districts may not provide transportation after school

Thursday. Thus, students must ask their drivers. Mater Dei busses will travel

## MAY KNIGHT LIFE

- | 2 Baccalaureate Mass (9:30 am, Cathedral)
- | 3 X-Schedule (11:15 am dismissal)
- | Hall of Honor
- | 5 Spring Concert (7:00 pm)
- | 6 School Board Meeting (7:30 pm)
- | 7 May Mass (9:40 am)
- | 8 Freshman Welcome (7:00 pm)
- | 12 Happy Mother's Day!
- | 13 Mothers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- | 14 NHS Induction & Underclass Awards Night (7:00 pm)
- | 15 Senior Exam (period 7)
- | 16 Senior Exams (periods 4/5, 6, and 8)
- | 17 Senior Exams (periods 1, 2, and 3; 10:51 am dismissal)
- | Graduation Gown Pick-Up (11:00 am)
- | 20 Band Banquet (6:00 pm)
- | 21 Underclass Exams (period 8)
- | 22 Underclass Exams (periods 1, 2, and 3)
- | 23 Underclass Exams (periods 4/5, 6, and 7; 11:30 am dismissal)
- | Senior—Parent Mass and Banquet (6:30 pm, St. Dominic)
- | 24 Senior Breakfast and Graduation Practice (8:30 am)
- | Graduation (7:00 pm)
- | 27 Fathers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)

## WANT TO WIN \$10,000?

### TAKE A CHANCE IN THE MEGA RAFFLE

Purchase your Mater Dei Mega Raffle ticket today for a chance to win one of twenty-six cash prizes:  
 one \$10,000 prize,  
 two \$2,500 prizes,  
 three \$1,000 prizes,  
 and twenty \$100 prizes!

The winning tickets will be drawn at the Mater Dei Golf Classic on Saturday, June 1.

To purchase tickets, which are \$100 each, please contact a Fathers & Friends member, your School Board member, or Fr. Chuck Tuttle or Mrs. Kathy Huelmann in our Advancement Office.

## THANK YOU

for supporting this essential fundraiser!

## ENJOY GOLFING?

We hope you register for the Mater Dei Golf Classic!

**When: Saturday, June 1**

**Where: Governor's Run, Carlyle**

six-person teams of men, women or couples  
 shotgun starts available at 8:00 am and 1:30 pm

contact the office to register



## MATER DEI SAYS "THANK YOU"

### MR. FRED RAKERS

Please join us in wishing Mr. Fred Rakers a happy, healthy, and relaxing retirement! His retirement is well-deserved after serving Mater Dei for a total of forty-five years!

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Please join us in thanking the members of our 2012-2013 Board of Education for their faithful service to Mater Dei: Sharon Bickl, Ed Diekemper, Bill Foppe, Fr. Dan Friedman, Chuck Gebke, Stephanie Hamilton, Kim Hempten, Kathleen Hodges, Doug Huegen, Lea Maue, Steve Maue, Monica Mensing, Joe Mioux, Jerry Rehkemper, Kathy Thole, Steve Usselman and John Wieter.

## ENJOY RUNNING OR WALKING?

We hope you register for the Mater Dei Music Program's 5K!

**When: Saturday, June 22, 7:00 pm**

**Where: Mater Dei**

male and female divisions for the following age groups:  
 10 & under, 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, and 51 & over.

registration forms available in the office  
 register by June 1 to be ensured a t-shirt



## HELPING HANDS

### SMALL VICTORIES

From the sale of yummy treats at lunch, our Teens for Life donated \$105 to Small Victories, a pro-life organization.

### SR. THEA BOWMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society donated \$700 to Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School in East St. Louis. The funds were raised from a "jeans or shorts" day on May 1.



## OH, THE PLACES OUR KNIGHTS WILL GO!

We are pleased to announce that members of the Class of 2013 will continue their education at the following institutions:

- Butler University, Indianapolis, IN
- Culver-Stockton University, Canton, MO
- Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
- Greenville College, Greenville, IL
- Kaskaskia College, Centralia, IL
- Lincoln College, Normal, IL
- Lindenwood University, Belleville, IL
- Maryville University, St. Louis, MO
- McKendree University, Lebanon, IL
- Missouri State University, Springfield, MO
- Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, MO
- Murray State University, Murray, KY
- Norwich University, Northfield, VT
- Penn State University, University Park, PA
- Quincy University, Quincy, IL
- Ranken Technical College, St. Louis, MO
- St. Louis College of Pharmacy, St. Louis, MO
- St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO
- Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO
- Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
- Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL
- Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, IL
- United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
- University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- University of Evansville, Evansville, IN
- University of Illinois, Urbana—Champaign, IL
- University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
- University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
- University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, SC
- University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IL
- Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL



### *A Prayer for Mothers*

*Loving God, we thank you for the miracle of life, a precious gift you so graciously shared with women. Like you, they have an opportunity to love unconditionally and to serve as the most sacred teacher of their children.*

*Thus, give mothers the strength to model for their children the teachings of your son, Jesus. Bestow on mothers the wisdom to recognize and to affirm the unique gifts you have given their children. Grant mothers the patience to remember, in times of frustration, the countless blessings and joys of motherhood.*

*With these blessings and your continued guidance, they may raise their children to love and to serve you, our Heavenly Father.*

*Through the intercessions of our Holy Mother Mary, model of motherhood, we pray. Amen.*



## CAMPUS MINISTRY: A TRADITION OF SERVING OTHERS

Since its development, Campus Ministry has focused on meeting the spiritual and emotional needs of our students as they complete their journey through high school. In recent years, however, Campus Ministry has grown in its outreach and now ministers to the entire Mater Dei community.

Moreover, recognizing both that Mater Dei is part of the Catholic Church's mission and that staffing of our parishes is limited, Campus Ministry is continually developing ways to minister to the Catholic Church Community. Specifically, Campus Ministry has provided Confirmation retreats for numerous parishes within and beyond our deanery, has provided training and renewals for parish liturgical ministers, and has trained and coordinated the twenty-five Mater Dei seniors serving as teachers for Youth Faith Formation programs in six of the parishes with daily programs.

Please join us in thanking Campus Minister Mr. Jim Darr for his dedication both to serving and to leading our students in serving the Catholic community!

## WHEN CAN WE WEAR SHORTS?

Students will be permitted to wear walking shorts and capri pants beginning **Wednesday, May 8.**

Please ensure that your child's shorts are in

compliance with the dress code, which states that shorts must be no more than **three inches** above the knee. In addition, please remind your child that sandals, including Crocs, 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 at any time.

As we prepare for our final weeks together, let us focus on why we are part of Mater Dei.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## 223 STUDENTS ENJOY LATE-NIGHT PROM

We are pleased to announce that 223 students attended the late-night prom!

More importantly, they (and the parents!) had a blast—they raved about the hypnotist, the velcro wall, the black ops course, the dodge ball and bags tournaments, and of course, the food and drinks! Each student also won a prize!

Please join us in thanking chair Dorise Schulte, her assistant Cindy Kuhl, and the 45 parent volunteers for dedicating their time and talents to planning and to hosting this event. We also thank our families for their monetary donations.

**THANK YOU TO ALL—  
you truly made a difference our childrens' lives!**



## OTSD TEAM PLACES FIRST



Out of 16 teams in Region 6, our OTSD team placed first in the Operation Teen Safe Driving (OTSD) program, winning \$2,500 for late-night prom!

We thank the team members and Mrs. Jackie Chiarolanza for promoting safe driving practices to our student body!

## WHEN ARE THE SUMMER CAMPS?

Please remind your family and friends with grade school students that information and registration forms for our many summer camps are available in the office and on our website

[www.materdeiknights.org](http://www.materdeiknights.org)  
"Athletics" menu, "Summer Camps-2013"

## WHERE HAS SECOND SEMESTER GONE?

As the end of the semester quickly approaches, our teachers are challenging our students to continue to achieve academic success by putting forth an extra effort to remain focused in class, to complete all assignments, and to prepare for semester exams.

Please remind your child that these final weeks impact not only his/her quarter grades, but also his/her semester exam grades and final semester grades! In addition, please note that a student's final semester grades, which are stated on his/her high school transcript, are used to calculate his/her grade point average (GPA).

As always, playing an active role in your child's academic success will help him/her achieve his/her highest potential. Remember to use Edline and to feel free to contact your child's teachers for assistance. As always, thank you for your active involvement in your child's success!

## REVIEW - REVIEW - REVIEW

### TIPS FOR EXAM PREPARATION

- **Use 3 x 5 index cards** to organize key concepts. It is easier to refer to a stack of cards than a large textbook.
- **Rework (not simply reread) problems** from previous assignments, review sheets, quizzes, and tests.
- **Review on a continual basis** instead of studying for one extended period of time.
- **Study with a buddy** and quiz each other.
- **Request help** from teachers on topics which were previously difficult.