

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

Let me begin by saying "Welcome!" to our new parents and "Welcome back!" to our veteran parents. It is with great respect for you that I am writing, for I recognize that the support you provide to the students, administration, faculty, and staff is the key to our continued success!

As we begin our 58th academic year, let us be drawn to the Mission of our school. Just as the administration, faculty, and staff are guided by the Mission as they work with our students, we expect our students to develop and to demonstrate attitudes and habits which reflect the Mission as well. It is our belief that by working together, we can provide a positive environment in which our students will achieve their full potential. Thus, please join me in praying that our students will experience a safe, enjoyable, and successful year.

Please also know that all the members of the administration and faculty are committed to maintaining open lines of communication with your family. Thus, in addition to reading the monthly *Knight Life* parent newsletters and Campus Ministry newsletters, we encourage you to utilize Edline and to contact a member of the administration or faculty for assistance.

In closing, please allow me to say "THANK YOU!" in advance for your support throughout this upcoming school year. Know that we recognize the responsibility you have placed on our administration, faculty, and staff and we are committed to making a difference in the life of each of our students.

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WINDOWS We appreciate your patience during the installation of the new windows in the main corridor — we are sure you agree the refreshing look was worth the wait!

LIGHTING AND SOUND We are pleased to announce that a new lighting system, with the assistance of Mr. Buck Haake and Mr. Bill Lampen, and a new sound system, with the assistance of Mr. Duane Grapperhaus, were installed in the main gym.

SECOND WING ROOF REPLACEMENT We thank Mr. Joe Kehrer and his employees for providing the first phase of our four phase roof replacement project.

As we continue our capital campaign,
"Celebrating our Tradition . . . Embracing our Future,"
we are excited to implement plans for continued upgrades!



**WELCOME
TO THE
MATER DEI
FAMILY**

Please join us in welcoming the new members of the Mater Dei family:

- our freshmen, the Class of 2016
- Class of 2015 — Mainur Barsan and Aaron Runyon
- Class of 2014 — Adam Holbrook and Dora Schroeder
- Class of 2013 — Leslie Ozeta
- Faculty — Mrs. Lynn McSparin, who will serve in our English Department and as co-moderator of our newspaper, *The Lance*



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE KNIGHT CLUB

The benefits of the Knight Club, for both individuals and businesses, have just begun — it's not too late to join! To review the benefits, please visit our website (www.materdeiknights.org — "Athletics" — "Knight Club"). To join, please contact the office.

DID YOU FORGET?

If you have not returned the following forms, please do so as soon as possible:

Mailed with student's schedule

- "School Reach" form
- "Data Collection" form (freshmen only)
- "Home Language Survey" (freshmen only)

Received at Book Pickup

- "Student Handbook Acknowledgement and Agreement 2012–2013" form

**Should you need new forms,
please contact the main office.**

CLASS ADVISORS FOR 2012–2013

Freshmen: Mr. Jim Darr

Sophomores: Mr. Fred Rakers

Juniors: Mr. Marvin Eversgerd

Seniors: Mrs. Deb Foote

Please feel free to contact
your child's advisor for assistance.



**REDUCE
REUSE
RECYCLE**

KNIGHT LIFE GOES GREEN IN OCTOBER

We are pleased to announce that starting in October, we will return to paperless monthly *Knight Life* parent newsletters! Since January 2008, this use of technology has benefited our parents, school and environment!

Specifically, the newsletter will be posted on Edline and our website and no longer mailed home, unless requested. For your convenience, we will send an email to inform you when the newsletter is posted.

Should you need assistance using your Edline account, please contact Mrs. Marija Zurliene.

NOTE: To continue receiving a paper copy of the newsletter by mail, please contact the main office.

NOTE: On Edline, the current newsletter is located under "News." (For archived newsletters, select "Knight Life Parent Newsletters" under "Contents.") On our website, the current newsletter and archived newsletters are located under "Future Knights" — "For Parents" — "Knight Life Parent Newsletters."

NEED TO KNOW WHEN?

- The 2012–2013 events calendar is available on Edline under "News."
- The events held during our daily study halls are available on Edline under "Calendar."
- Athletic schedules are available on our website, www.materdeiknights.org, under "Athletics."

SEE YOU ON MONDAYS!

Please join our parent organizations,
which provide essential support.

Schedule of Monthly Meetings

Mothers & Friends

2nd Monday at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria

Band Parents

3rd Monday at 7:30 pm in the band room

Fathers and Friends

last Monday at 7:30 pm in the cafeteria



WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS



To ensure your ability to send and to receive emails via Edline, please enter or verify your email information on Edline. Specifically, on the Edline, under "My Account," select "Manage Account." Then, verify your email address and that the "School Messages" box is checked. (You may enter multiple email addresses.)



WWW.EDLINE.NET

a link between school & home



We are pleased to offer Edline to our students and parents, which provides the opportunity to obtain weekly academic, attendance, and discipline reports, as well as information related to school events and extracurricular activities.

To view academic, attendance or discipline reports, select "My Content," select "Private Reports," for "Private Reports for . . .," select the applicable Student, select "View" for the applicable report.

Moreover, on their individual class pages, teachers may list homework assignments, quiz or test dates, and other important class information, as well as their email addresses.

Finally, for your convenience, a link to our school web site is provided on Edline under "Links."

Please contact Mrs. Maria Zurliene for assistance with Edline.

Log on to Edline today . . . you'll like what you find!



HOMECOMING 2012: Game Knight



Members of our Student Council are busy planning the events for this year's Homecoming celebration, for which they have selected the theme "Game Knight."

The celebration, scheduled for September 24—29, will begin with "T-Shirt Day," when class pride will be evident as students wear their Homecoming shirts, which were designed by senior Kyra Thole. Unity will be built on Tuesday when as a school community, we celebrate our annual Homecoming Mass at 9:40 am. On Wednesday, students will show their creative side for "Costume Day." The festivities will continue that evening with the parade at 6:00 pm, followed by the coronation ceremony and bonfire. Music from the popular lip-sync and talent contest, along with school spirit, will fill the halls on Thursday, "Spirit Day," which ends with our Homecoming pep rally. Homecoming week will then culminate with the dance on Saturday from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm in our gym.

We encourage all students to participate in this important week, which builds spirit and unity among our students!



PUBLICATIONS DRIVE ENDS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

During the Publications Drive, which began August 27 and ends September 7, students may place orders (in their homeroom) for the 2012—2013 *Knight*, our school yearbook, and a subscription to the *The Lance*, our school newspaper. A yearbook costs \$50 and a newspaper subscription costs \$8.

KNIGHT CLUB: Knight Club members are reminded to take advantage of their membership, which includes both a yearbook and a newspaper subscription.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THESE PROGRAMS!



FOSTERING FAITH DEVELOPING GOSPEL VALUES

Campus Ministry is pleased to announce that during our annual days of retreat, the NET team will lead our freshman and sophomore students on their faith journey, while the REAP team will lead our senior students on their faith journey. (Please refer to the enclosed letter for specific information.)

We are also grateful to St. Anthony Church in Beckemeyer for providing their facilities for our retreats.

Please join us in praying that our students will utilize their retreats as an opportunity to reflect on the many gifts God has given each of them.



OPERATION SAFE HOMES: PLEASE JOIN TODAY

For the safety of our students, we encourage all parents to join our Operation Safe Homes program. Members of this program pledge to provide a safe home, which is free of alcohol and drug use, for the students in our community.

A directory of members, as well as the pledge card, is available on Edline—select "Safe Homes" under "Contents."

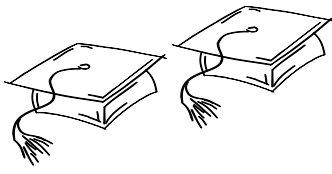
Please show your child that you are in charge and preventing alcohol and drug abuse by returning your signed pledge card or contacting Mr. Jim Darr to enroll in this vital program. (Last year's members are automatically enrolled.)

**TOGETHER,
WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

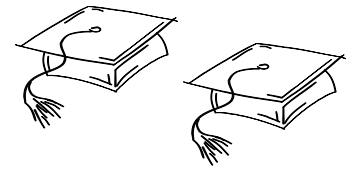
NOTE: Members of this program are indicated in the *Buzz Book* (our school phone book), which students will have the opportunity to order later this month.

SEPTEMBER KNIGHT LIFE

- | 3 No School—Labor Day
- | 4 School Board Meeting (7:30 pm)
- | 7 Last Day to Drop a Class
Publications Drive Ends
- | 9 Freshman Mass (12:30 pm at the Cathedral)
- | 10 Mothers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- | 14 No School—Institute Day
- | 17 Band Parents Meeting (7:30 pm)
- | 24 Fathers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- | 28 No School—Liturgical Convention
- | Homecoming 2012 — "Game Knight"
- | 24 T-Shirt Day
- | 25 Mass (9:40 am)
- | 26 Costume Day
- | Parade, Coronation and Bonfire (6:00 pm)
- | 27 Spirit Day—Lip Sync and Talent Contest and Pep Rally
- | 29 Dance (8:00 pm to 11:00 pm)



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION



ACT TEST DATES

Registration information is available in our College Placement Office or on the ACT website (www.actstudent.org).

October 27, 2012
(deadline September 21, 2012)

December 8, 2012
(deadline November 2, 2012)

February 9, 2013
(deadline January 11, 2013)

April 13, 2013 – at Mater Dei
(deadline March 8, 2013)

June 8, 2013
(deadline May 3, 2013)

NOTE

In order for Mater Dei to receive your child's ACT scores, the registration must include the CEEB code (where a student attends school). Our CEEB code: 140-395.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT ON EDLINE

Mrs. Goetz invites students and parents to explore the College Placement Office page on Edline, which is located under "Contents."

The page includes information such as:

- schedule of college fairs –
- schedule of college visits to MD –
- schedule of ACT test dates –
- scholarship opportunities –

In addition, Mrs. Goetz provides numerous links to websites which provide information related to the college placement process, including preparing for the ACT and SAT, searching for colleges, applying to colleges, applying for financial aid, and NCAA eligibility.

MATER DEI COLLEGE NIGHT	
October 10, 2012	
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	
financial aid presentations	
7:00 pm and 7:45 pm	
Presenter – Mr. Luke Cairney, St. Louis University's New Student & Outreach Coordinator	

PLAN TEST

for all sophomores

October 12 and 16

Students take the test on the day which is not their retreat day.

The PLAN test, which assesses the students' skills in English, math, reading, and science reasoning, will be administered on October 12 and 16 to all sophomores (students take the test on the date which is not their retreat day).

This test also prepares students for the ACT college entrance exam, which is required of all juniors, and provides students with a valuable occupational interest inventory.

Please know that there is no fee for this test, which is administered during school.

PSAT TEST

PSAT = Preliminary SAT

sophomores and juniors
Registration required

October 17

The PSAT test, which assesses the students' skills in critical reading, math, and writing, will be administered to registered sophomores and juniors on October 17.

This test, which prepares students for the SAT college entrance exam,

Additionally, students who earn high scores on the PSAT test and the SAT college entrance exam are then eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

We encourage high achieving sophomores and all juniors to register for the test—due to a limited number of tests, early registration is recommended. Please note there is a \$14 fee, which is payable to Mater Dei by check (no cash).

COLLEGE VISITATION POLICY

Recognizing the importance of college visits for our senior students as they plan for life after graduation, the following college visitation policy has been established:

- ◆ Senior students are provided with two school days between August 17 and April 30 for college visits.
- ◆ Students must request permission for a college visit from our College Placement Office one week in advance. A note with a parent signature must be presented at that time.
- ◆ Students must obtain the signature of a college official on the visitation form provided by our College Placement Office. This form must be presented to the main office upon the student's return to school.

Please contact Mrs. Goetz should you need additional information.