

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 we enter the month of March, please know that we will continually promote our students' spiritual growth throughout the Lenten season by providing morning prayer, a Eucharistic service, and Eucharistic adoration each day; reconciliation services; and meatless Friday lunches. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Judy Kampwerth, Mr. Jim Darr, and our area pastors for their dedication to fostering the faith of our students.

Believe it or not, March also brings the end of our third quarter on March 8. Thus, please plan to attend the third quarter parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, March 14, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm to discuss your child's academic progress with his/her individual teachers.

Finally, student life at Mater Dei, as always, is filled with numerous activities and with the warmer temperatures approaching, our students will be surrounded with several distractions. Please help your child remain focused throughout the spring season, as our expectations will remain high.

As always, please know that it is truly our goal to live the Mission for each of our students, for we hold firm to the belief that a Catholic education truly is a gift that lasts a lifetime. Thus, please feel free to contact us should you need assistance. May God continue to bless the members of the Mater Dei community!

IT'S TIME FOR REGISTRATION!

Believe it or not, it is time to prepare for the 2013 - 2014 school year! Starting March 5, class advisors will meet with students during their Religion classes to discuss the registration process and to distribute registration forms. We encourage parents and students to plan course selections together and to utilize the academic counseling offered by the class advisors.

Please note that the **2013 - 2014 Curriculum Guide** is available on Edline

under "News" and on our website under "Academics" → "Curriculum." The guide provides both descriptions of and prerequisites for all courses. (To conserve paper, students will not receive copies.)

Please also note that the registration form includes three types of course offerings:

- required courses = premarked with an 'X'
- recommended courses = highlighted
- elective courses = neither marked nor highlighted

Students must return the registration form, with a parent signature and the \$50 registration fee, to their class advisor by **March 19**. The registration fee will be applied to your child's 2013 - 2014 bill for textbook rentals and fees.

Our teachers and class advisors look forward to assisting you and your child select classes in which he/she will achieve success — please do not hesitate to call!

PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCES

March 14, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

We are pleased to offer parents the opportunity to discuss their child's academic progress with individual teachers during our third quarter Parent - Teacher Conferences.

You will receive an email informing you when the report cards are available for you to print from Edline (by March 13).

NOTE: Report cards will not be available in the office.



PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR — WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

JOIN US FOR BOWLING!



Fathers & Friends Bowling Tournament March 23 & March 24

It's time to start practicing for the Fathers and Friends Bowling Tournament, scheduled for March 23 and March 24, at Bartelso Bowling Lanes. In addition to enjoying time with friends, cash prizes will be awarded!

Registration for the nine pin—no tap tournament, which costs \$125 per team of five bowlers, will continue until March 22.

To enter a team or for information, contact Bartelso Bowling Lanes (765-2183) or Ron Hellmann (765-2166).

We hope to see you on the bowling lanes!



TEST YOUR SMARTS AT TRIVIA KNIGHT

Gather your friends, put on your thinking caps, and enjoy an evening of trivia on Saturday, March 16, in support of the Mater Dei music program!

Held at the Breese Knights of Columbus Hall, doors open at 6:30 pm and questions begin flying at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$10 per person with a minimum of four brains and a maximum of eight brains per table. Cash prizes awarded to the top three teams.

For your convenience, a registration form is provided on page 5 of this newsletter.



The Wizard of Oz

Please enjoy our spring musical

Friday, April 19, 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 20, 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 21, 2:00 pm

ENJOY GOOD FOOD . . .

. . . SUPPORT A GOOD CAUSE

Please plan to support Fathers and Friends by treating your family to breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 24, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Mater Dei cafeteria.

Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6 to 13, and free for children 5 years of age and under. (Present a flyer, which will be distributed at churches, for a "\$0.50 off your meals" coupon.)



MENU

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

MARCH KNIGHT LIFE

- 4 No School - Casimir Pulaski Day
- School Board Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 5 2013 - 2014 Registration Begins
- 7 Model United Nations Conference (Blackburn College)
- 8 End of the Third Quarter
- 9 "A Magical Knight Cruise" Dinner Auction
- 11 WYSE Sectional (McKendree University)
- Mothers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 14 Clinton County Art & Band Festival (7:00 pm, Carlyle)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences (5:30 pm - 8:00 pm)
- 15 Calendar Drive Day
- 16 Trivia Knight (6:30 pm, KC Hall, Breese)
- 18 Grade School Band Tours
- Winter Athletic Banquet (6:30 pm, KC Hall, Breese)
- Band Parents Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 19 Sophomore Class Field Trip
- 2013 - 2014 Registration Due
- 20 Reconciliation Services (9:15 am and 1:15 pm)
- Becker Jewelers Tux Measuring (lunch periods)
- 21 Grade School Band Tours
- 23 Fathers and Friends Bowling Tournament
- 24 Fathers and Friends Breakfast (8:00 am - 12:00 pm)
- Fathers and Friends Bowling Tournament
- 25 Fathers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 27 XX-Schedule (1:00 pm dismissal)
- 28 No School - Holy Thursday
- 29 No School - Good Friday
- 31 Easter Sunday



SPECIAL REQUEST FOR SUPPORT



Our administration and faculty take great pride in the high level of support our parents continually provide throughout the school year and are requesting additional support in regard to attendance, cell phones, and dress code for the remainder of the year.

ATTENDANCE

Please remind your child that he/she is required to arrive in his/her first period class by 8:10 am. With your help, we can decrease the number of students who are receiving tardies due to their late arrival.

CELL PHONES

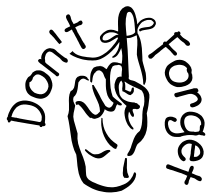
In order to maintain an environment conducive to learning, students are required to keep cell phones off and in their bags during school hours. Therefore, please remind your child that he/she may only contact you using his/her cell phone, including texting, before or after school. In the case of an emergency, you and your child may contact one another via the main office's phone.

DRESS CODE

Please remind your child that only sweatshirts and jackets with a Mater Dei logo; and solid black, navy or white sweaters may be worn during the school day. In addition, shorts and Capri pants are not permitted until announced by the Administration. For parents of male students, please remind your son that he must be clean shaven with sideburns no longer than his ear lobes, his bangs may not cover his eyebrows, and his hair may not touch his collar.

We commend our parents and our students for their contributions to the success of the first three quarters! As we prepare for our final quarter together, let us focus on why we are part of the Mater Dei community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



CALENDAR DRIVE DAY

Students may still sell calendars to reach their quota (seven calendars) and earn their day off school on March 15.

ACT TEST AT MATER DEI — 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) by Friday, March 8. 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 (where you attend school) is 140-395.
The Mater Dei test center code (where you take the test) is 173-590.

SENIOR CONTRACTS

Later this month, seniors will receive their "Senior Contract," which must be returned to the main office.

ACCEPTANCE LETTERS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Seniors are asked to provide Mrs. Goetz with the names of the schools to which they have been accepted and the names of scholarships they have been awarded.

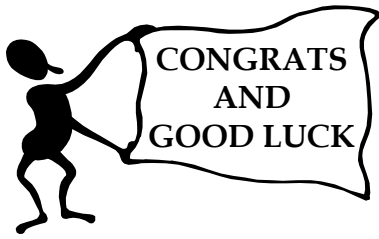


NEED A TUX FOR PROM?

Order from Becker Jewelers and earn money for Mater Dei

Becker Jewelers will again donate \$4 to Mater Dei for each tuxedo ordered by a Mater Dei student for prom, which is scheduled for April 27. The funds will then be utilized for next year's prom

For our students' convenience, Becker Jewelers representatives will visit Mater Dei during the lunch periods on March 20 and April 3 both to measure the students and to accept their orders. Students may also visit Becker Jewelers to be measured and to place their order (315 North Main, Breese and 917 Main Street, Highland).



CLINTON COUNTY BAND AND ART FESTIVAL

Please join us in congratulating our students who have been selected to participate in the Clinton County Band and Art Festival on March 14. Hosted this year by Carlyle High School, the festival's art will be displayed prior to the concert at 7:00 pm.

We thank our band director Mr. Chris Kaatz and our art teacher Mrs. Vicki Moylan for their dedication to our students.

KNIGHT YEARBOOK AND LANCE NEWSPAPER STAFFS HONORED AT SISPA CONVENTION

Please join us in congratulating members of the *Knight* yearbook staff and the *Lance* newspaper who were honored at the Southern Illinois School Press Association (SISPA) Convention on February 27 at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Specifically, the 2011 - 2012 yearbook, titled *The Game of High School*, received the prestigious "Golden Dozen" award, recognizing the yearbook as one of the twelve best at the convention! The yearbook also earned 1st place for theme development and honorable mention for both graphics and division pages.

The *Lance* newspaper received the prestigious "Blue Banner" award, recognizing the newspaper for outstanding production. Additionally, in the on-site competitions, Zoe Timmermann earned 1st place and Hannah Albers earned 2nd place for editorial writing; and Adam Holbrook earned honorable mention for music review writing.

We thank *Knight* moderators Mrs. Melissa Kunkle and Mrs. Pam Zurliene and *Lance* moderators Mrs. Donna Goetz and Mrs. Lynn McSparin for their dedication to our students.

WYSE TEAM WINS REGIONAL AND ADVANCES TO SECTIONAL

On February 7, our WYSE team, consisting of twenty-eight students, earned 1st place at the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) regional! Each student tested his/her knowledge in two of the following academic disciplines: biology, chemistry, computer science, English, mathematics and physics.

In addition, the following WYSE members earned individual medals: biology Mackenzie McCray – 1st and Hannah Albers – 2nd; chemistry Ian Bruening – 2nd; computer science Lucas Foppe – 3rd; English Mackenzie McCray – 1st and Zoe Timmermann – 3rd; mathematics Michele Thole – 2nd, and Hannah Albers, Anna Lampe, and Zach Peek – tied for 3rd; physics Lucas Foppe – 2nd and Anna Lampe – 3rd.

Finally, we wish the 14 members of the varsity WYSE team "Good luck!" as they compete in the WYSE sectional on March 11 at McKendree University.

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

PENNY WAR RAISES \$500 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

From the friendly penny war between the classes, which was held in February, our Student Council donated \$500 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society on behalf of the Mater Dei community.

We offer a sincere "Thank you!" to our students and faculty for demonstrating amazing generosity for others!

THE KNIGHT GOES ON

WITH FOOD, GAMES, A HYPNOTIST & PRIZES

As you and your child plan for Prom on April 27 — the dress or tux, the flowers, the food—please also plan to expect your child to enjoy "The Knight Goes On" after-prom party.

Beginning at 12:30 am and ending with Mass at 4:30 am, "The Knight Goes On" provides our students with an event that is both fun and safe.

For additional information or to volunteer your assistance, please contact chair Dorise Schulte via email: schultefor@prodigy.net.



**Happy
St. Patrick's Day!**



**Enjoy a
Blessed Easter!**



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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place tables
- ♪ beer and soda available for purchase

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

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 8th Street
Breese IL 62230**