

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

To begin this newsletter, I pray that you enjoyed a blessed and relaxing Easter with your family. 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.

In closing, 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!

PREPARING FOR SENIOR YEAR

A PRESENTATION FOR JUNIORS, SOPHOMORES, & THEIR PARENTS

Mrs. Donna Goetz, director of our College Placement Office, and Mrs. Deb Foote, senior class advisor, will host "Preparing for Senior Year" for interested juniors, sophomores, and their parents on April 30, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

During this evening, Mrs. Goetz and Mrs. Foote will provide valuable information regarding the various aspects of preparing for their child's post-graduation plans. Topics will include dual-credit courses, college testing procedures, college application procedures, and scholarship and financial aid application procedures.

In addition, representatives from McKendree University, St. Louis University, and Southeast Missouri State University will discuss the requirements for admission and for merit scholarships for their specific universities.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Goetz with questions.



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

END OF YEAR SCHEDULE

FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

May 15	Semester Exams
May 16	Semester Exams
May 17	Semester Exams, Last Day
May 23	Senior-Parent Mass & Banquet
May 24	Breakfast & Graduation Practice Graduation Ceremony

FOR UNDERCLASS STUDENTS

May 21	Semester Exams
May 22	Semester Exams
May 23	Semester Exams, Last Day

NOTE: exam schedules & dismissal times will be provided in the *May Knight Life*



CRYSTAL FUEHNE TO SHARE HER STORY

We are pleased to welcome Crystal Fuehne, who was recently named an Illinois Jaycees Outstanding Young People of 2013 honoree, for a presentation to our students on April 25.

As a Voice for Injury Prevention (VIP) speaker for ThinkFirst, Crystal shares the story of her miraculous recovery from the traumatic injuries she suffered in a car accident in 2009 in order to educate others on personal responsibility and safe choices.

We thank the members of our Operation Teen Safe Driving (OTSD) team, as well as moderator Mrs. Jackie Chiarolanza, for providing this important educational event!

APRIL KNIGHT LIFE

- 1 No School — Easter Monday
- 3 Becker Jewelers Tux Measuring (lunch periods)
- 6 Murray Center Visit (8:00 am to 12:00 pm)
- 8 School Board Meeting (7:30 pm)
Mothers & Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 9 WYSE State Finals (University of Illinois)
- 12 Illinois FBLA Leadership Conference
X-Schedule (11:15 am dismissal)
- 13 Illinois FBLA Leadership Conference
ACT Test at Mater Dei
- 15 Band Parents Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 19 Musical Preview — "The Wizard of Oz" (grade schools, 1:00 pm)
Musical — "The Wizard of Oz" (7:00 pm)
- 20 Musical — "The Wizard of Oz" (7:00 pm)
- 21 Musical — "The Wizard of Oz" (2:00 pm)
- 24 FBLA Field Trip
- 25 "Think First" Presentation by Crystal Fuehne (2:00 pm)
- 26 Student Council Blood Drive
Physics Day at Six Flags
- 27 Prom — "A Knight at Sea" (6:00 pm to 3:30 am)
- 28 Softball Camp for Grades 3—8 (12:30 pm to 2:30 pm)
- 29 Clinton County Academic Excellence Banquet
Fathers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- 30 "Preparing for Senior Year" Presentation (7:00 pm — 8:30 pm)

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

WYSE TEAM ADVANCES TO STATE

Join us in congratulating the fourteen members of our Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE) team, as well as moderator Mr. Scott Timmermann, on their 2nd place finish at the WYSE sectional held on March 11!

At the sectional, the following students earned individual recognition: biology tie for 1st — Hannah Albers and Adam Holbrook, computer science 3rd — Luke Foppe, English 1st — Mackenzie McCray and 3rd — Adam Holbrook, mathematics 3rd — Hannah Albers.

Finally, we wish the team "Good luck!" at the WYSE state finals on April 9 at the University of Illinois.

FBLA CONFERENCE AND FIELD TRIP

Under the guidance of Mrs. Jackie Chiarolanza, members of our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) will compete at the Illinois FBLA Leadership Conference on April 12 and 13. Members will also gain valuable knowledge on April 24 when they tour Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis.

STUDENT COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE

Our Student Council, under the guidance of Mrs. Jackie Chiarolanza and Mrs. Christine Gramann, will sponsor a blood drive, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, on April 26. All juniors and seniors may volunteer to roll up their sleeves and donate during this life-saving event!

SIX FLAGS PHYSICS DAY

Our students enrolled in Physics, under the guidance of physics teacher Mr. Joel Wessel, will participate in Physics Day at Six Flags on April 26. Throughout the day, students will complete assignments related to the use of physics in Six Flags' attractions.



PROM 2013: "A KNIGHT AT SEA"

Plans are underway for Prom 2013: "A Knight at Sea," which will be held April 27! The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with Mass, followed by a catered dinner, and the dance. The senior promenade and coronation will be held at 8:45 pm.

From 11:00 pm to 3:30 am, the festivities will continue with the new "Black Ops" obstacle course, as well as the "back by popular demand" Velcro wall, photo booth, and dodge ball (with a new twist) and bean bag toss tournaments! The numerous prizes include cash, a Garmin GPS system, an iPad, a laptop computer, TVs, printers, and Cardinal tickets! **All guests will receive an attendance prize!** (Please know that students may change clothes in the locker rooms following the dance.)

For dedicating their time and their talents to this special event, please join us in thanking members of the junior class, Mrs. Jackie Chiarolanza, Mrs. Christine Gramann, the junior homeroom teachers, Mrs. Dorise Schulte, and our Mothers and Friends.

We also thank all the parents who have generously donated funds to support the "late night" activities and prizes. (If you would still like to donate, please send your donation to the office via mail or via your student.)

Finally, as always, we thank you for helping us achieve our goal of keeping April 27 and 28 memorable and safe!

WANT TO WIN \$10,000?

TAKE A CHANCE IN THE MATER DEI MEGA RAFFLE



It is time for the Mater Dei Mega Raffle and your opportunity to purchase 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 for the Mega Raffle, which is sponsored by Fathers and Friends in conjunction with the Advancement Office, will be drawn at the Mater Dei Golf Classic on Saturday, June 1.

To purchase tickets, which are \$100 each, please contact a Fathers and Friends member, your parish's School Board member, or Fr. Chuck Tuttle or Mrs. Kathy Huelsmann in the Advancement Office (526-7216).

As always, THANK YOU for your support!

ART OF HEART CARE ARTISTS AND WRITERS

Congratulations to the following students for their winning entries in the "Art for Heart Care" sponsored by St. Joseph's Hospital:

Best of Show Art 2nd place – Emily Koelling,
honorable mention – Jenna Endres

Best of Show Writing honorable mention – Josh Albers, Nick Mueth, Shannon Netemeyer, and Alex Schriewer

Favorite of Show Art 1st place – Emily Koelling,
2nd place – Clare Chiarolanza

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 April 29 for their academic achievements:

Jade Beckmann, Clare Chiarolanza, Luke Foppe, Nathan Huelsmann, Anna Lampe, Jennifer Luebbers, Mackenzie McCray, Shannon Mensing, Ryan Patton, Adam Richter, Michele Thole, Shelby Toennies, and Kari Wiegmann.

At this banquet, seniors who rank in the top ten percent of their class 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 2013

Please join us on May 3, as we induct the new members of the Mater Dei Hall of Honor: Angela Holbrook, M.D.; Del Kloeckner; Roman Kloeckner; and Christopher Rivera, M.D.

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, please contact the office.