

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 2014, 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 Graduation. While we will certainly miss the Class of 2014, 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 do not hesitate to contact us during the summer should you need assistance.

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

Please join us thanking the following faculty members for their dedicated service to the Mater Dei community:

- Ms. Marge Tebbe - 44 years of service
- Mr. Joel Wessel - 21 years of service
- Mr. Jim Goetz - 20 years of service

We pray they are blessed with happy, healthy, and relaxing retirements!

SENIOR EVENTS SCHEDULE	Monday, May 19	Exam—period 7
	Tuesday, May 20	Exams — periods 4/5, 6, 8
	Wednesday, May 21	Exams — periods 1, 2, 3 (dismiss 10:51 am) Graduation Gown Pick-Up — 11:00 am
	Thursday, May 22	Senior-Parent Mass & Banquet — 6:30 pm, St. Dominic Church
	Friday, May 23	Senior Breakfast & Graduation Practice — 8:00 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!

UNDERCLASS EXAM SCHEDULE

Friday, May 30

pd 1		8:10 - 8:58
homeroom		9:02 - 9:07
pd 2		9:11 - 9:59
pd 3		10:03 - 10:51
pd 4/5 (lunch)		10:55 - 12:15
pd 6		12:19 - 1:00
pd 7		1:04 - 1:46
pd 8	exam	1:50 - 2:50

Monday, June 2

pd 1	exam	8:10 - 9:10
homeroom		9:14 - 9:19
pd 2		9:23 - 9:51
pd 2	exam	9:51 - 10:51
pd 4/5 (lunch)		10:55 - 12:15
pd 6		12:19 - 1:10
pd 7		1:14 - 1:46
pd 3	exam	1:50 - 2:50

Tuesday, June 3

pd 4/5	exam	8:10 - 9:10
pd 6	exam	9:14 - 10:14
homeroom		10:18 - 10:23
pd 7	exam	10:27 - 11:30

NOTE: Local school districts may not provide transportation after school Tuesday. Thus, students must ask their driver. Mater Dei busses will travel their normal routes.

MAY KNIGHT LIFE

- | 1 Baccalaureate Mass (9:30 am, Cathedral)
- | 2 X-Schedule (11:15 am dismissal)
- | 5 Clinton County Academic Excellence Banquet (7:00 pm)
- | 6 May Mass (9:40 am)
- | School Board Meeting (6:30 pm)
- | 9 Hall of Honor (6:30 pm)
- | 10 Murray Center Visit (8:00 am)
- | 11 Mother's Day
- | 12 International Fellowship, Inc. Meeting (7:00 pm)
- | Mothers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- | 13 NHS Induction & Underclass Awards Night (7:00 pm)
- | 14 Freshman Welcome (7:00 pm)
- | 18 Spring Concert (7:00 pm)
- | 19 Senior Exam (period 7)
- | Band Banquet (6:00 pm)
- | 20 Senior Exams (periods 4/5, 6, 8)
- | 21 Senior Exams (periods 1, 2, 3; dismiss 10:51 am)
- | Graduation Gown Pick-Up (11:00 am)
- | 22 Senior—Parent Mass and Banquet (6:30 pm, St. Dominic)
- | 23 Senior Breakfast and Graduation Practice (8:00 am)
- | Graduation (7:00 pm)
- | 26 No School — Memorial Day
- | Fathers and Friends Meeting (7:30 pm)
- | 30 Underclass Exam (period 8)
- | 31 Golf Classic (8:00 am or 1:30 pm, Governor's Run, Carlyle)

JUNE

- | 2 Underclass Exams (periods 1, 2, 3)
- | School Board Meeting (7:30 pm)
- | 3 Underclass Exams (periods 4/5, 6, 7; 11:30 am dismissal)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT?

INFORMATIONAL MEETING MONDAY, MAY 12, 7:00 PM

Join us for an informational meeting with representatives from International Fellowship, Inc., a non-profit organization that has been successfully coordinating exchanges since 1952.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Mr. Litteken or International Fellowship, Inc. (800-647-8839 or www.internationalfellowship.org).

We look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve foreign exchange students, who truly enrich our student body!



WANT TO WIN \$10,000? ENTER THE MEGA RAFFLE

Please purchase your Mater Dei Mega Raffle ticket 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, May 31.

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

THANK YOU for supporting this essential fundraiser!

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A PHYSICAL?



Dr. Chris Rivera will be completing physicals at Mater Dei for \$30.

May 21, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
(by appointment — schedule in main office)

NOTE: physicals completed for current Mater Dei students

NOTE: required forms are available in the main office — forms must be complete with a parent signature at appointment

DO YOU ENJOY GOLFING?

We hope you register for the Mater Dei Golf Classic!

Saturday, May 31
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

WHEN CAN WE WEAR SHORTS?

Beginning Monday, May 12, underclass students will be permitted to wear shorts and capri pants.

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!



OH, THE PLACES OUR KNIGHTS WILL GO!

We are pleased to announce that members of the Class of 2014 will continue their education at the following institutions:

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL

Fontbonne University, St. Louis, MO

Illinois State University, Normal, IL

Kaskaskia College, Centralia, IL

La Sierra University, Riverside, CA

Lindenwood University, Belleville, IL

Marian University, Indianapolis, IN

Maryville University, St. Louis, MO

McKendree University, Lebanon, IL

Milliken University, Decatur, IL

Missouri State University, Springfield, MO

Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, MO

Monterrey Institute of Technology, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Murray State University, Murray, KY

Ozark Christian College, Joplin, MO

Quincy University, Quincy, IL

Ranken Technical College, St. Louis, MO

Rend Lake College, Ina, IL

St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO

Seton-Hall University, South Orange, NJ

Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL

Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, IL

Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Truman State University, Kirksville, MO

United States Military Academy, West Point, NY

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

University of Illinois, Urbana—Champaign, IL

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN



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.



We are also pleased to announce that members of the Class of 2014 will serve in the following military branches: U.S. Air Force, U.S. Air National Guard, and the U.S. Navy



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 thirty-one Mater Dei seniors serving as teachers for Youth Faith Formation programs in seven 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!

THANK YOU BOARD OF EDUCATION

Please join us in thanking the members of our 2013-2014 Board of Education for their faithful service:

Sharon Bickl, Ed Diekemper, Bill Foppe,
Fr. Dan Friedman, Chuck Gebke, Stephanie Hamilton,
Kim Hempten, Kathleen Hodges, Chad Holthaus,
Doug Huegen, Bill Koentz, Lea Maue, Steve Maue,
Monica Mensing, Jerry Rehkemper, Kathy Thole,
and John Wieter.

Please also join us in extending a special thank you to our members who will "retire" in June:

Kim Hempten - six years of service
Kathleen Hodges - three years of service



226 STUDENTS ENJOY LATE-NIGHT PROM

We are pleased to announce that 226 students attended the late-night prom!

More importantly, they (and the volunteers) had a blast! Guests raved about the hypnotist, the inflatables, 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 52 parent volunteers for dedicating their time and talents to hosting this event. We also thank our families for their monetary donations.

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

KNIGHTS HELPING OTHERS

LENTEN RICE BOWL COLLECTION

Our students collected \$784.26 in their Lenten rice bowl collection, which was donated to Catholic Relief Services. The Lenten rice bowls were distributed to each student in their theology class.

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Our students donated \$275 to the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center in honor of Roland Levi, a Holocaust survivor who spoke with our students in April.

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 ("Athletics" menu, "Summer Camps – 2014" page).

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 PlusPortals 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!

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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.