



# Mater Dei High School

*Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve*

## August Back to School 2019 Newsletter

### From the Bookstore

*Submitted by Mr. Shane Goedde*

We have a new process for distributing textbooks this year. You or your student will need to come to the cafeteria on Monday, July 29 from 9:00am-12noon or 5:00-7:00pm or on Wednesday, July 31 from 9:00am-5:00pm. When you come to the cafeteria, simply pick up your books and Mr. Goedde will check them out. You can then put them into your locker - please bring your locks. Locks will be issued to freshmen in the cafeteria. Class schedules were released on Sycamore on Wednesday, July 24. We will also have a copy for you when you arrive. If a schedule needs to be changed, the office will be open from 8:00am-2:00pm to assist you. Please email Mr. Goedde at [sgoedde@evdio.org](mailto:sgoedde@evdio.org) with questions.

**important**

### Important Upcoming Dates for the 2019-2020 Academic Year

<b>July 29 and 31</b>	Book Pick-Up Days
<b>August 1</b>	New Student Orientation
<b>August 6</b>	1st Day of School - no EVSC bus service
<b>August 8</b>	Meet the Teacher Night 6:00-7:30 PM
<b>August 13</b>	School Pictures
<b>September 2</b>	Labor Day - No School
<b>September 6</b>	Midterms Quarter 1

*Welcome  
back to  
School*

### From Principal Knight

Welcome Back! Below are some important reminders as we begin the 2019-20 school year.

#### Faculty Meetings and Professional Development

Mater Dei will be occasionally using an early dismissal schedule for faculty meetings and professional development during the 2019-20 school year. These dates are listed below for your convenience. Dismissal will be at 2:05 on these days.

September 26  
October 17  
November 21

January 23  
February 20  
March 19

April 23  
May 7

### **Student Pick Up**

We ask that all students have transportation home by 3:15 PM, with the exception of students participating in supervised and school sponsored clubs, teams, or events. The school office closes at 3:15 and we cannot have students unsupervised in the building after school. We appreciate your cooperation with this issue.

Please remember that on the first day of school, all students are required to be in school uniform. On Thursday, August 15 we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with Mass at 9:15 AM. We invite you to join us then and for all the school liturgies throughout the year.

**Wishing everyone a great school year!**

### **Mater Dei Names Andy Morris as New President**

*Press Release*

Mater Dei High School has named Evansville native Andy Morris as its new president. He will assume his duties at the end of July and replaces Dr. Tad Dickel, who will be leaving to pursue other professional opportunities.

Morris is an active member of St. Boniface Parish in Evansville and grew up in the former St. Agnes Parish. He has several family members who attended and graduated from Mater Dei. "We are thrilled to welcome Andy Morris as the president of Mater Dei High School," said Father Ed Schnur, priest-delegate to Mater Dei and pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Poseyville, and St. Wendel Parish, St. Wendel. "After interviewing a number of qualified candidates, the selection committee identified and unanimously affirmed Andy as the right person to lead Mater Dei at this exciting time in our history. Andy is talented and creative. He has a passion for our Catholic faith and a strong desire to see our faith passed on to our young people."

"I am very humbled to accept this ministry and calling from God to work with our parishes and community to build on the legacy of Mater Dei for a strong and bright future," Morris said.

Morris is a 2010 graduate of the University of Evansville with a B.S. in advertising and public relations, organizational communication; with business administration. He earned an MBA from Murray State University in 2012. His professional experience includes significant sales and marketing leadership positions with Nexstar Broadcasting, which owns WEHT-TV channel 25 and WTVW-TV channel 7, and Townsquare Media (WKDQ, WBKR and other stations). He is the immediate past president and has served on the board of the local chapter of the American Advertising Federation, and he serves as an alumni advisor for the University of Evansville chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha.

At St. Boniface Parish, Morris has served as a lector for more than a decade, an usher for more than three years and, most recently, as a liturgical musician. He also has served on two Cursillo teams.

### **Thank You for Choosing Mater Dei!**

*Submitted by Mrs. Jill Seiler, Enrollment Manager*

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our 129 new freshmen, 5 transfer students and

their families to the Mater Dei community! We are so excited that you've chosen us to educate your child. And welcome back to all students who were here last year! We hope you had a relaxing summer break and are ready to make the 2019-2020 school year the best ever.

We feel that developing a sense of community is very important to the education of your son or daughter and there will be numerous events through the year to help you get to know our faculty and staff. The first opportunity is coming up Thursday, August 8th from 6-7:30pm for Meet the Teacher night. It's your chance to get to know your child's teachers and ask them any questions you may have. We hope to see you then!

## Mater Dei Welcomes Bailey Schnur

We are pleased to have Bailey Schnur joining our English Department this year. Bailey is a 2014 MD graduate. She completed her studies at the University of Evansville and taught last year at Harrison High School.

*Welcome, Bailey!*



## 2019-2020 School Calendar

To download the Mater Dei school calendar for next year, click on the following link:

[2019-2020 School Calendar](#)

## Meal Charge Policy

*Submitted by Mrs. Karen Liley, Business Manager*

### Purpose:

School Cafeteria meals are funded from Federal Government reimbursements and student payments to pay operating expenses. By Federal law, school cafeteria revenues need to meet or exceed expenditures. Therefore, unpaid charges would affect the ability of the school cafeteria meal payment procedures. The goals of this policy are:

- To ensure that all students have a healthy meal and that no student goes hungry.
- To treat all students with dignity and confidentiality in the serving line regarding meal accounts.
- To encourage parents to assume responsibility of meal payments and promote awareness to the student of their meal charges.
- To establish consistent practice regarding charges and collections of charges.

Meal Payments: School Cafeteria meals can be paid online through Sycamore by debit or credit card. There is a .50 charge per transaction. In addition, payment can be brought to the school by either cash or check and turned in to either the Business Office (Mrs. Liley) or the Cafeteria Manager (Mrs. Schenk). Cash and check payments should be sealed in an envelope with the student(s) name written on the front.

Allowable Charges: Students who do not have money in their account to pay for their meals will be allowed to charge up to \$100.00. Communications by either email or phone will be sent to parents when student's positive lunch balances are \$10.00 or less. If a student's lunch balance is negative \$100.00 or more, they will receive a communication from the Business Office stating they can only charge a Grade A lunch until their account is paid in

full. If students continue to charge more than a Grade A lunch with a negative balance of \$100.00 or more, they will receive a detention for disobeying the school Meal Charge Policy.

## Free and Reduced Lunch Information

*Submitted by Mrs. Sheila Spaulding*

Below is information regarding the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. If you feel you qualify, applications should be submitted to Mrs. Sheila Spaulding as soon as possible. However, if your financial situation changes during the school year, you can apply at any time. If you have further questions, please contact Mrs. Spaulding in the main office or Mrs. Karen Liley in the business office.

[Instructions for Free-Reduced Lunch Application](#)

[Free-Reduced Lunch Application](#)

## Health Information

*Submitted by Mrs. Julie McGrew*

Freshman must have physical and up to date immunizations submitted to the office by the beginning of school. If your appointment is after school starts, please indicate that when you return your parent pack.

Seniors must have up to date immunizations submitted to the office by the beginning of school.

The Indiana State Department of Health and the IDOE mandates that ALL families receive the following information regarding meningococcal disease and pertussis. Please take the time to read this important information.

[Pertussis Parent Letter](#)

[Meningococcal Parent Letter](#)

## Student Absences

### Reporting a Student Absence

Parents should call the Attendance Office by 8:00 a.m. to report a student absence along with the reason for the absence.

If a student will miss all or part of a day due to a medical appointment, the Main Office should have written notification of the scheduled appointment prior to the beginning of the school day of the scheduled appointment. Upon return to school, the student should provide a note from the doctor, dentist or other health care provider for the absence to be excused.

**In order to practice or participate in an extracurricular or athletic practice or event, a student MUST BE in school for the ENTIRE DAY.** Missing more than 30 minutes of class is considered an absence; therefore the student would not be eligible to practice or participate in after school activities.

Doctor, dental or other medical appointments verified with a note from the medical office

will be counted as excused absences.

### **Student Appointments During the School Day**

If your student needs to leave school for an appointment during the school day, please send a note with the time the student needs to be picked up or leave school. These notes are filed as part of our attendance records.

Students should bring their notes to the Main Office before classes begin. We will give them a dismissal slip and the student can leave class at the designated time. This eliminates interruptions to classroom instruction.

## **Student Picture Day is Tuesday, August 13**

Straub Photography will begin taking student pictures at 7:00am. Picture order forms will be sent home in the Student Packets on the first day of school. New students will receive the Student Packet at Orientation. Please return your order form including payment with your student on picture day.



### **ATTIRE:**

Boys must wear a long sleeve dress shirt with tie and uniform pants for their photos. Girls are expected to dress professionally but may wear uniform pants with a professional style blouse or top. (Please follow dress code for the Alternate Dress Days in the Student Handbook/Agenda.)

## **Yearbooks**

*Submitted by Mrs. Angela St.Clair*

The 2018-2019 yearbooks will be distributed to undergraduates on Friday, Aug. 9 during an activity period. Extra copies will be on sale for \$65 in room 211, Monday, Aug. 12. Graduates who did not order the home delivery package may pick up their yearbooks outside the front office on Friday, Aug. 9.

Volume 71 *Hi-Lights* Yearbook for the 2019-2020 school year is now on sale for only \$50 through the month of September. You may [order online](#) or use the attached order form.

This year, seniors may order their yearbooks and senior ads all at one time, and through the month of September, senior packages include two free icons on the nameplates. Senior ad messages and pictures are not due until Dec.6.

[Yearbook Order Form](#)

## **Mater Dei Football**

*Submitted by Coach Mike Goebel*

Varsity and JV official practice begins on Monday, August 5. Freshman Football begins on August 6 after school. Cub Football practice begins on August 6 at 4:30 PM. All players must have a current IHSAA physical on file in the Athletic Office. Any players who have not turned physicals in must bring them to their first practice. Thanks.

The Varsity Red & Gold Scrimmage will be held on the turf football field and all teams will have pictures taken on Saturday, August 10.

The Mater Dei Football Program is seeking football managers to become part of our teams. Any student interested, please contact Coach Mike Goebel ([mgoebel@evdio.org](mailto:mgoebel@evdio.org)) for more details. Thank you.

## Boys' Basketball Fundraiser

*Submitted by Coach Kurt Wildeman*

THE MATER DEI BOYS' BASKETBALL PROGRAM PRESENTS:

# Expressway Ram



## Drive For Your School Fundraiser



**Date: Saturday, August 10th**

**Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Location: Mater Dei High School Parking Lot**

**The Mater Dei Boys' Basketball Program will receive  
\$20 for each test drive taken between 9:00 AM and  
1:00 PM**

**\*All drivers must be 18 years old**

**\*All drivers must have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance**

**\*Test Drives Available to the first 200 drivers**

## Athletic News

*Submitted by Joe Herrmann, Athletic Director*

### SIAC Athlete of the Year

***Congratulations*** to Tanner Schickel and Victoria Zigenfus for receiving the nomination as the top male and female athlete at Mater Dei High School.

Tanner earned the all sports award at Mater Dei. He was a city and SIAC champion in both cross country and in the 1600m in track and field. In addition to being all conference in both cross country and track, he was honorable mention all state in cross country and a state qualifier in track and field.

Victoria was an all city selection in both soccer and track and field and a four-time sectional

champ in the 300m hurdles. She was a member of the back to back state champion soccer teams and also a 3-time state qualifier in the 300 hurdles.

### **IHSAA Physicals**

A reminder that anyone trying out for an athletic team will need to have a completed IHSAA physical turned into the athletic office **before tryouts**. The forms are available outside the athletic office.

### **Ticket Sellers Needed**

The athletic department is in dire need of a few more ticket sellers for the upcoming school year. Anyone that can sell tickets at football, volleyball, and basketball games will receive a free Evansville Athletic Council pass that will get you in to all high school athletic events at any of the city schools free of charge. If you are interested, please email Joe or Molly at [jherrmann@evdio.org](mailto:jherrmann@evdio.org) or [mweber@evdio.org](mailto:mweber@evdio.org).

### **Tennis**

*Submitted by Coach Clements*

Boys High School Tennis practices start on Monday August 5th 4:00-6:00 pm, then 3:00-5:00 pm every weekday after that.

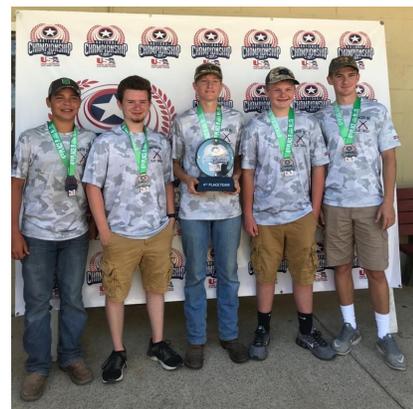
Boys Cub Tennis team is open to 6th-8th graders from MD feeder schools. There will be one practice and one match per week. Coaches Jeremy Kissel and Jake Stratman are holding their first practice this Saturday July 27 10:00-11:30 am at the MD Tennis Courts.

Questions? Contact Coach Clements at [MaterDeiTennis@gmail.com](mailto:MaterDeiTennis@gmail.com)

## **Mater Dei Trap Shooting Team**

*Congratulations* to the Mater Dei Trap Shooting Team for placing 4th Place in Nationals out of 206 teams for the USA High School Clay Target League. The championship occurred in Mason, Michigan on July 14. This is the second year for the team, and they have won the Indiana state tournament both years. The team members include:

Grant Elpers  
Brayden Rexing  
Ethan Schnur  
Carter Schmitt (St. Wendel)  
Noah Rice (Reitz)  
Coach: Dr. Scott Norris



## **Football Fundraiser**

*Submitted by Coach Mike Goebel*



## Give Back Program

**Join us at Papa Johns  
and Raise 20%!**

**Benefiting**

**Mater Dei Football**

**Use promo code **MDFB20** online,  
in person or over the phone to receive  
20% off regular menu price.**

**20% of the net sales to be donated to  
Mater Dei Football program!**

**When:  
8/5 through 8/18**

**Where:  
Offer Is Available in Newburgh, Henderson,  
Owensboro and all Evansville Locations**



### Mater Dei Supermileage Team

*Congratulations* to the Supermileage Team for a successful trip to the Shell World Driver's Championship in London, England. The team qualified two cars at the Shell Eco-marathon Americas but was only allowed to bring one car due to the competition rules. Their car, Rudi, competed in the Battery Powered Urban Concept category. In London, about 90% of the teams were from universities and 10% were high schools. Rudi set a new record in America at 68 m/kWh and raised that to 102 m/kWh in London. The team finished 8th overall. Team members on the trip included:

Darian Kuhn (captain)  
Noah Blankenberger  
Grant Elpers  
Gavin Grossman  
Brock Jorgensen  
Keegan Marx  
Dylan Pfaffman

Advisers on the trip were Bob Neisen and Gene Young.



## **MDFAA Golf Scramble**

*Submitted by Mrs. Mallory Hertel, Director of Advancement*



Save the date for the MDFAA Golf Scramble at Helfrich Hills Golf Course on Oct. 4, 2019. Hope to see you there!

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