



Mater Dei High School

October 2019 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

October 3	Tomorrow's Workforce Luncheon 11:30AM
October 6	College Fair at USI 1:30-3:00 PM
October 10	End of First Quarter
Oct. 11 & 14	Fall Break--No School
October 16	PSAT/NMSQT Testing Grades 9, 10, 11
October 17	Early Dismissal 2:05 PM
October 24	Open House at Mater Dei 6:00-8:00 PM
October 31	Junior Retreat
November 1	All Saints Day Liturgy 9:15 AM
November 5	Penance Service 8:45-10:45 AM
November 11	Veteran's Day Prayer Service 9:15 AM
Nov. 14-16	Fall Play
November 15	Midterm
November 21	Early Dismissal 2:05 PM
November 26	Thanksgiving Prayer Service
Nov. 27-29	Thanksgiving Break



Seniors to Fall Festival

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 8 and 9, seniors will be permitted to visit the annual West Side Fall Festival during lunch. Mater Dei will provide bus transportation for all seniors to attend. Students will NOT be allowed to drive their own vehicles to Franklin Street.

News from the Guidance Office

Submitted by Mrs. Darlene Quinlin and Mrs. Shea Reneer

PSAT/NMSQT Testing

Mark your calendar for **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16.**

ALL Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior students will participate in taking the PSAT.

The PSAT will be administered in each homeroom with the homeroom teacher. This is a one-day opportunity so please be sure your student is in attendance for this important assessment.

The PSAT measures the knowledge and skills developed in reading, writing and

language, and math. This test is not about memorizing words and facts. It focuses on what has already been learned in school and what will be needed to succeed in college! It measures reasoning and critical-thinking skills, which will be important through high school, college, and beyond.

Each student received a Student Guide with advice, sample passages and questions for the Reading Test and the Writing and Language Test; advice, sample questions, and calculator information for the Math Test; a full-length PSAT/NMSQT practice test; and information about the National Merit Scholarship Program. You can also go online for more information at collegeboard.org/psatpractice.

Why do we administer the PSAT/NMSQT to the underclassmen?

- o On average, students who take the PSAT/NMSQT score 136 points higher on the SAT than those who do not. The PSAT/NMSQT and SAT measure the same skills and have the same format, directions and question types.
- o Taking the PSAT/NMSQT provides entry into the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions as well as other scholarship and recognition programs.
- o Taking the PSAT/NMSQT gives students free access to Khan Academy a personalized online college- and career-planning tool where they can search for colleges, explore majors and careers, and get a personalized SAT study plan. Learn more at satpractice.org. Big Results - 20 hours of practice was associated with an average 115-point increase from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT!
- o Receive free information about admission and financial aid from colleges, universities and scholarship programs. The materials students receive help them start thinking about and exploring higher education opportunities.
- o The PSAT/NMSQT Score Report Plus gives students comprehensive, personalized feedback on their test performance, allowing them to see which questions they answered incorrectly and which academic skills they should work to improve.
- o For next year scheduling, the PSAT/NMSQT scores are used to determine dual credit eligibility for some of our dual credit courses through the University of Southern Indiana and IVY Tech Community College.

FASFA Information for Seniors and their Parents

Attention seniors and their parents! Mark your calendars for the evening of **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, at 6:00 PM** in the Media Center when a representative from University of Evansville will be at Mater Dei to discuss the FASFA (Free Application for Student Financial Aid) process for college.

Senior College Applications

Seniors have been working with Mrs. Reneer setting up their Parchment accounts (transcript submission) and making college application deadlines. Parents, please talk to your student about where they are applying. We strongly encourage having a back-up plan and have students apply to at least two colleges and/or universities, including locally.

Grading Period

The end of the first quarter is Thursday, October 10th. Report card notification will be sent out to parents on Friday, October 18th.

Final Exams

The final exam schedule has been posted. PLEASE do not schedule outside appointments or plan other absences during final exam week. Make up final exams will be scheduled at the discretion of the administration.

Tuesday, December 17 - exam blocks 6 & 8

Wednesday, December 18 - exam blocks 2 & 4

Thursday, December 19 - exam blocks 5 & 7; early dismissal at 1:35 PM

Friday, December 20 - exam blocks 1 & 3, early dismissal at 10:35 AM



There are over 50 different clubs, activities and sports offered at Mater Dei!

Enrollment News

Submitted by Mrs. Seiler, Enrollment Manager

Welcome Class of 2024!

8th graders from our Westside feeder schools, the future Class of 2024, visited Mater Dei in September. Each school had its own special day at MD. Each 8th grader was paired up with a current MD student and attended a class with them. We also treated them to lunch. It gives the 8th grader a chance to learn about everything MD has to offer. Mrs. Quinlin is also going to each school to administer the PSAT to the 8th grade students. The test scores are used for advising and freshman course selection.

Spread the Word!

Thursday, October 24th is the annual Open House for families interested in Mater Dei High School. Please encourage families to come and discover the opportunities available here at MDHS. We will have some special activities planned so the students can explore the city of Mater Dei-ville. There will be classroom demonstrations, presentations, teachers to talk to and activities and clubs represented. Visitors might even win an exciting door prize such as a Chromebook, MD gear, or other exciting items. Help us spread the word. A personal invitation means so much!

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

Congratulations to senior Grace Wagner who was named a Commended Scholar by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. This designation means that Grace scored in the top 3% nationally of the 1.5 million juniors who took the PSAT last year.

Congratulations, Grace!

As juniors, students take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) that serves as the initial screening for this award. The National

Merit Scholarship Program was established in 1955 and honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies.



The MD 70th Bash that was scheduled for Saturday, October 19th, has been cancelled. For all guests that have reserved and paid for tickets, you will be refunded.

University of Evansville Changemaker Challenge

Congratulations to the following 5 teams who were chosen to participate in University of Evansville's Changemaker Challenge. They passed the first round of competition and are on their way to Round 2 on October 23rd. The winning teams will receive four-year scholarships to attend the University of Evansville.

Best of Luck!

Holy Fit- Adam Barnes, Jered Blanton & Henry Duncan

Aware- Eve Bilderback, Chloe Naas & Jennifer Ross

Be Visual- Bailey Brush & Alyssa Goebel

E.D.E.- Lydia Johnston, Isaac Martin & Elijah Jorgensen

Porta Wett- Jacob Merkley & Noah Beard

Driver's Education Course Offered

Mrs. Quinlin will be teaching, through Road Star Driving, a two-week driver's education course starting on October 28th and running through November 8th (Monday-Friday, Monday-Friday). If your student will be the age of 15 by the start of class, they can enroll.

Classes will be taught at Mater Dei High School after school from 3-6 PM. Students will be eligible to apply for their Learner's Permit after the first week of classroom instruction. Once the required thirty hours of classroom instruction are completed, students can then schedule six hours of driving instruction and take the BMV driving test through the Road Star office located on Franklin Street.

Road Star Driving School will have a Holiday Class and Mrs. Quinlin will be the classroom instructor at their location on Franklin Street, teaching the "Holiday Class" December 23rd - January 4th. Class time will be 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM every day. There will be no classroom instruction on December 25th or January 1st.

Registration information sheets can be picked up in the main office or contact Mrs. Quinlin for more details or to answer any questions.

Yearbook News

Submitted by Mrs. St.Clair

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR SENIORS

The deadline for seniors to take and select their yearbook portrait is Oct. 1. If your son or daughter has not yet taken his/her photo at Straub Photography or has not chosen

the portrait they want to appear in the yearbook, please call 812.963.5014 **as soon as possible**. It is very important to have every senior represented in the yearbook. Thank you for your support.

SENIOR ADS

Show your love and pride for your senior by purchasing a senior ad in the yearbook! All senior ad orders, messages, and photos are due by Dec. 5. Please refer to the [order form](#) for more details. Hard copy pictures will be returned at Baccalaureate in the spring.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE FOR \$55

THANK YOU to the 230+ students who have already purchased a yearbook! The price of the yearbook has now increased by \$5. Refer to the [order form](#) for more details and options.

National Honor Society

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY on September 12th.

Elisa Bonnell	Blaise Kelley	Leah Richey
Julia Dassel	Nolan Knight	Hallie Riordan
Paige Denning	Rachel Luigs	Allison Rusk
Mary Eppler	Sydney Maasberg	Anna Schneider
Gretchen Forcum	Ella McLin	Jordan Seiler
Taylor Gerth	Kylie Mitchell	Katelyn Townsend
Danielle Gries	Megan Muensterman	Preston Turner
Meredith Hagerty	Eliana Nisley	Esther Wannemuehler
Olivia Hamilton	Miranda Nosko	Mallory Weber
Evan Herr	Macartney Parkinson	Jourdan Weinzapfel
Jackson Hiester	Jacob Pierre	Samuel Weinzapfel
Conner Jarrell	Christopher Reising	Kiersten Welp
Eli Jorgensen		

They join the following current members:

Dane Babillis (V. Pres.)	Maddie Folz	Joseph Scheller
Adam Barnes	Jill Happe (Pres.)	Kristen Schneider
Lance Berendes	Sabrina Henderson	Ethan Schnur
Jered Blanton	Luke Kassenbrock	Elise Schultheis
Katherine Boots	Emma Lamble	Luke Scofield
Brady Boring	Audrey McDurmon	Emelyn Stockton (Treas.)
Nicholas Carter	Xavier Reine	Madeline Swallows
Allison Deeg	Andrea Reisinger (Sect.)	Grace Wagner
Sam Doecker	Marissa Riordan	Brandon Werner

The Truth Is

Submitted by Diana Braun, Youth First Project Manager

90% of Mater Dei High School students believe parents should set clear rules and expectations about avoiding alcohol.*



One of our most important and challenging jobs as parents during this critical teen-age period is to help our kids avoid alcohol and drugs so they can grow up addiction free. In a national study, teens reported that parental disapproval was the number one reason not to use drugs and alcohol. So now we know that kids care about what parents think, and parents are the most important factor in preventing drug and alcohol use.

The mission of Youth First is to strengthen youth and families through evidence-based programs that prevent substance abuse, promote healthy behaviors and maximize student success. For more information about *The Truth Is* or other Youth First programs, go to: youthfirstinc.org.

**Underage Drinking:
The Social Media Impact**

Join us for a town hall meeting to discuss the impact social media has on underage drinking!

Plus, an opportunity to learn how to navigate the most popular apps used by teens!

TRIVIA GAME & PRIZES

PANEL DISCUSSION FEATURING:

- Dr. James Schroeder, Child Psychologist
- Evansville Vanderburgh School Corp.
- Evansville Police Department
- Youth First School Social Workers

When:
**October 21, 2019
6pm-8pm**

Where:
**EVPL Central Library-Browning Room
200 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Evansville, IN 47713**

What:
Please RSVP at <https://underagedrinkingsm.eventbrite.com> or select the Facebook event *Underage Drinking: The Social Media Impact*

Youth First

Mater Dei High School is engaged in an ongoing continuous improvement process, of which all stakeholders are a part. Mater Dei will be sending you an invitation to participate in an online survey between the dates of October 21-November 1 as one method of reaching all stakeholders.

Surveys are a means to systematically engage all our stakeholders in two-way communication. They provide school leaders and teachers a view into the thinking and perceptions of our stakeholders. Careful analysis of the results enriches understanding of areas of strength and effectiveness as well as those areas that possibly need improvement. The survey results will enable our school leaders to measure stakeholders' attitudes and help target improvement strategies focused on student achievement as well as school and system effectiveness. Taking the survey also will provide a means for learning about what a parent, student or staff member should be looking for in a high quality school.

Your cooperation and support in completing the surveys will be greatly appreciated. Please be on the lookout for your survey invitation in the coming weeks.

Thank You!

Many thanks to the Rotary Foundation of Evansville for awarding Mater Dei with a Classroom Enrichment Grant. The money received will be used to purchase additional drone kits that will allow students to work in smaller groups to build them. Students in Mr. Roger Sills' Drafting and Design class will build and test the drones during Quarter 3 this school year. Thank you Rotary Foundation for your generosity!



Diocesan Policy: Report and Inform

The Diocese of Evansville has in place a policy that requires that any allegation of child abuse must be reported to civil authorities. If an allegation involves the sexual abuse of a minor by diocesan personnel, the Victim Assistance Coordinator must also be informed.

Sexual misconduct violates human dignity and the mission of the church. The spiritual well-being of all victims, their families, and others in the community is of particular concern to the church.

Report child abuse

Every allegation of child abuse must be reported to Child Protection Services, an agency of Indiana state government.

CPS Toll-free: (800) 800-5556

Local law enforcement: 9-1-1

Report and inform

In the event of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor (a person under 18) by diocesan personnel, report the allegation to authorities, and inform the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the diocese:

Toll-free: (866) 200-3004

Local: (812) 490-9565

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