



Mater Dei High School

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June 2020 Newsletter

A Letter from Dr. Hagan about Reopening Schools



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Dear Families, Teachers, and Staff,

For the first time, parents might actually be looking forward to summer more than their children. I also believe parents want and need to know about the start of the new school year. The following will provide parents, students, faculty, staff and parishioners a roadmap as to where we are today and the plan to reopen our Catholic school buildings.

The plan begins with a focus on two key re-entry dates: July 1, 2020 (school buildings are scheduled to reopen per the Governor's executive order) and August 5, 2020 (the first day of scheduled instruction for several Catholic schools). The goal is to start school within the buildings on time in August with all recommended health and safety actions in place. To assist me in carrying out this monumental task where the health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff are at the core of every decision, Bishop Siegel has asked that the Catholic Schools Office form a core committee to act as a clearinghouse to share best practices and clarify all state, local and diocesan directives as it relates to mitigating the spread of COVID-19. The core committee will expand as needed to seek direction and advice from experts in various fields.

We are not isolated in our desire to return to the school building where there exists a genuine community of faith. I, along with school administrators and the reopening committee, continue to collaborate with key organizations to seek the most up to date findings as well as best practices regarding COVID-19 and schools. The organizations we directly collaborate with include the Indiana Nonpublic Education Association, National Catholic Education Association, diocesan attorneys, diocesan directors, diocesan chancellor, Indiana Department of Education, Indiana Catholic Conference, Indiana Catholic School Consortium, Catholic Charities – Diocese of Evansville, Youth First, Indiana High School Athletic Association, local educational leaders and health department officials.

Preparations and directives will not be a one-size-fits all approach for schools. We understand the unique needs that vary from early learning students to high school students. With that said, we are expecting that schools will comply with a set of requirements (including the recently released CDC guidelines for schools) targeted at cleaning protocols, health checks, contact tracing, assessing risk, and implement social distancing strategies for gatherings, classrooms and movement through the building.

Catholic schools will respond to this challenge and employ every measure we can to ensure the safety of our students, faculty and staff members. As we move through the summer months, I will provide updates on our efforts to reopen school buildings for the start of the new school year. I am grateful to be a part of a Catholic community that, through the intercession of Mary, remains rooted in the conviction that Catholic schools form students as missionary disciples who serve one another.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dr. Daryl Hagan
Superintendent of Catholic Schools



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

This institution is an equal opportunity employer

FREE Summer Meals for Kids

BREAKFAST

School Site	Dates	Times
Evans School	June 3 - 28	8:00 - 9:00 AM
Lincoln School	June 3 - 28	9:15 - 10:00 AM
McGary Middle School	June 3 - 28	9:00 - 9:30 AM
Stringtown Elementary School	May 28 - July 26*	8:15 - 8:30 AM
Bosse High School	July 8 - 19	8:15 - 8:30 AM

LUNCH

School Site	Dates	Times
Caze Elementary School	June 3 - 28	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Cedar Hall Community School	June 3 - 28	11:15 AM - 12:30 PM
Dexter Elementary School	June 3 - 28	12:00 - 1:00 PM
Evans School	June 3 - 28	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Glenwood Leadership Academy	June 3 - 28	11:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Lincoln School	June 3 - 28	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
	July 1 - 26*	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lodge Community School	June 3 - 28	11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
McGary Middle School	June 3 - 28	11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
Stringtown Elementary School	May 28 - July 26*	11:15 - 11:30 AM
Tekoppel Elementary School	June 3 - 28	12:00 - 1:00 PM
Bosse High School	July 8 - 19	11:15 - 11:30 AM

* Closed July 4

Community agencies, organization and families are invited to bring children to any of the participating schools for breakfast or lunch. Children and youth 18 and younger, eat free in the summer meal program. Adults 19 and over cost \$3.00.

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Class of 2020

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times in education. We are tentatively planning to celebrate our traditional Senior Baccalaureate Mass on Friday, July 10th. Prom is also been planned for Saturday, July 18th. More information on these events will be sent to students and families via email as time approaches. Honors Day and Graduation were held virtually in mid-May. In case you missed them, you can view them on the following links:

Honors Day: [Honors Day 2020](#)

Graduation: [2020 Graduation](#)



Summer Hours for the School Office

The school office will remain closed until June 30. Office hours for July will be posted in the next newsletter.

Important Dates for the Start of the 2020-2021 Academic Year

As we look ahead, here are important dates prior to the start of next school year. Of course, changes may be necessary as time approaches. Please watch for email and text alerts as needed.

- July 17 - Tuition Due
- August 3 - Diocesan Back to School Mass
- August 5 - New Student Orientation
- August 6 - First Day of School

2020-2021 School Calendar

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

[2020-2021 School Calendar](#)

Enrollment News

Submitted by Mrs. Jill Seiler, Enrollment Manager

ENROLLING FOR 2020-21

We are continuing to enroll for next school year. If you know of any students who aren't happy with their current high school and think Mater Dei might be right for them, reach out to them and encourage them to apply. Our current parents and students are our best advocates for promoting our school!

TUITION ASSISTANCE

While the priority deadline has passed, we will continue taking applications for tuition assistance as long as funds are still available. Applications should be sent in as soon as possible for assistance to be included on the 2020-21 tuition statement. Tuition statements will be e-mailed in June. Income information for 2019 must be included with the tuition assistance application. **Please note that families must reapply for tuition assistance each year.**

Thank You!

Dear Parents,

This certainly wasn't the school year we envisioned it to be, but I believe we made the most of a bad situation and will be better prepared in case it happens again. Thank you for your patience as we sailed these uncharted waters and I believe it will make us stronger and even more faith-filled as a school and as a community. We want to thank you for entrusting your child to Mater Dei. Thank you for making the sacrifice so that your child can learn in an environment that nurtures not only their brain but their spirit and souls. While continuing to form a great foundation of morals, standards, and beliefs, we believe our students will take those building blocks with them when they leave our school. Finally, thank you for supporting your child and the rest of the student body by attending games and functions, following us on social media, and being their leaders at home where they first learn the values of respect and discipline. Good luck to all of our graduates, may you be blessed! You will certainly be missed! As we pray our Mater Dei family stays safe from the pandemic, we want to assure you we will take all precautions to

ensure the new school year begins on a healthy, positive note. Have a safe, relaxing summer, we're looking forward to next year!

Jill Seiler

Attention Students - Summer Assignments

Students enrolled in AP Calculus, CAP Pre-Calculus, and AP Language and Composition classes have summer assignments in preparation for next year. Please check your emails for further instructions from your teacher(s).

Business and Technology Academy Certificate



Enrollment to BTAC homeroom for Seniors is occurring at this time. Seniors of the 2021 class must have six (6) credits by graduation. Some have five (5) at this time, and with Senior Economics class or Senior AP Economics, will qualify for BTAC. If interested, please contact Mrs. Donna Lefler by **June 20th** to verify and be approved for BTAC. There is a

limited number of openings. dmllefler@evdio.org

Changemaker Challenge

If you are looking for a "full-ride" to the University of Evansville, or perhaps funds to pay for most if not all your tuition at U of E or perhaps looking for an amazing addition to your resume or college application - YOU need to look into Changemaker Challenge.



The simplest of ideas can be a changemaker waiting to happen. Don't sell yourself short. The challenge and reward certainly are worth it.

This year the Changemaker competition will take place in January 2021 but to prepare, we will begin to meet in September. Those who are interested or have questions please contact Mrs. Donna Lefler at dmllefler@evdio.org.

Work Permits

Submitted by Mrs. Julie McGrew, Administrative Assistant

Effective March 16, 2020 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

"In conjunction with Governor Holcomb's mandated school closing, the Indiana Department of Labor is suspending enforcement of the requirement for employers to have on-file work permits for minor employees." (Indiana Department of Labor website)

Should work permits become necessary again, they will be available through the school office by appointment only and if the minor has an Intent to Employ form that has been completed by the employer, and signed by both the student and the parent.

Appointments may be made by emailing Sheila Spaulding at sspaulding@evdio.org or Julie McGrew at jmcrew@evdio.org. Please allow 24 hours notice for an appointment.



Office Updates

We are transitioning to a new Student Information System this summer. We will no longer be using Sycamore. As we input information into our new system (PowerSchool), please let the school office know if you have a new address, phone number, or email address. We want to be sure you are receiving information. Thank you!

2020-2021 Tuition Statements and Payment Options

Submitted by Mrs. Karen Liley, Business Manager

FACTS Management Company will continue to manage our tuition payment program through their online payment system. Families will receive an email notification from FACTS the first week in June to set up an account, review tuition statements and complete payment agreements.

We understand some of our families may be experiencing financial difficulties with the recent Covid-19 business shut downs. If this applies to you, please contact Jill Seiler, MDHS Enrollment Manager, to apply for assistance if you haven't already.
jseiler@evdio.org

Your student's enrollment is not final until tuition is paid in full or a payment agreement has been completed online at the FACTS website. Full tuition payments may also be sent to the school by July 17 to finalized enrollment. Please contact the school Business Manager, Karen Liley at (812) 426-2258 Ext 365 or email kliley@evdio.org to make other arrangements.

1. **Full Payment.** The entire amount of tuition and book fee balance is to be paid by July 17, 2020. Respond to the FACTS email invitation in early June to submit an electronic payment. **There is no fee to pay in full by July 17, 2020.****
2. **Semester Payments.** The entire tuition and fees balance is paid in two installments. The first payment is half of the tuition and fee balance and is due July 17, 2020. The second payment is due in December. Respond to the FACTS email invitation in early June to complete the payment agreement. A \$40.00 payment plan fee will be drafted from your account a few days after your payment agreement is finalized.
3. **Monthly Payments.** The tuition and fee balance is paid monthly. Families can choose to pay over 10 or 12 months beginning in July and ending in April/June. **Families with only senior students should select a 10 month payment plan.** Families will have several days of the month to select for their monthly bank draft. A \$75 payment plan fee will be drafted from your account a few days after your payment agreement is finalized.

*****FACTS charges a 2.8% additional fee for the use of Credit Cards AND Bank Cards. To avoid this charge, provide your bank routing and bank account number for online payments.**

Physicals and Immunization Requirements

Attached below are the Immunization Requirements for the 2020 - 2021 school year and the School Physical Form. All Freshmen must have a physical dated after April 1. Freshmen may use either the School Physical Form or the one from their doctor's office.

All Freshmen and All Seniors must turn in an up-to-date immunization record on or before the start of school on August 6.

See Athletic News below for information regarding sports physicals.

[2020-2021 Immunization Requirements](#)

[School Physical Form](#)

IHSAA Sports Physicals

Submitted by Joe Herrmann, Athletic Director

IHSAA news release: "Due to the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2019-20 school year and the continued stress on the medical community, the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. will waive the provisions of Rule 3-10 for the 2020-21 school year. Effective immediately, valid physical and consent forms presented to member schools on behalf of eligible students during the 2019-20 school year shall be valid during the upcoming 2020-21 school year. Any athlete not having a valid IHSAA pre-participation examination physical form on file from the 2019-2020 scholastic year is required to have a valid Pre-Participation Physical and Consent Form completed prior to eligibility and competition."

Attached are the IHSAA Forms that must be used if a physical is needed. If you have any questions, contact Joe Herrmann at jherrmann@evdio.org.

[IHSAA Physical Form](#)



Cross Country

Submitted by Coach George Moll

The cross country preseason workouts will begin July 1st from 7:00 am to 8:00 am at either USI or the Discovery Lodge if USI is still closed. Regular season starts August 3rd from 7:00 am to 8:30 am at USI. August 6th school starts and practice will be from 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm at USI.

Boys Soccer

Submitted by Coach Scott Wilson

If you are interested in playing boys soccer this fall please contact Coach Wilson at Scott.wilson@henderson.kyschools.us.



Volleyball

Submitted by Coach Amy Nussmeier

Mater Dei Volleyball open gyms will begin in July, and I am super excited to get started! We will practice July 1-July 3 in the back gym from 5:30-7:30pm. Beginning on July 6th we will go M-F from 7:30-9:30 am in the back gym. There will be a parent

2019-2020 Winter Academic All City 3.5 or Above

Submitted by Mr. Joe Herrmann, Athletic Director

Boys Basketball

Dillon Davidson
Kyle Davidson
Zach Goedde
Jackson Hiester
Lucas Kassenbrock
Tyler Phelps
*Jonah Weinzapfel
Evan Herr
Collin Maurer

Wrestling

Eli Dickens
Kane Egli
John McGrew
Macartney Parkinson
Brody Baumann
Nick Boots

Girls Basketball

Taylor Gerth
Hannah Smith
Mary Breeden
Lucy Fitzgibbon
*Jamie Luigs
Olivia Schmitt
Kennedy Wenger

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Swimming

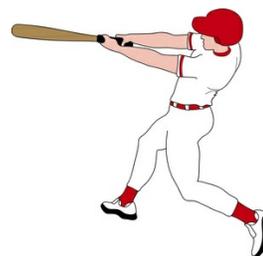
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Allison Deeg
Hannah Fehrenbacher
Jennifer Ross
*Elise Schultheis
Ella McLin
Madeline Swallows
Kelly Blair
Abby Hoefling
Emma Macke
Addy Waller
Kaden Waugerman
Sophia M. Fehrenbacher
Molly Swallows



Baseball

Submitted by Coach Steve Ricketts

Congratulations to Sam Doepker and to Dane Babillis for the making the Academic All State Baseball roster!



Track and Field

Submitted by Coach Roseann Wilson

The Kiwanis winner of Boys Track this year was Brady Boring and the Kiwanis Girls track winner was Katie Boots. *Congratulations to both of you!*

Congratulations also to the following students:

Academic All State: Jered Blanton

Academic All State Honorable Mention: Katie Boots and Dakx Lannert.

2020 Tradition Golf Classic

We are happy to announce our 2020 Tradition Golf Classic will take place on **Monday, July 20, 2020**, at the Evansville Country Club. We assure you that we are taking all precautions to make sure the event will be compliant with health and government regulations. The coronavirus has affected many of our families and students, and we must prepare for the financial implications that we will face. This event, now more than ever, directly benefits the students of Reitz Memorial and Mater Dei High Schools and ensures a high quality Catholic education is available to all our students.



Any level of participation helps our students excel in and out of the classroom! If you are interested in either golfing in or sponsoring the event, please download the form below and mail it to 520 S. Bennighof Ave. Evansville, IN 47714 or call (812) 303-0006.

[Entry Form for Tradition Golf](#)

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