



Mater Dei High School
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August 2021 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

August 1st	Back to School Bash 5-8pm Football Field (SENIORS ONLY)
August 4th	First Day of School, Freshman & Sophomores
August 5th	First Day of School, Juniors & Seniors
August 6th	First Day of School, All Grades
August 7th	Red/Gold game, Fall Sports Pictures
August 7th	Soccer Test Drive, Band Car Wash
August 9th	All School Mass
August 12th	Meet the Teacher Night 5:30pm-7:30pm
August 13th	Underclassmen (Freshman - Juniors) School Pictures
August 16th	Mass w/Bishop, Assumption Day

2021-2022 School Calendar

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

[2021-2022 School Calendar](#)

Enrollment News

Submitted by Jill Seiler, Enrollment Manager

Thank you for choosing Mater Dei!

As the new school year gets rolling, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our 125 new freshmen, 3 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 2021-2022 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 throughout the year to help you get to know our faculty and staff. The first opportunity is coming up Thursday, August 12th from 5-7pm 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!

A Special Plea for Host Families

We have several foreign exchange students who would like to come to Mater Dei this school year, all we need are some families who would like to host them! One is a boy from Spain and the other two are girls from China. If you would like more information on our foreign exchange program, please contact Jill Seiler (jseiler@evdio.org or 812-426-2258 ext. 322) right away. Host families receive a tuition discount of \$500 per semester for their own student. Exchange students pay their own tuition.

Health News

Submitted by 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.

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 you are unable to reach someone in the office, please leave a detailed message with the name, grade and detailed reason for the absence. All mailboxes will be checked regularly throughout the day. 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.

2021-2022 Immunization Requirements

**Asthma Plan of
Care**

Food Allergy Action Plan

**Physical Exam
Form**

Lunch Account

Submitted by Kendal Schmidt, Accounting & Bookkeeping & Tonya Schenk, Cafeteria Manager

We will once again be using Titan School Solutions to manage lunch accounts this year. If you have a Titan account from last year, whether it was for Mater Dei OR any feeder school, you CAN use those same login credentials. If your student is a freshman, or if you just didn't link them to your account last year, refer to page 5 of the attached instructions for simple directions on how to link your student to your Titan account. (*Email Kendal Schmidt, kschmidt@evdio.org to retrieve your student's Titan Student ID.)

As always, you can still send in cash/check to the school to be loaded to your student's account in order to avoid the credit card processing fees. We still recommend setting up a Titan Account even if you don't want to make payments online, because this will allow you to view their account balance and daily transactions.

We will have 1 free lunch per student per day again this year. This may be in the hot meal line which will have an entree, bread, milk, 2 hot vegetables and many choices of cold fruits and vegetables or the cold line which will have a chef salad meal or a bagged Uncrustable meal. There will also be extra Smart Snack options such as soft serve yogurt, chips, brownies cookies and water. These are not included in the free lunch and will be charged to the students account. Please add money to your students account before they begin charging. As always, there is a \$100.00 spending limit, after a student reaches that limit, they will only be allowed a free meal until it is paid.

We are looking forward to a great year with more options for our students!

Titan Instructions

Yearbook

Submitted by Angela St. Clair

The 2021-2022 Hi-Lights Yearbook, volume 73, is now on sale. Order yours today with a credit card at yearbookordercenter.com or complete the order form in the back-to-school documents and submit it with \$55 (check or cash) to Mrs. St. Clair in room 211.

Thank you for your continued support of the journalism department and the ongoing tradition of excellence at Mater Dei High School.

Athletic Office News

Submitted by Joe Herrmann

The athletic office is in need of ticket takers and sellers for select varsity football and basketball games. Please email jherrmann@evdio.org or mweber@evdio.org for more details. Volunteers that sign up for the whole year receive an all sports pass.

Mater Dei Cub Tennis News

Submitted by Coach Clements

The cub team season starts in August. We are welcoming a new coach, Chris Clark, a 4 year varsity player at Memorial and senior at USI. For updates, text @cubteam to 81010. Email MaterDeiTennis@gmail.com with any questions.


Girls Soccer

Submitted by Amy Weber



**Come out and Support Your
3 Time State Champions
Mater Dei High School
Girls Soccer Team!**

**Ride & Drive Event
August 7th 9AM- 11AM
@ Mater Dei**

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Diocesan Report and Inform Policy

Children are the most important gifts God has entrusted to us. The Diocese of Evansville is committed to safeguarding minors, who are persons under eighteen (18) years of age.

Immediately report the suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the Department of Child Services (DCS) or to a local law enforcement agency.

- State of Indiana DCS Hotline: 1-800-800-5556
- Local law enforcement: 9-1-1

If a bishop has (a) performed sexual acts with a minor or a vulnerable person; (b) forced someone to perform or to submit to sexual acts through violence, threat, or abuse of authority; (c) produced, exhibited, possessed, or distributed child pornography, including by electronic means, or recruited or induced a minor or vulnerable person to participate in pornographic exhibitions; or (d) executed actions or omissions intended to interfere with or avoid a civil or Church (canonical) investigation into allegations of sexual abuse committed by a cleric or religious: after reporting to DCS or to a local law enforcement agency, inform the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting service, which is a third-party reporting service for gathering and relaying such reports to the appropriate Church authorities.

- Make a report online at www.reportbishopabuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562

If the sexual abuse of a minor involves a priest, deacon, candidate for ordination, pastoral minister, administrator, staff person, or volunteer: after reporting to DCS or to a local law enforcement agency, inform the diocesan victim assistance coordinator.

- Toll-free: 866-200-3004
- Local: 812-490-9565

The sexual abuse of a minor also includes :

- A vulnerable person is any person in a state of infirmity, physical or mental deficiency, or deprivation of personal liberty which, in fact, even occasionally limits their ability to understand or to want or otherwise resist the offense.
- Child pornography, which is any representation of a minor, regardless of the means used, involved in explicit sexual activities, whether real or simulated, and any

representation of sexual organs of minors for primarily sexual purposes.