



Mater Dei High School
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October 2021 Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

October 1	MDFAA Golf Scramble
October 4-9	Fall Festival
October 8-11	Fall Break
October 13	PSAT (Frosh, Soph, Juniors)
October 19	October Liturgy/Band Tour
October 20	Band Tour
October 21	Open House 6-8pm
October 24	Trunk or Treat (more details to come)
October 27	Junior Class Retreat
November 1	All Saints Day/Spell Bowl Area Meet
November 2	Optimist Meeting & Job Shadow
November 5	Freshman Retreat
November 7	Daylight Savings
November 11	Veterans Day/MD Classes in Session

2021-2022 School Calendar

Enrollment News

Submitted by Jill Seiler, Enrollment Manager

Spread the Word!

All middle school-aged students are invited to Mater Dei's Open House on October 21st from 6-8pm! Please encourage families you may know to come and discover the opportunities available here at MDHS. We have fun activities planned so the students can explore the city of Mater Dei'ville. There will be classroom demonstrations, presentations, teachers to meet, and activities and clubs represented. Visitors can also enter to win exciting door prizes including a Chromebook! RSVP online at materdeiwildcats.com.

Help us spread the word-- a personal invitation means so much!

Foreign Exchange Program

Looking for a fun way to learn about another country's culture? It's not too late to host a foreign exchange student this year. Many students only want to attend an American school

for the Spring semester. If you are interested in becoming a host family, [click here](#) to learn more and contact Jill Seiler at jseiler@evdio.org or 812-426-2258. Exchange students pay for their own tuition and host families will receive \$500 off of their own child's tuition each semester they host.

College Visits

Submitted by Shea Reneer, Director of Guidance

October 3	College Fair at USI 1:30-3:00 pm
October 4	Rose Hulman 8:00 am
October 4	U of Alabama 8:45 am
October 4	Purdue 2:00 pm
October 5	Indiana University 2:00 pm
October 6	Brescia 8:45 am
October 6	Murray State 2:00 pm
October 12	Notre Dame (Virtual) 1:45 pm
October 12	Hanover 2:00 pm
October 13	USI 1:45 pm
October 14	U of Evansville 2:00 pm

If a student is interested in speaking with a college representative, please sign up on the sheet on Mrs. Reneer's door one week before the visit. More notices will be sent via email when additional colleges schedule visits.

The Greater Evansville College Fair is Sunday, October 3rd at USI. Currently, approximately 40 colleges and programs will be represented. Visit www.strivefair.com to register.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications

Submitted by Sheila Spaulding

All Mater Dei students will continue to receive free lunches for the 2021-2022 school year under a USDA waiver. You will not need to submit a Free and Reduced Application for meal benefits, **HOWEVER, if you feel like you may be eligible for other benefits, like reduced fees for ACT or SAT tests, or P-EBT benefits if your student must quarantine during the school year due to COVID19, please complete an application!**

Applications may be submitted online through TITAN or you may use the application and instructions below to complete a paper form.

[2021-2022 Free-Reduced Lunch Application](#)

[2021-2022 Lunch Application Instructions](#)

PSAT/NMSQT Testing

Submitted by Melba Wilderman, Assistant Principal

Mark your calendar for **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13**.

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. There will not be a make-up date offered this year.

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?

- 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.
- Taking the PSAT/NMSQT provides entry into the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions as well as other scholarship and recognition programs.
- 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!
- 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.
- 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.
- For next year's 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wilderman at tmwilderman@evdio.org.

Senior Yearbook Ads

Submitted by Angela St. Clair

DON'T FORGET TO BUY A YEARBOOK:

Thank you to the 200 students who have purchased the 2021-2022 yearbook! Our goal is to reach 400 sales. Will you help us?

Please order this year's book at yearbookordercenter.com or by completing the attached order form and submitting it with payment to the yellow mailbox outside of room 211.

PARENTS OF SENIORS:

Senior Ads are still on sale! All orders-- complete with payment, message, and picture(s)--are due by 2 p.m. on Dec. 3.

To reserve your spot, return a completed order form (see attached) with payment as soon as possible to the yellow mailbox outside room 211. OR, order online at yearbookordercenter.com using code 12299.



Pictures and messages may be delivered to the yellow mailbox or via email: studentmedia@mdwildcats.com.

If emailing pictures and/or messages, please type "Senior Ad" in the subject line and make sure all photo files are in jpeg format. DO NOT SEND PDFs, screenshots, and/or pictures

with a professional photographer's watermark on them. If submitting hard copy pictures, we will scan the pictures and return them to you at Baccalaureate.

Space is limited, so please make sure to reserve your spot today by ordering online or by completing the attached form and submitting payment.

Senior Ad Order Form

Yearbook Order Form

Tradition Lottery

Submitted by Mallory Hertel, Director of Development

The 2022 Tradition Lottery tickets go on sale Oct. 4th. Tickets are \$100 and provide you with 48 chances to win throughout the year! Get your Christmas shopping for you and your loved ones done early by calling 812-303-0006 or stop by Mater Dei or Memorial High Schools to get your tickets. Don't delay--these tickets sold out last year and won't last long!

2022 License on file in ECHS Office.

Tennis News

Submitted by Coach Clements, Tennis Coach

A tennis lesson group will be starting up that includes entry into a tournament. All proceeds will be put toward tennis court improvements including restrooms/storage/ice. Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 pm starting October 12 for 4 weeks. \$40 per player or \$50 for a family. The tournament will be on Saturday, Oct 30th with a rainout date of Saturday, November 6th. The tournament entry fee only is \$20 (included if you join the lesson group). Sign-ups are due on Oct 5th. Contact Coach Clements at materdeitennis@gmail.com for the form.