



MATER DEI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

September 2011 Parent Newsletter

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"Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students."

A Prayer for the School Year

Loving God,
Our creator, our savior, our companion, bless this journey of a new school year that we undertake today.
Refresh our souls and renew our spirits as we embrace the beautiful ministry you have called us to.
We welcome those who are new to this community and ask that you strengthen them to share the wonderful gifts you have given them.
Lord, make our hearts pure as we prepare for the return of students to this school, and may you guide them to return with open hearts and minds eager to learn.

We ask this in Your name,
Amen

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A Prayer for our Students

Bless all children this day, O God.
Give them inquiring minds and discerning hearts.
Give them courage to persevere in all they undertake.
Give them the gift of joy and wonder in all things.
Give them laughter and love to share with all.
Give them protection and safety as they move out of our embrace.
And give them sure and certain knowledge of your unfailing love.

Amen.

Adapted from "Prayers of Our Hearts," by
Vienna Cobb Anderson.

A Teacher's Prayer

Dear God,
A new school year is about to begin and my classroom door will soon open to the students you've assigned to my care...
Open my mind and heart to each of them and especially to the ones who will challenge me the most...
Help me challenge my students, all of them, to study, to learn, to grow in knowledge and even a little wisdom...
Help me remember, Lord, how young my students are:
give me patience to help them grow up and insight to know the help they need...
Help me to understand that sometimes my students may not understand me:
may I be clear in the things I say and do, and in how I say and do them...
My students don't know the burdens and worries my heart brings to the classroom,
so help me remember, Lord, how anxious and heavy my students' hearts may be...
Keep me from favoring any particular students, Lord, except for those who most need my help...
Let my decisions in the classroom be fair and just, honest and true...
Send your Spirit to fill me with gifts of knowledge and understanding, counsel and wisdom...
Lord, open my mind and heart to my students' parents, especially those who will challenge me the most...
Help me challenge parents to challenge their children to study, to learn and to grow...
Help me to teach as you would, Lord:
help me be understanding when I need to be firm, gentle in all things, and patient until the last bell rings...

A new school year is about to begin, Lord, and I wonder, what will you teach me today?

~ ConcordPastor.blogspot.com



Our Mission: Based on the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church, in partnership with the family and parish community, Mater Dei Catholic School will provide each child the opportunity to reach their potential and to develop the academic, technological and social skills necessary to become lifelong learners who serve God in our community and the world.

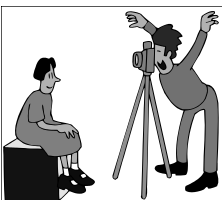
Coming up Next Week August 28th-September 3rd

August

- 28 PTO Trash Bag Sale Continues
7:30 am Mass (MDA)
9:00 am Mass (MDHN)
11:00 am Mass (MDHN)
Saige LasKares, Makara LasKares, Alex Parkerson
5:00 pm Mass (MDA)
Frances Befort
- 29 PTO Trash Bag Sale Continues
Lunch Aides/Crossing Guards:
Brianna Schmidlein, Brandon Ronse
- 30 PTO Trash Bag Sale Continues
Sports Physicals
8:05 am—Gr 1-8 Mass by 8C
Jonathan Wickstrum, Alex Parkerson, Eric Hutley
Lunch Aides/Crossing Guards:
Shania Tinoco, Corinne Spain
3:45-5:15 pm—Knights Soccer Practice at Gage Park
6:00-8:00 pm—Financial Peace in Cafeteria
- 31 **PTO Trash Bag Orders Due**
Lunch Aides/Crossing Guards:
Tannier Wecker, Isaac Ward

September

- 1 8:05 am—All School Mass by 5W
Ben Metzger, Rebecca Woods, Jacob Tritsch
Lunch Aides/Crossing Guards:
Jonathan Wickstrum, Andrea Wickstrum
3:45-5:15 pm—Knights Soccer Practice at Gage Park
- 2 **NO SCHOOL—Faculty Faith Formation**
- 3 5:00 pm Mass (MDHN)
Laura Burenheide, Ethan Figgs, Gennavieve Salsbury



School Picture Day

Tuesday, September 13th

Individual pictures will be taken throughout the day on the 13th. Students may wear uniforms or nice "church" clothes.

Don't send money now. Within a month of picture day, proofs will be sent home. Once you receive the proof envelope, just choose a photo, fill out the information and return the envelope with your payment to school. Proof forms must be returned even if you're not placing an order!

Family Time Topic:

What are your favorite things about Mater Dei?

Prayer List: Please join your prayer with ours for: Kent LasKares, Bryce Kalas, Sister Mary Corita Conlan, the family of Samuel Diaz, Michelle Friedman, Joe Stevens II, Harold Myers, Kori Alexander, Joe Mester, Andie Valdivia, George Escobar and for the special intentions you hold in the silence of your heart.



To add someone to the list, send us a note or call the office.

Sports Physicals, Tuesday, August 30th

Forms can be found in the office or on the Parents, Forms page at www.materdeischool.org. Please fill out your physical form before Tuesday. Students can not attend practice or play in games until we have a physical form on file.

PTO NEWS

Trash Bag Sale

The annual trash bag sale ends in less than a week!

You still have time to sell/buy our \$10 rolls.

The different types are:

Blue—55 gallon, 16/roll

Yellow—39 gallon, 25/roll

White—15 gallon, 65/roll

Paper/Earth-friendly—16"X12"X35", 15 bags

Dates to remember:

Wednesday, August 31st—Orders Due

Friday, September 9th—Pick up Orders in Gym

Friday, September 23rd—Money Due

Ice Cream Social & Meeting

Wednesday, September 7th, 6:00 pm in RH

No homework on the 7th. Your student will get a dress-down day on the 8th if you attend the meeting.

PTO SpiritWear

Orders Due—Friday, September 16th

T-shirts, long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies are available for purchase in child and adult sizes. Stop by or call the office for order forms.

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

ITBS testing will begin around September 12th for students in grades 3, 5 and 7. Please make sure that your student has a good night's sleep and a good breakfast. Try to schedule appointments outside the testing dates. Teachers should send you testing dates and times soon.





THANK YOU to all the parents/guardians who've sent in completed registration forms for your students!

If you haven't returned your registration forms, please do so ASAP so we can keep our records accurate.



MATER DEI
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2011 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
August 28	29	30 Sports Physicals 8:05 am—Gr 1-8 Mass by 8C 6:00 pm—Financial Peace	31 Trash Bag Orders Due 	1 8:05 am—All School Mass by 5W	2 No School Faculty Faith Formation	3
PTO Trash Bag Sale Continues						
4	5 No School Labor day	6 8:05 am—Gr 1-8 Mass by 7J 6:00 pm—Financial Peace	7 6:00 pm PTO Ice Cream Social & Meeting	8 Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary 8:05 am—All School Mass by 4F	9 1:00-5:00 pm— Pick up Trash Bag Orders in Gym	10 Pick up Trash Bag Orders
11 Patriot Day	12	13 8:05 am—Gr 1-8 Mass by 7P School Pictures 5:30 pm—School Council Meeting 6:00 pm—Financial Peace	14	15 SPIRIT DAY 	16 8:05 am—All School Mass by 3B SpiritWear Orders Due 	17
Iowa Test of Basic Skills for Grades 3, 5, & 7						
18 Catechetical Sunday Knights of Columbus Breakfast	19	20 8:05 am—Gr 1-8 Mass by 6G 6:00 pm—Financial Peace	21	22 8:05 am—All School Mass by 2M	23 First Day of Autumn Trash Bag Money Due	24 7:00 pm— Mater Dei Trivia Knight
Iowa Test of Basic Skills for Grades 3, 5, & 7						
25 5:00 pm—Pro-Life Forum for 8th Grad- ers	26	27 6:00 pm—Financial Peace	28 Happy Bear  Presentation	29	30 8:05 am—All School Mass by 5R	October 1
Iowa Test of Basic Skills for Grades 3, 5, & 7						



PATRIOT DAY

September 2011



Autumn

MDS Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<p>29</p> <p>B—sausage, English muffin, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—cheeseburgers, fries, carrots stix, oranges</p>	<p>30</p> <p>B—toast, peanut butter, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—mac & cheese, smokies, frozen peas, roll</p>	<p>31</p> <p>B—cereal, bagel, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll</p>	<p>1</p> <p>B—egg frittata, fruit, milk</p> <p>L— hot pockets, salad, fruit, cookie</p>	<p>2</p> <p>NO SCHOOL No Breakfast, No Lunch Served</p>
<p>5</p> <p>NO SCHOOL No Breakfast, No Lunch Served</p>	<p>6</p> <p>B—pancakes, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—ravioli, corn, biscuit, fruit</p>	<p>7</p> <p>B—cereal, yogurt, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—hot dogs, carrot stix, smiles, fruit</p>	<p>8</p> <p>B—cereal, toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—bbq meatballs, buttered noodles, frozen peas, roll, fruit</p>	<p>9</p> <p>B—breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—bbq on a bun, corn on cob, smiles, watermelon</p>
<p>12</p> <p>B—cereal, toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—biscuit sandwich, hash browns, fruit</p>	<p>13</p> <p>B—cereal, breakfast pastry, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—beanie weenies, corn bread, apple, fruit</p>	<p>14</p> <p>B—yogurt, fruit, muffin, milk</p> <p>L—taco salad, chips, fruit, churro</p>	<p>15</p> <p>B—cereal, toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit, roll</p>	<p>16</p> <p>B—cheese quesadilla, fruit , milk</p> <p>L—pizza sticks, marinara sauce, salad, smiles, cake</p>
<p>19</p> <p>B—cereal, toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—sloppy joe, smiles, baked beans, fruit</p>	<p>20</p> <p>B—biscuit & gravy, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L— pizza, salad, corn, mixed fruit</p>	<p>21</p> <p>B—egg, English muffin, fruit, milk</p> <p>L—teriyaki chicken, rice, stir fry veg, Mandarin oranges, cookie</p>	<p>22</p> <p>B—cereal, bagel, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, peaches</p>	<p>23</p> <p>B—French toast, fruit, milk</p> <p>L—deli sandwich, pickle, pretzels, veggies & dip, orange</p>
<p>26</p> <p>B—biscuit, egg or sausage, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—cheeseburgers, fries, carrots stix, oranges</p>	<p>27</p> <p>B—cereal, bagel, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—mac & cheese, smokies, frozen peas, roll, rosie applesauce</p>	<p>28</p> <p>B—pancakes, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—chicken patty, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll</p>	<p>29</p> <p>B—oatmeal, English muffin, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—pb&j, Fritos, carrot stix, fruit, granola bar</p>	<p>30</p> <p>B—cereal, toast, fruit or juice, milk</p> <p>L—corn dogs, baked beans, smiles, dessert or fruit</p>

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu is subject to change without notice.

1/2 pint of 1% white, chocolate skim, and strawberry skim offered with each lunch.

Fill up the attached **Box Tops for Education** sheet & return it to school.

We receive 10¢ for every box top we send in so keep them coming!

Future Dates

October

- 2 Feast of the Guardian Angels
Life Chain
- 3 Red Wheel Fundraiser Begins
- 4 8:05 am Gr 1-8 Mass
5:30 pm PTO Board Meeting
6:00 pm Financial Peace
- 7 Queen of the Holy Rosary
8:05 am All School Mass
- 8 CEF's Gaudeamus
- 9 Parish Picnic
- 10 Columbus Day
No School-Faculty Faith Formation
- 11 Vocation Day for 5th Graders
8:05 am Gr 1-8 Mass
5:30 pm School Council Mtg. - PMR
6:00 pm Financial Peace
- 14 End of 1st Quarter
8:05 am All School Mass
- 16 Knights of Columbus Breakfast
- 17 6:30 pm Confirmation Meeting
- 18 8:05 am Gr 1-8 Mass
6:00 pm Financial Peace
- 19 Red Wheel Fundraiser Orders Due
- 20-21 **Parent/Teacher Conferences-No School**
- 25 8:05 am Gr 1-8 Mass
6:00 pm Financial Peace
- 27 MDS Spirit Day
- 28 8:05 am All School Mass
- 30 Priesthood Sunday
2:00 pm Youth Group Haunted House
- 31 Halloween
2:00 pm Trunk or Treat

November

- 1 All Saints Day
8:05 am All School Mass
6:00 pm Financial Peace
- 2 All Souls Day

Good Things for Mater Dei Parents to Know...

- **Our School Day Begins at 7:50 am and ends at 3:15 pm.**
 - ⇒ Students not in class by 8:00 am are counted tardy.
 - ⇒ School Office hours are 7:30 am - 3:45 pm.
 - ⇒ Families may drop off students as early as 7:30 am.
 - ⇒ Children who are not part of the After School Wellness Program must be picked up by 3:30 pm.
 - ⇒ *If you have special circumstances for earlier drop-off or pick-up, please contact Mrs. Hillebert as soon as possible. If you are running late please call the office as soon as you can.*

- **Pick up After School:** Please tell your student before school how they are getting home. It is very disruptive to the classroom to have to call and let children know how they are getting home. It is not acceptable for students to call home daily to find out what they are doing after school.

- **School Masses:** School Masses begin at 8:05 am. Grades 1-8 attend on Tuesday. All students attend on Friday. Please check the monthly and weekly calendars for changes!

- **School Information Distribution:** Week-at-a-Glance, monthly Parent Newsletters, flyers, order forms, and the like are sent home with the youngest student in each family (unless other arrangements have been made). You should receive some form of communication from us at the end of every school week, typically a Friday. However, sometimes we send information home on other days of the week. It's a good practice to check your student's book bag daily!

We post all WaaG and Parent Newsletters on our website, www.materdeischool.org, in the Parents, News link.

- **Breakfast and Lunch:** Breakfast is served each day from 7:10-7:40 am. A student breakfast is \$1.75 and an adult breakfast is \$2.35. Lunch prices are now \$2.25 for students and \$3.35 for adults. Free and reduced rates apply to breakfast and lunch.

News from Hayden High School

Booster Club BarbeLOU and LouWOW Tonight!

Lou is turning 80 and the Booster Club is throwing him a party! Come to the Hayden football Blue and Gold scrimmage to watch our boys in action and wish Hayden's sport icon, Lou Stadler, a very happy birthday. We will be selling BBQ sandwiches for \$5.00, Hawaiian punch and birthday cake in the parking lot. Admission to the scrimmage is Gatorade. All proceeds from the birthday bash dinner go to our fabulous Hayden student representatives.

Homework Assistance



The Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library offers a Homework Center each Monday-Thursday 4:00-8:00 pm and Sunday 2:00-6:00 pm. Homework coaches Tracie Hundley and Leah Anderson have education degrees.

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- calculator
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- library books
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- crayons
- field trip
- art supplies
- slide
- microscope

Mater Dei Parish News

September Altar Servers:

September 3-4: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 5:00 pm (MDHN) Laura Burenheide, Ethan Figgs,
Gennavieve Salsbury
Sun, 7:30 am (MDA) Nicholas Kirmer, John Madden
Sun, 9:00 am (MDHN) Onyessah Rocha, Drew Spindler
Sun, 11:00 am (MDHN) Ben Metzger, Jonathan Wickstrum
Sun, 5:00 pm (MDA) Brandy Diaz

September 6: Gr 1-8 School Mass

Tue, 8:05 am (MDHN) Darian Hillebert, Onyessah Rocha,
Laura Burenheide

September 8: Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary/All School Mass

Thu, 8:05 am (MDHN) Tanner Ramirez, Billy Ash,
Liz Emmert

September 10-11: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 5:00 pm (MDHN) Frances Befort, Liz Emmert,
Robert Meidinger
Sun, 7:30 am (MDA)
Sun, 9:00 am (MDHN) Mackenzie Giefer
Sun, 11:00 am (MDHN) Saige LasKares, Makara LasKares,
Chaley Lemmon
Sun, 5:00 pm (MDA) Gennavieve Salsbury, Jessica Smith

September 13: Gr 1-8 School Mass

Tue, 8:05 am (MDHN) Brendon Jones, Addy Mead,
Saige LasKares

September 16: All School Mass

Fri, 8:05 am (MDHN) Frances Befort, Anna Burnett,
Robert Meidinger

September 17-18: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 5:00 pm (MDHN) Darian Hillebert, Katrin Renyer
Sun, 7:30 am (MDA) Nicolas Kirmer, John Madden
Sun, 9:00 am (MDHN) Anna Burnett, Logan Eakes,
Kyle Simons
Sun, 11:00 am (MDHN) Kelsey Paslay, Tanner Ramirez,
Jacob Tritsch
Sun, 5:00 pm (MDA) Brandy Diaz, Rebecca Woods

September 20: Gr 1-8 School Mass

Tue, 8:05 am (MDHN) Drew Spindler, Emilio Jaramillo,
Marisol Marcelo

September 22: All School Mass

Thu, 8:05 am (MDHN) Mackenzie Giefer, Roni Raines,
Cade Dennis

September 24-25: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat, 5:00 pm (MDHN) Cade Dennis
Emilio Jaramillo
Sun, 7:30 am (MDA)
Sun, 9:00 am (MDHN) Mackenzie Giefer
Sun, 11:00 am (MDHN) Chaley Lemmon
Alex Parkerson
Jacob Tritsch
Sun, 5:00 pm (MDA) Gennavieve Salsbury
Jessica Smith

September 30: All School Mass

Fri, 8:05 am (MDHN) Kyle Simons, Jessica Smith,
Gennavieve Salsbury

If you can't serve when you're assigned, please find a replacement.

Mater Dei Trivia "Knight"

The 6th Annual Trivia Knight will be held Saturday, September 24th. Doors open at 6:15 pm with Trivia starting at 7:00 pm. Gather a table of up to 8 adult friends and family members to answer trivia questions as a group.

There will be 10 Rounds of 10 Questions each in various categories. Entry fee per table is \$100.00. Call the Parish Office at 232-7744 to reserve your table now!

Feel free to bring your own refreshments or adult beverages. Sodas will be available for a small donation.

Table Decorations are welcome and encouraged! Prizes for the best theme! Live Auction held during intermission. So don't forget your checkbook!

Eucharistic Minister and lector Training

Deacon Chris Seago will conduct Eucharist Minister training on Saturday, September 10th, at MDHN beginning at 9:00 am. He will also conduct Lector training on Sunday, September 11th at noon at MDHN. Parishioners interested in becoming a Eucharist Minister or Lector should call the parish office (232-7744).

Parish Picnic

Sunday, October 9th, 12:30-2:30 pm

Fall Bazaar

Sunday, November 6th

Mater Dei Knights of Columbus

Mark your calendars for breakfast on Sunday, September 18th, from 8:00 am to Noon in Rossiter Hall.

MANNA: A Manna form is attached to each monthly newsletter. If you need more, visit the school website (<http://materdeischool.org/forms.html>). You can also get forms from the school and parish offices. Manna is a truly great program that benefits our parish. Most of the businesses listed are places you already shop. If you don't see what you need on the form, call Shawn (232-7744) to see if he can get it for you. When you buy Manna cards, the parish receives a portion of the cost (the percentages are listed right after the name of the business). Please consider helping by purchasing these cards! Once you begin participating in this program it is really easy to make the change from cash, credit card or debit to Manna card.

To order Manna, simply complete the form and return it with cash or check. As with all things sent to school, place it in an envelope with your student's name, grade and what's inside. We will fill it and get it back to you.