



Mater Dei Catholic High School

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Principal Update

Dear Mater Dei Catholic Families –

We had a big week this week. First, I'd like to thank ASB, Mrs. Braunstein and our chaperones for helping to organize a very fun Spring Fling dance for our freshmen and sophomores. It was a two-year wait for our sophomores to come to their first dance at MDCHS, and everyone seemed to have a great time.



On Monday, we welcomed students and faculty to campus with an option to wear a mask, as the mask mandate for schools was lifted. There is a different spirit on campus this week as a result and I just want to remind everyone to continue to practice good hygiene and follow safety protocols so we can continue to keep everyone healthy on campus.

Admissions welcomed several hundred Crusaders from the Class of 2026 at a Welcome Drive-Thru to pick-up special Mater Dei Catholic gifts.

Our first wave of seniors went to Whispering Winds for their Senior Retreat on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to Ms. Nunuz, Mr. Schnitzius and our Campus Ministry team for their hard work to make this a successful time for our seniors.

Thursday afternoon, Juniors took over the field at lunchtime to celebrate their fundraising efforts from Giving Tuesday. They were the high school class that raised the most money towards our Turf & Track campaign. As a whole community, we collectively raised \$152,726 that day! Now we are gearing up for Blue & Gold Night on May 7, 2022 to continue our fundraising efforts for #turfntrack.

We are very excited to be able to come together in person to celebrate our school's mission and we look forward to seeing all of our parents there. Fr. Martinez, SJ will kick off the evening with Mass in our Marian Chapel at 5:00pm for those who wish to go to services on Saturday.

We also had our Faculty/Staff retreat today, and were blessed to hear several faith talks from three faculty members and share with one another ways to continue to make our Lenten Season meaningful.

It has been a difficult year navigating through the pandemic, but this is no excuse for the uptick in poor student behavior. Please join me in reminding our students to be respectful and treat each other properly, acting in a way that is consistent with our school values.

Lastly, the deadline for Open Enrollment is tomorrow, March 19, 2022. Please secure your student's spot for the 2022/2023 school year. If you have any questions, please contact enrollment@materdeicatholic.org.

Thanks Crusaders! Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,
Mr. Stingo



Deadline to Register for 2022/2023 School Year

**Save your spot for 2022/2023 school year.
The deadline to register is TOMORROW
March 19, 2022.**

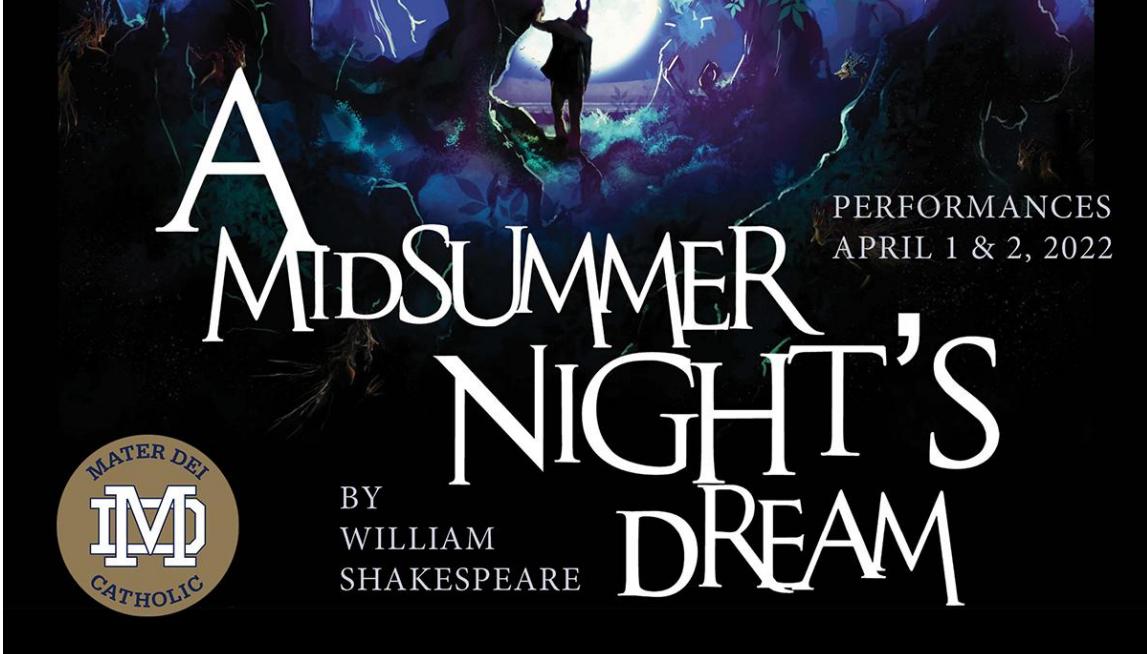
If you have any questions,
please contact enrollment@materdeicatholic.org.

Welcome Class of 2026!

On Monday, 8th graders came to campus to pick up their Welcome Package, which included a t-shirt, lawn sign, pennant and stickers. They were greeted by



Save the Date



Important Dates



- **Mass** – 3/23
- **Spring Sports Rally** – 3/25
- **Senior Retreat** – 3/28-3/29
- **Virtual Career Day** – 4/1
- **Spring Production** – 4/1-4/2
- **Easter Break** – 4/11-4/22

Important Links



- [Athletic Calendar](#)
- [MDCHS Café](#)
- [Technology Form](#)
- [Uniform Store](#)
- [Vaccine Verification Form](#)
- [Testing Consent Form](#)
- [Tutoring Schedule](#)

CLASS NOTES



New Madre Garden

Science Academy students are getting hands on experience building the “Madre Garden,” named to honor our Mother Mary. Their hope is to create a fruit and vegetable garden that will be used by the high school and elementary school helping further unite us as one school coming together to care for our

environment. The Mater Dei Madre Garden will help contribute to Mater Dei becoming a green and eco-friendly school. According to The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools, having a garden on campus increases “high standards of [the] whole school, [the] whole community, including health, nutrition, and outdoor physical education; health, counseling, and psychological services for both students and staff.”

Re-Oak California Project!

Our California Geography class members are now seeing their oak sprouts leafing with a beautiful tinge of red. Back in January, they started making oak seedling pots from plastic water bottles and planting them in our school garden. At this rate, we will have a small forest of baby trees by Easter Break. You can follow our students at their new Instagram account @mdchs.oaks where they will be posting updated photos and videos.



[Learn More About Re-Oak California](#)



Senior Retreat



On March 16-17, MDCHS faculty, staff, and alumni hosted Senior Retreat at Whispering Winds. The theme was “Looking Forward, Looking Back”. Through faith talks and small group activities, the 70 seniors in attendance got a chance

to reflect on the highs and lows of their life, how to say goodbye in a healthy way, distractions from their faith, how to stay Catholic in college and how to be a Catholic leader in the world. The seniors got a chance to grow deeper in their faith through outdoor stations of the cross, mass and adoration. The highlight of the retreat for many students was the opportunity to spend time with their classmates before graduation.

Congratulations to Our Future Crusaders!



Please join us in congratulating Caitlyn Clark on the birth of her son Milo James on Sunday, March 13th. Please keep the Clark family in your prayers.

Please join us in congratulating Mike Montijo on the birth of his son Drew. Please keep the Montijo family in your prayers.

Daily Mass

Students are invited and encouraged to attend Mass every Tuesday at 12:40pm and Wednesday at 1:20pm with Fr. Paul.

Weekly Rosary for Faculty, Staff and Students

Students are invited to pray the rosary on Wednesdays at 7:30am in Marian Chapel. Rosaries and instructions are available for use, and all are welcome.

Parents in Prayer

Please send us your



Mater Dei
Parents in Prayer

Mondays at 8:30am

*Mary, Mother of God,
Lead Us to Your Son, Jesus!*

**prayer intentions to
pray@materdeicatholic.org**

Mondays at 8:30am

Join us for 30 minutes to pray the Rosary.

[Zoom Link](#)

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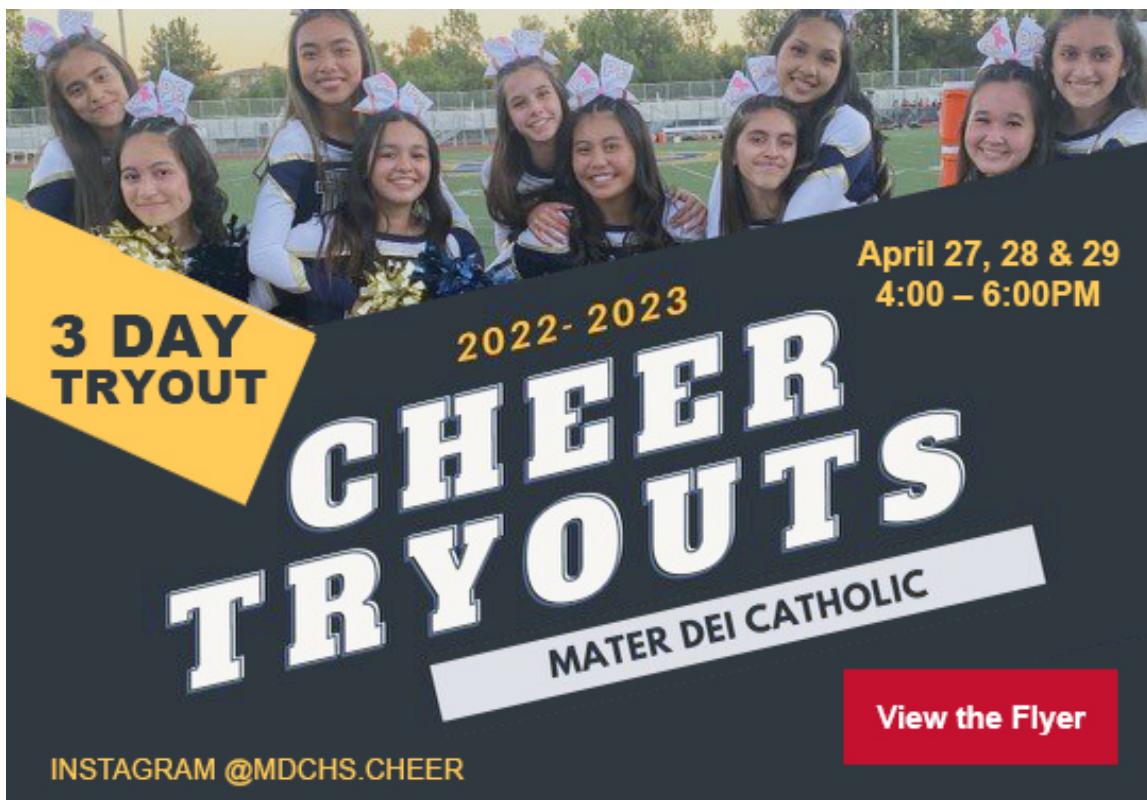
SPORTS



Upcoming Athletic Events

Date	Day	Time	Level	Sport	Opponent/Title	Facility	Game Type
3/18/2022	Friday	06:00PM	VR	Lacrosse, Girls	Clairemont	Clairemont HS	Non-League
3/19/2022	Saturday	08:00AM	JV	Volleyball, Boys	TBA -Firebird Tournament	TBA	Tournament
3/19/2022	Saturday	10:00AM	VR	Softball	Escondido -Falcon Fiesta	Escondido High School	Tournament
3/19/2022	Saturday	10:30AM	VR	Baseball	Crescenta Valley	Baseball Complex	Non-League
3/19/2022	Saturday	01:00PM	VR	Baseball	Crescenta Valley	Baseball Complex	Non-League
3/22/2022	Tuesday	03:00PM	JV	Volleyball, Boys	Sweetwater	Mater Dei Catholic	League
3/22/2022	Tuesday	03:00PM	VR	Tennis, Boys	Olympian	Olympian	League
3/22/2022	Tuesday	03:30PM	VR	Softball	Hilltop	Hilltop High School	Non-League
3/22/2022	Tuesday	03:30PM	JV	Softball	Hilltop	Mater Dei Catholic	Non-League
3/22/2022	Tuesday	04:30PM	VR	Volleyball, Boys	Sweetwater	Mater Dei Catholic	League
3/23/2022	Wednesday	TBA	VR	Golf, Boys	West Hills	Carlton Oaks Golf Course	Non-League
3/23/2022	Wednesday	03:00PM	VR	Swimming & Diving, COED	Hilltop	Hilltop	League
3/23/2022	Wednesday	06:00PM	VR	Lacrosse, Girls	Grossmont	Mater Dei Catholic	Non-League
3/23/2022	Wednesday	07:00PM	VR	Lacrosse, Boys	San Diego Cavers	San Diego High School	Non-League
3/24/2022	Thursday	03:00PM	VR	Track & Field, COED	Hilltop	Mater Dei Catholic	League
3/24/2022	Thursday	03:00PM	JV	Volleyball, Boys	Southwest SD	Southwest High School	League
3/24/2022	Thursday	03:00PM	VR	Tennis, Boys	Eastlake	Eastlake	League
3/24/2022	Thursday	04:00PM	VR	Softball	San Dieguito Academy -Falcon Fiesta	San Dieguito Academy High School	Tournament
3/24/2022	Thursday	04:00PM	VR	Golf, Boys	Olympian	Bonita Golf Course	League
3/24/2022	Thursday	04:30PM	VR	Volleyball, Boys	Southwest SD	Southwest High School	League
3/25/2022	Friday	06:00PM	VR	Lacrosse, Girls	Olympian	Mater Dei Catholic	League

Please note that schedules are subject to change due to weather, tournaments and COVID protocols.





Top 5 Reasons to Attend Blue & Gold Night

[Buy Your Tickets](#)



Join us on May 7th for a fun night out! Meet other parents, eat great food, bid on amazing silent auction and live auction packages, be serenaded by Recording Artist David De Alva and Alan Herrera '20, and dance the night away. All proceeds will go towards the Track & Turf replacement campaign.

Mass with Fr. Martinez – 5:00pm

Silent auction ~ 6:00pm
Live auction ~ 8:00pm
Live performances ~ 8:30pm
Dancing begins ~ 9:00pm

Enjoy a Taste of

Mexico 🇲🇽 Spain 🇪🇸 Italy 🇮🇹 Korea 🇰🇷 U.S. 🇺🇸

Catered by Tacos El Gordo, Casanova Fish Tacos, Los Panchos Taco Shop, and Matador Paella

Two complimentary beverage tickets per person

Suggested attire: Cocktail

Adults Only

For additional information, please contact our Advancement Department at
advancement@materdeicatholic.org.



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Support Our Mission

We exist to inspire and educate the hearts, minds and souls of our students. Please join us in supporting our mission.

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