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ike a puzzle, we begin our high school ca-
reers by forming the outer foundations. As we mature, we begin to contribute our individual piece. The end result is 570 separate pieces formed together to create one unique puzzle - the Mater Dei community. We are fans and athletes. We are teachers and students. We are artists and musicians. We are Mater Dei.


This was a year of firsts: Clash of the Classes, Teacher Homecoming, Red Out, MORP, and a new principal. Everyone, freshmen through seniors, shared their talents to make these firsts successful. Though we all have different personalities, we share one common trait: pride in our school.



Carolyn Adler Kim Alles
Roseanna Ames Georgianna Amos Dan Becker

Gloria Bumb Richard Burek Elizabeth Christmas Joel Claycomb Valorie Dassel

Tim Dickel
Joe Dippel Brenda Donofrio Sara Flener Dave Flick



# Not a matter of <br> religion 

Some people may believe that in order to attend school or teach at Mater Dei, you must be Catholic. This is a false assumption. There are a select number of teachers at Mater Dei who are not Catholic, but they play a big part in shaping the character of many of their students.

Every class Mrs. Mitchell teaches starts out with a devotion prayer. This involves the students listening to an inspirational song and answering a question about their faith. "I like being able to talk about Christianity in class. I enjoy the devotion times when kids can share their faith and I can share mine," Mitchell said.

Mrs. Mitchell is a twenty-five year member of the United Methodist Church and has been a Christian for most of her life. Mitchell said that her favorite part about teaching at Mater Dei is "being able to see kids grow in their faith." She takes pleasure in helping the
students become stronger in their faith.
Mrs. Mitchell likes the fact that faith goes hand-in-hand with education at Mater Dei. "You cannot truly experience real growth until you can grow spiritually, emotionally, and academically. Faith should be an integral part of growing up, and it is here," she said.

Along with Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Fogle is also a teacher at Mater Dei who practices a religion other than Catholicism. Fogle is a life-long believer in Judaism. "I value the importance placed on the development of students as well-rounded individuals. The development of mind, body, and spirit is important here," said Fogle.

Mr. Fogle said his favorite part about being a teacher at Mater Dei is "the open and welcoming atmosphere.

Alicia Farney '08


Donna Richardson Marilyn Richey Cora Leta Ritchie Stephen Rode Rose Rogge

Greg Schaefer Tonya Schenk Robert Schleter Kathy Scott Roger Sills



To the left, Mrs. Mitchell listens intently as her students share their beliefs during devotion. Mrs. Mitchell encouraged the students to speak freely about their faith. Photo by: Maggie Hurm


Mr. Fogle and sophomore Phillip Stute talk during class. Mr. Fogle's outgoing personality is part of what makes him a unique teacher. Photo by: Lauren Grabert

Below, during class, Mr. Fogle
enjoys the opportunity to discuss topics such as religion and faith with his students.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm


Angela Strehl Dennis Thomas Jeanne Thomas Jeanne Tornatta Kelly Ubelhor


## Emily Snipes

 Sheila Spaulding Fr. Ken Steckler

Carl Voegel
Sarah Wagner
Toni Wallace
Dave Wathen
Kathy Weber

Molly Weber
Lee Ann West
Scott Whitehouse
Kurt Wildeman
Sr. Mary Francis Williams


Christian Armstrong Melody Baumgartner Matthew Beach Jared Beamer Madelynn Blankenship

Zachary Blaszczyk Joshua Boots Madalyn Bradley Joshua Brenner Paige Brumley

Kimberly Butts Erin Claybon Robert Covington Caleb Cox Kristen Cox

Hannah Daunhauer Michael DeCarli Jonathan DeFrees Cody Doninger Jarrod Durbin



Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?

Can I have your phone number? I lost mine.

Your eyes shine like the rims on my pickup truck.


If you were a booger, I would pick you first.

What's your name? Oh, I thought it was Campbell's because you're mm mm good.

Can I borrow your phone? My mom told me to call her when I met the girl of my dreams.

If I said you had a nice body, would you hold it against me?

Was that an earthquake or did you just rock my world?

Do you have a shovel? Because I'm digging you.

Let's make like fabric softener and snuggle.

Andrew Green Emily Greenwell Ben Gregory Mary Haas William Haas

Paige Hartig Luke Hassler Ondria Hatch Marisa Hempfling Zachary Henderson


## What is your favorite thing about beat boxing?

-20)Beat boxing is really fun and it's the cheapest musical talent out there. Everyone should try something new. I also like performing. I have performed in Cincinnati and Evansville. I haven't won any awards yet, but I have been accepted with MiCiSM, a beat boxing agency.
Melanie Herrmann Cameron Hilt Margaret Hoefling Rebecca Hoehn Natalie Holm


Matthew Jarvis Isaac Jochem Eric Johns Thomas Johnson Lesley Jolly



## Robbie Covington

Beat Boxer Extraordinaire
Beat Boxer Extraordinaire


Freshman Robbie Covington beat boxes for a group of his friends. It took practice for Covington to develop the skills he has today. Photo by: Maria Nelson


Christine Kelley Kandis Kempf Lindsey Key Jennifer Kiesel Alecia Kissel

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Random Quotes Heard Throughout the School

We're not cheating.
We're just translating for each other so we can pretend we understand it!

Belinda Messal Hannah Moers Jessica Moll
Rebecca Muensterman
Patrick Murphy

Jett Murray Whitney Nelson Jordan Niemeier Andrew Norton Luke Oliva



John Sims
Brooke Slaton
Amanda Spain
Anita Spaulding
Joshua Stauber


John Stephens
Sarah Stoltz
Taylor Strange
Elizabeth Sweeney Cody Tedford


Paige Townsend
Justin VanWinkle Evan Vibbert Carri Voegel Jacob Voyles


Andrew Wahl Amy Walker Michael Walsh Clayton Wampler Seth Wannemuehler


## Moms Away from Home

B
etween writing passes, taking care of sick students, and answering the phone, Mrs. Spaulding, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Tornatta stay busy in the office.

When students have questions, the first place they turn is the main office. Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Tornatta, and Mrs. Spaulding are the ones who answer these questions. Mrs. Scott is the attendance secretary for Mr. Knight. "My main job is attendance. I also help with phones, any student or guest that comes into the main office, and any deliveries that need to be made to the classrooms," stated Mrs. Scott.

Mrs. Scott's partner in crime is Mrs. Tornatta. "I work with Mrs. Quinlin and Mrs. Reneer and assist them with running copies, pulling transcripts, and printing schedules," stated Mrs. Tornatta Mrs. Tornatta is also the one who takes care of any sick student who comes into the office.

These jobs may sound monotonous, but a day in the office is just the opposite. "There is never a dull moment working in the office. There is always something new to deal with or prepare for," commented Mrs. Tornatta. Both Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Tornatta agreed that learning the students' names is the hardest part of the job. "If I remember your name today, consider it a special day because I may not remember it tomorrow," Mrs. Tornatta said.

Without Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Spaulding, and Mrs. Tornatta, Mater Dei would not run as smoothly Though their jobs may differ a little bit, they all have one thing in common: they love what they are doing.

Maria Nelson '08




## Would you rather...

BE STUCK IN A DARK ROOM ALONE OR BE STUCK

IN A WELL-LIT ROOM
WITH MICHAEL JACKSON?

WAVE AT SOME ONE YOU THINK YOU KNOW BUT ACTUALLYDONT OR WAVE AT SOMEONE YOUTHINKIS WAVING TO YOUBUTACTUALLYISNOT?

Brooklyn Fulton Stephanie Gentry Kimberly Glinis Dante Grass Corbin Green

Chynna Hall Neil Hammelman Amber Hayden Andrew Heichelbech Katherine Helfrich


HAVE SOMETHJNG TN YOURTEETH AND NO ONE TELL yOU OR HAVE BAD BREATH AND NO GUM?

HAVE SOMEONE TICKLE YOUR, PET
OR HAME SOMEONE TICKLE YOUR
UNDER\&RMS?
 TRAFFIC TONS OR BE STUCK IN A

## HAVE THE POWER OF NNUISBIBLLTY FNGEETIPS? TO SHOOT SPARKS FROM YOUR FIN



Kimberly Kayser Erin Kelley Andrew Kempf Jessica Kempf Lauren Kempf


Veronica Ketzner Claire Knapp Brian Grieg Lindsey Krietemeyer Cara Kuester


Michelle Lambert Ryan Lane Hadley Lanner Hank LaRue Lori Lauderdale

Seeing double could mean trouble, but for twins, is an everyday occurrence. But don't get the twins mixed up. "I understand that people who don't know me well can't tell me from Kate. But my grandpa calls me Kate-Caroline so he'll never be wrong," said junior Caroline Niemeier, who has a twin sister named Katelyn. Sophomore Kayla Niemeier said she usually doesn't get aggravated except "when someone keeps doing it and never learns. Then, I get mad."

Having a twin is sometimes a good thing. "It is alright being a twin. If I get bored, I can pick on him," said freshman Brandon Farney about his brother Justin. Being a twin is also a good thing when it comes to gift giving. "When I buy Caroline a present, I buy her something I like and give it
to her. Since we are the same size, I just wear the clothes I buy for her," said Katelyn Niemeier. Freshman Justin Farney likes having his twin at Mater Dei because "he can give me a heads-up on the classes."

Having a twin also means that there is someone with you all the time. But always being with your twin can be a bad thing too. "I'm around her enough at home already," said sophomore Kendyl Niemeier about her twin Kayla.

Some twins, like seniors Luke and Nathan Dewig, play sports together. Whether they are playing sports, doing homwork together, or just hanging out, the twins at Mater Dei enjoy spending time with each other.

Alexandra Martin
Anthony Martin
Chelsea Martin Lauren Martin Katelyn Matt


Elizabeth Mayer Stephany McNeely Caitlyn Mitchell Michael Montgomery Mary Morrow

William Muensterman Craig Niemeier Kayla Niemeier Kendyl Niemeier Michael Norman

Brooke Nurrenbern
Allison Pfister Kasey Polk Kelsey Powers Alex Raben



Sophomores Kayla and Kendyl
Niemeier stop at their lockers
to get their books. Being in the
same class as your twin can be an advantage when it comes to working on homework.
Photo by: Heather Wargel


Juniors Katelyn and Caroline
Niemeier write on the board during Spanish class. The
twins often look to each other for help with homework.
Photo by: Heather Wargel


Lauren Raber
Adam Reckelhoff
Elizabeth Reis
Rachel Rexing


Benjamin Richardson
Samuel Risley
Emily Rodenberg
Ryan Schapker


Jacob Scheu
Brooke Schmitt
Matthew Schneider
Clare Scheller
Alissa Schenk Brennen Schenk

Megan Schneider Michael Schneider Jordan Schnur Jaclyn Schoolfield Hope Seibert
Lauren Seitz
Faith Slaton


Kacie Spaetti Matthew Stagg Kathryn Steinkamp Erika Straub


Phillip Stute Weston Tenbarge

Eric Tepool Zachary Tromley


Alexander VanCleve Bradley Wannemuehler Alex Wannemueller Katelyn Wargel



Jesus
would have wrestled, but there wasn't
a team in Galilee.


She hit me in the stomach and it came


Mark Wargel Tyler Wargel Jillian Weinzapfel Olivia Weinzapfel Kyle Weis

William Weis Stephanie Wheeler Aaron Wildeman Corinne Wildeman Annelise Will

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Random Quotes Heard Throughout the School
you're aware of this, but you're A blindfolded monkey would've voted for me. I was excellent!




I have been riding for five years. I started riding in grade school. For Christmas one year, I was given riding lessons. I loved it, so I continued riding. I found that horseback riding has to be the greatest thing I have ever been involved in because the horses (Peanut and Simon) are so exciting. I am so grateful to be involved with horses, and to be able to create a relationship with them.


Katherine Douglas Zachary Easterling Brandon Eickhoff Caleb Eickhoff Jerad Eickhoff


Adam Elpers Dalton Elpers Kenneth Elpers
Patrick Elpers
Kassie Embry

# Haley Raben 

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Sarah C. Folz

## Was it difficult to learn to ride horses? What sort of challenges have you faced?

It was very difficult to ride horses because I had to keep pushing myself to try harder. I have been kicked and bucked off several times but my trainer helped me to go on when I first started riding. I've taught myself that I can't just quit. I like facing challenges when riding because I think that it makes me a smarter and better rider. I've learned that every horse has its own personality and over time you can begin to learn this personality.


Above, junior Haley Raben puts the bridle on her horse, Peanut. "My horse has become my top priority in life and I work very hard to take care of him every day," Raben said. Photo by: Maggie Hurm

Sarah J. Folz Kasey Fuller Timothy Gaisser Stephanie Gallo Carrie Goebel

Brynne Guzman Andrew Harsh Katelyn Hartz Shane Hasenour Tyler Hempfling

Shawn Hess Jamie Hoffmann Aaron Holm Jesse Horstman Abby Horty

Bryce Huff Maggie Hurm Nicholas Jay Jared Jochem Jennifer Kelley


## Who is Mater Dei's

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## Biggest Rival?





## Top

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向 Hey Arnold首 Captain Planet首 Rocket Power All That向 Kenan and Kel

Senior Jessie Buskavitz completes a Sudoku puzzle during homeroom. Senior Homeroom 221 claimed to be the best because of the "Dean Factor." Photo by:
Christie Kelley


In Homeroom 219, seniors Jeremy Muensterman, Cole Render, and Andrew Robinson play a game of cards. Playing cards was one of the many ways to pass time in homeroom.
Photo by: Christie Kelley


Nicholas Mathew
Ethan Mayer
Zachary McDermott
Russel McKinney
Nina Meredith

Jared Mesker
Alyssa Miller
Zachary Mischler
Nicholas Mochau
Stephanie Moll
Nicholas Mathew
Ethan Mayer
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Zachary Mischler
Nicholas Mochau
Stephanie Moll


John Muensterman Mary Muensterman Christina Murray

Craig Nelson
Caroline Niemeier

Katelyn Niemeier Chelsea Norman Landon Oliver Lincoln Oliver Katie Osborne


Mackenzie Parkinson Devan Partain Candice Pellant


## Homies stick Together .

very freshman class is divided into homerooms according to the alphabetical order of the their last names, giving the new students of Mater Dei a chance make new friends. As seniors, the Class of 2008 has taken homeroom bonding the next level.

Senior Luke Costlow of Homeroom 221 commented, "We've spent so huch time together every day for four years that we've learned to accept our ifferences and just be friends." The senior homerooms have formed alliances and nemies in a friendly engagement of homeroom rivalry. Homerooms 221 and 230 ave formed the Add 5 Alliance and the Alliance of the Kilts Men. Homeroom 30 , headed by Mr. Voegel, claims to have made the original homeroom chant. enior Kendal Elpers said, "Homeroom 230 is simply the sweetest homeroom the school. We are the inventors of the homeroom chant and we frequently ave to put up with 230 wannabes and posers." Senior Alex Funke of 230 said e spends his homeroom time "reading, studying, chattin' it up with the class prez, he homecoming king, da judge, the 230 homeroom rep, and K-Full (Kerry Fuller)."

Senior Kelley Short's favorite part of Homeroom 208 is the people.
08 's rival is 230 and their biggest ally is 267, formerly known as 211. Homeroom 67, along with Homeroom 208, has gone through changes in their homerooms, ach as new teachers. Homeroom 267 made T-shirts to represent their former omeroom 211 and its teacher, Mrs. Vickery.

Some homerooms do not take the rivalry as seriously as others. In 1r. Jewell's Homeroom 243, the students enjoy bonding with each other more han competing with other homerooms. They play games such as Taboo during vildcat Block. Whether it is competing against other homerooms, or bonding as ne homeroom, the senior class knows the meaning of friendly competition.

Christie Kelley '08

Seniors Josh Erkman and Josh Haas prepare a lab for Mr. Voegel during homeroom. Homeroom 230 invented a chant to demonstrate their solidarity.
Photo by: Christie Kelley


Senior Homeroom 243 participates in a class discussion. 243 enjoyed listening to the wisdom Mr. Jewell had to share.
Photo by: Christie
Kelley



Blair Price
Megan Prickett
Joseph Pugh
Ellen Raben
Haley Raben


Martha Reising
Ross Rexing
Andrew Ritter
Cassidy Rodenberg
Kelsey Rolley

Breanna Sartore Daniel Scheller Kristen Scheller



## Random Quotes Heard Throughout the School



Matthew Schenk Amanda Schoenbachler Bradley Schoettlin Nadja Schroeder Kristyn Seibert


Sarah Sweeney Jamalyn Tekoppel Hali Thorbeck Nicholas Tromley Dana Tungate



Matthew Zeller Ezekiel Zenthoefer




Matrino M. Dockery Band, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Speech, Student Government, Theatre, Wellness Committee




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Band, Choir, Freshman Mentor, Hockey, Liturgical Ensemble, PEERS Project, Teens for Life, Theatre

samantha g montgomery Basketball, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, National Honor Society, Newspaper, PEERS Project, Prom Committee, Service Club, Softball, Teens for Life, Theatre, Yearbook



Academic Super Bowl, Class Officer, Cross Country, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, PEERS Project, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, Softball, Student Government


Sannel W. Schunturz Chess Club, Freshman Mentor, Liturgical Ensemble, Pep Club, Service Club, Soccer, Swimming

 Softball, Volleyball


Basketball, Football, Freshman Mentor, Golf





## Sara C. Weimupfel

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Kayla \& Wildeman
Pep Club, Service Club, Student Ambassador

indescribable Lindsey C. Will

Art, Basketball, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, National Honor Society, Peer Mediation, PEERS Project, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Ambassador, Student Government, Tennis


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## SMART



Football, Track, Wrestling

## I AM.. <br> opinionated

 Teudre L. Leis Academic Super Bowl, Bowling, Choir, Eucharistic Minister, Freshman Mentor, Pep Club, Police Officer, Prom Committee, Service Club, Student Ambassador



Intellectual achievement is the key to success at Mater Dei. As always, the bar was set high this year. Mater Dei students accomplished many academic achievements, including a National Merit finalist and three academic teams that were within only a few points of going to State. In the classroom, students learned practical lessons during childcare class and what a real-life trial would be like during government class. All of the lessons we learned in and out of class will prepare us for the next chapter in our lives.



To the right, junior Mason Blankenship and senior Chris Baumgart discuss the possible answers during the Interdisciplinary round. The Interdisciplinary round included questions from all subject areas.
Photo by:
Pam Weinzapfel

To the right, calculus teacher Mrs. Haton reads questions during the Math round. Many teachers gave their time and talent in order to coach and organize the Academic Super Bowl and Spell Bowl teams Photo by:
Pam Weinzapfel

To the right, junior Patrick Elpers helps keep score for an opposing team. Even though it is usually underclassmen who keep score Elpers stepped up when someone was needed for the job. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel


To the right, junior Mason Blankenship and senior Brandt Lydon listen intently to questions during the Science round. Students in the Academic Super Bowl were able to learn about things that might not come up in regular classes Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel


Below, juniors Jacob Koressel and Rachel Yingling joke about the questions during the Fine Arts round. Even though students enjoy learning new things, it is more fun to do so with friends. Photo by:
Pam Weinzapfel

# Advance in Academics 



Eery year, students choose to expand heir knowledge of any subject they wish through the Academic Super Bowl and Spell Bowl.

There are five categories to choose from in the Academic Super Bowl: Social Studies, English, Math, Science, and Fine Arts. There is also an Interdisciplinary round that includes questions from all subject areas. While the Academic Super Bowl takes place in the spring, the Spell Bowl takes place in the fall.

Spell Bowl allows students to expand their spelling knowledge and vocabulary. Both of these groups allow students who are interested to learn more than they would normally learn in regular classes.

Senior and four-year member of the Academic Super Bowl team, Chris Baumgart, said, "The biggest role I play is learning the material. It really takes a lot of time to practice for each team." Baumgart was a member of the Math, Social Studies, Science, and Interdisciplinary teams. Students truly have to want to learn in order to be successful on these teams.

Every year, there is a theme for the Academic Super Bowl and this year's theme was pre-Civil War and Reconstruction. Junior and first-year member of the English and Fine Arts teams, Valerie Wire, said, "I have always loved English and the arts; I also find the Civil War era interesting." There are many reasons why students join the Academic Super Bowl and Spell Bowl teams. These two teams bring all different types of students together for a common interest.

It may seem intimidating to new students, but both teams are always open to new members and try to help younger students grow accustomed to these extracurricular activities. Freshman Kristen Cox, who was a member of the English team, said, "It is a great way to get involved and a great way to meet new people."

The Spell Bowl team and three of the Academic Super Bowl teams were within only a few points of advancing to State this year. Throughout the season, the team members were given the important opportunity to learn and experiment with different academic areas.

Pamela Weinzapfel '08


To the left, senior Kyla Wargel concentrates during the Math round. Being on the Academic Super Bowl team took time and dedication in order to be successful.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Above, freshman Kristen Cox and juniors Valerie Wire and Juliette Faraone laugh during the English round. The Academic Super Bowl provided the opportunity for students from all grades to become friends.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Below, seniors Dustin Scheller and Joe Tenbarge talk into the radio of a police training car during their Public Safety class. This class taught them about how the law enforcement system works in Evansville and beyond.
Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel


In his Diesel Technology class, senior Doug Gries puts together a diesel engine. Gries was acquainted with the heavy machinery because of his time spent operating farm equipment. Photo by: Christie Kelley


Above, as she speaks into the microphone at the CTC, senior Diana McConnell works on a test in her Radio and Broadcasting class. The CTC gave students a chance to experiment with future job possibilities.
Photo by: Christie Kelley

To the right, senior Dan Schweizer becomes accustomed with the tools used by actual electricians. This class helped give Schweizer a glimpse of what careers are like after high school.
Photo by: Maria Nelson
w hile most students stay in school all day long, studying in their respective classes, there is a select group of students that leave Mater Dei for half of a day and take classes at the Career and Technical Eenter, or CTC.

Taking classes at the CTC is a good way to explore options and get prepared for a future career. Senior Kelsey McCord said, "I chose to oin CTC because I knew that it would be a good experience and help me to further explore my decisions after high school."

Senior Diana McConnell is in the Radio/TV Broadcasting and Telecommunications class. She said, "I heard about the class and had an nterest in the field, so I decided to join CTC."

Senior Doug Gries takes Diesel Technology at CTC. He said, "I ive on a farm and have been around heavy equipment all my life. I have also been interested in engines and how they work, so I joined CTC."

All three of these CTC students agree that their experiences

## Life in the real - world

 will help them in their future. Gries said, "This will help me tremendously with my future career because this program is giving me a jump start and will be more knowledgeable going into college."Although the classes are all very different from each other, they all share a common purpose. They prepare students for future careers and help them become comfortable with their potential career choice.

Lauren Grabert '08


n her Culinary Arts class, senior Kelsey McCord sets up a formal table for a luncheon. As McCord learned lew skills, she became more comfortable with her surroundings in the kitchen.
Thoto by: Christie Kelley

Senior Dan Schweizer works with electrical wires. Schweizer participated in the CTC's electrician class.
Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel


As senior Todd Bergwitz learns about becoming an electrician, he uses his skills to connect wires. Bergwitz got hands-on experience from his work at the CTC.
Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel


Seniors Luke and Nathan Dewig work to put up drywall at the Career and Technical Center. The twins were able to work together and learn from one another's strong points.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


Seniors Chris Baumgart and Kurt Goebel dissect a shark in Anatomy and Physiology class. The students had to be careful not to cut too deeply and damage any cartilage. Photo by: Heather Wargel

like projects
because sometimes they help me learn better than lecturing does.

Sophomore Erin Kelley

Checking to make sure he is putting in the correct amount, senior Brad Niemeier adds the next ingredient to his recipe. If too much or too little of an ingredient is added, it can ruin the whole mixture. Photo by: Heather Wargel



Above, keeping their eyes on the food, seniors Cole Render and Matt Lannert stir the meat they are cooking. Foods class helped the students learn basic cooking skills.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm

Right, junior Craig Nelson receives instructions from Mr. Smith during band class. This year, the band, color guard, and Dance Cats participated in a stage show.
Photo by: Heather Wargel


Seniors Eric Deig and Kerry Fuller read from their script during their rendition of Macbeth. The English 12 students were asked to put the play into their own words and act it out to make it easier to understand. Photo by: Christie Kelley

Below, seniors Kelsey Harpenau and Kelsey Hoffmann dissect sharks in Anatomy and Physiology class. Dissection is a tedious job and requires extra lab time.
Photo by: Heather Wargel

## more than the average

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While some teachers resort to lectures as their primary teaching method, others use experiments and class projects to help their students learn.

The science classes have labs and dissections to help students comprehend what they are being taught. Sophomore Erin Kelley said, "In chemistry, we do labs that teach us about the subject we are working on. I like labs and projects because sometimes they help me learn better than lecturing does.

Senior Chelsea Jenkins took Anatomy and Physiology class. She said, "I want to go into the medical field, so the dissections we do in class help me to get a hands-on experience. They help me feel more prepared for college."

In Nutrition and Foods class, students cooked food and learned about the different aspects of nutrition. "I enjoy cooking in class because it prepares me for when I leave home. It is a good way to teach me about preparing food so I won't be caught off guard when I leave for college," said senior Allison Schenk.

Students also have many class projects for English. In English 12, students acted out scenes from Shakespeare's Macbeth. Senior Kerry Fuller said, "Acting out the scenes was a fun way to understand the play."

Whether it's dissecting a pig or baking a cake, class projects were a good way to get students interested in their classes

Lauren Grabert '08

## Electives for the Selective Electives for the Selective



Senior Lauren Grabert, juniors Heather Wargel and Maggie Hurm, and senior Christie Kelley work on senior superlatives for yearbook class. The yearbook students had to learn how to work together and make decisions as a group.
Photo by: Alicia Farney


Covered in flour, senior Maria Nelson takes pictures at the Memorial football game. Nelson took time away from cheering at the games to photograph events for the yearbook.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel
I took journalism my sophomore year to see if it was something I might be interested in. I soon found out that I love journalism and I plan to pursue a career in it.

## Senior Maria Nelson




## Leading by example

To the right, seniors Lindsey Will and Katie Dockery present to a group of grade school students. PEERS team members practice their speeches before their presentations in order to be more prepared. Photo by: Maria Nelson

Seniors Luke Costlow, Brett Bueltel, and Sara Weinzapfel talk to students at Holy Redeemer about pregnancy and STDs. This group used props to show how STDs can spread. Photo by: Maria Nelson

Senior Brett Bueltel calls on grade school students to answer a question. The PEERS groups have different activities to give the students a hands-on learning experience. Photo by: Maria Nelson
 students about a variety of subjects. "We teach grade school students about peer pressure and the negative and positive aspects," said senior Emily TenBarge. TenBarge joined PEERS because she strongly believes in the values that PEERS teaches.
"I enjoy going to the grade schools because we get to teach them real-life lessons they can take with them," said junior Lance Kollker. Many other PEERS members agree with this statement.

PEERS is also a place where students have similar beliefs. "I joined PEERS because it is a place where I know there are other people who have the same values as me," said junior Zach Mischler.

Getting involved in PEERS is a great thing. "I strongly suggest getting involved in this positive activity," said TenBarge. Kollker agrees that PEERS is a worthwhile activity. "I am really happy that I joined PEERS because I get to help others and do something I enjoy," he said.

PEERS is a positive way to share your beliefs and teach others in the process.

Heather Wargel '09



During a presentation
senior Luke Costlow shines a black light on students' hands. This helped to demonstrate how deadly STDs can be passed
Photo by: Maria Nelson


Senior Luke Costlow writes out the acronym PEERS during a presentation. PEERS stands for "Peers Educating and Empowering Responsible Sexuality."
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Above, junior Bobby
Wilson shows an example
for his presentation on
sex in the media. This was
Wilson's first year being a member of PEERS Project.
Photo by: Maria Nelson
To the left, seniors Dave
Arnold and Luke Costlow
try out the drunk goggles
they use as props before
they present to a group of students. PEERS educates students on drugs and
drinking, as well as relation-
ships.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Senior Emily TenBarge reads to a kindergartener at St. Joe. TenBarge connected with the students by singing and using hand motions.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm


While volunteering at St. Joe, senior Cara Emmert helps a student color inside the lines. Emmert enjoyed helping the students develop their skills.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm


While decorating a bulletin board, senior Deidre Weis steps back to examine how it looks. Weis said, "My favorite part about Student Ambassadors is going back to catch up with all of my teachers."
Photo by: Alicia Farney



# linking the traditions 

Between helping kids, making bulletin boards, informing people about Mater Dei activities, and visiting old teachers, the Student Ambassadors keep busy.

Seniors from almost every grade school have the opportunity to go back to their alma maters and help teachers with various activities around the school.

Senior Deidre Weis is a graduate of St. James and goes back to lend a hand to the teachers as a Student Ambassador. "We have decorated bulletin boards, decorated the halls with artwork and kept everyone updated on what is happening at Mater Dei," Weis said. All of the Student Ambassadors are required to update a bulletin board informing grade school students of Mater Dei activities.

Some seniors, such as Melissa Martin, helped install computer software. In addition to helping teachers, the Student Ambassadors also are given the opportunity to do some fun things. "My favorite activity was judging the fourth grade coloring contest. We judged the contest on which one was the scariest and
most creative," commented Martin.
Corpus Christi graduates, seniors Kelsey Hoffmann and Mallory Scheller, work with first graders. They work mainly on spelling words with the students and laminating the students' artwork. "Laminating is the best part of Student Ambassadors, even though it is difficult to perfect," commented Scheller.

Though they may participate in different activities, there is one thing that all of the Student Ambassadors have in common. They all enjoy going back to their grade schools. "The best part is seeing all of your old teachers and the new changes that have been made," commented Martin.

These seniors have a unique opportunity to inform students who might attend Mater Dei in the future and link traditions between the schools. At the same time, they enjoy seeing how their grade schools have changed and grown. Weis stated, "It has been a learning experience to go back to St. James and I love visiting my old teachers."

Maria Nelson '08


To the left, senior Ashley
Gilles helps students from
Resurrection with spelling.
Gilles connected with
the students and enjoyed
helping them learn.
Photo by: Lauren Grabert

To the left, senior Kelsey Harpenau helps a student with her reading. Helping the children was one of the highlights of being a Student Ambassador.

# Faith through ministry 

Mater Dei's main goal is to teach students to move forward in life with a strong background in facts and faith. The Mater Dei senior ministry class did many activities to learn about their faith and give back to the community.

The class was composed of sixteen seniors who showed an interest in learning about faith and sharing their Christian background with a younger audience. The students in ministry went to St. Vincent's Day Care to play with the young children. While there, they helped feed them and get them ready for naptime. Senior Ashley Adler said, "I've learned that kids require a lot of patience, and I am getting better at working with them.

Many students joined ministry because they wanted to help young children and spread a little love to them. Other students, like senior Sara Weinzapfel, joined ministry to learn about their faith. Weinzapfel said, "I joined ministry because faith is an important part of my life. I want to learn more about it."

On the days when the students weren't at St. Vincent's, they engaged in class discussions about their faith. They talked about the deeper meaning of teachings in the Catholic Church and how their faith can be shown in everyday life.

The connection between the trips to St. Vincent's and the discussions in class taught the seniors the value of a strong faith life and how to share their faith with others.
"Ministry has taught me to just go out and be a kid with them, and not be afraid to show my faith to other people," said Weinzapfel.

Samantha Montgomery '08


When taking the field in a Mater Dei uniform, a sense of pride shows in our athletic performance. The pride we feel not only catapults our performance into overdrive, but increases the level of our sportsmanship at every game, no matter the outcome. The tradition of excellence could be seen in every game, meet, match, and competition. Mater Dei leaves an unforgettable impression on the athletic community.



Junior Jamie Tekoppel and senior Kelsey Blankenberger simultaneously jump to block a hit over the net. Teamwork was an essential element of the girls' success this season. Photo by: Maria Nelson
mping with all her might, unior Krista Carter works ard to block a spike. arter was a first-year arsity player
hoto by: Lauren Grabert

Senior Kendal Elpers, sophomore Lauren Martin, and senior Ashley Adler crouch down to prepare for a hit. All three girls were key members of the varsity team.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


The team gathers to celebrate after scoring a point. Their encourage ment and enthusiasm during the games guided them through a successful season
Photo by: Maria Nelson



enior Kelsey Blanken-
erger prepares for a owerful hit over the
net. Blankenberger was
me of four seniors on he varsity team.
Photo by: Alicia Farney


## Bump, Set, ${ }^{\text {spleef }}$

Tamwork is the key to success. Although this phrase is often tossed around nonchalantly, t accurately described the Mater Dei volleyball team this season. The girls used their communication skills and hard work on and off the court to have an excellent season.

The Volleycats weren't just teammates; they were something more. "I love how the team is so close and we have a blast. We are like a family!" said sophomore Lauren Martin. "We all have really great attitudes and are great friends!" said senior Celia Wannemuehler. One way the volleyball players stayed so close is through pre-game. The girls got together the day before a meet and ate a high-carbohydrate meal. This helped give them energy for the game ahead. "I love pre-games and sleepovers and getting ready for the games," said senior Kelsey Blankenberger.

The girls don't just work hard during the volleyball season; they work year-round to stay at the top of their game. "During the off-season, we conditioned twice a week with the team and the other days I tried to go to Bob's Gym with my mom," said Blankenberger. "I try to run a couple of days each week and I play volleyball with my friends when we hang out," said Adler.

Whether they played together, ate together, or just spent time together, a close bond is what kept these girls going all season.

Maggie Hurm '09


Senior Kendal Elpers returns the ball to the opposing team. Elpers was known for her powerful hits. Photo by: Christie Kelley

Junior Emily Adler tips the
ball over the net. Adler
worked hard for her varsity
position.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

## Ready, Hike

Motivation, hard work, and determination are all characteristics necessary to play Mater Dei football. This football season had its victories and disappointments, but it was the team'glove of the game that kept them going strong all season.
"My favorite part of football season is going out onto the field on Friday night and hitting people because that's what ywe work hard for every week," junior defensive end Matt Dickerson said.

Senior wide receiver Jared Stratman said he likes "the aspect of being a team and the tradition that goes along with it:" For most of the team, football is second nature. "I started playing football when I came out of the womb, because that's just how it is in my family, I love it," junior Nofan King said. King was a running back for the varsity teạa.

Most football players started playing the game because of outside influences, but the game has become their passion. Stratman described the football team as "hardworking." He made it a point to practice hard and to always play his best.

The team set its goal to win game by game and to go far into the playoffs, but there was always time for fun. Pre-game practice is a time when the team can go over everything everyone should know," said Stratman. After the practice is the highly anticipated pre-game neal. The pre-game meal is a tradition for most athletic teams to ensure that the players get a healthy meal full of carbohydrates and protein the night before a game. It also gives the players a chance to hang out and goof off. Junior John Kercher said his favorite part of pre-game was "eating dirt pudding because it is so good."

Christie Kelley '08




Senior/Sam Schentrup fights to obtain possession of the ball. Schentrup's dedication and hard work made him a valuable player for the tean. Photo by: Maria Nelson

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time working toward a common goal that we really do become close.

This helps us play more like a team.

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Senior Andrew Elpers fakes out his opponent. Elpers had a successful season despite his many injuries.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

To the right, sophomore Brad Wannemuehler pushes away an opponent who is trying to steal the ball. Wannemuehler was a forward on the varsity team.
Photo by: Lauren Grabert



Above, junior Patrick Elpers pushes against Reitz player to gain possession of the ball. Elpers was one of the leading scorers for the team.
Photo by:
Lauren Grabert

Right, senior Luke Costlow attempts to steal the ball from an op posing player. Costlow has been using his skills on the team for three years.
Photo by
Lauren Grabert




The boys' soccer team huddles in a prayer to
get pumped up
for their game.
This was one of
the pre-game
routines the boys
did before each
game
Photo by:
Maria Nelson

Junior Jake Weinzapfel springs into the air to head the ball. Weinzapfel has been a member of the varsity team for three years Photo by: Maria Nelson


- erseverance. This is one of many words that can be used to describe the Mater Dei boys' soccer team. Through all the difficulties they have endured, the players have learned to persevere

After losing nine seniors last year, the team wanted to prove that they could hold their own. Senior goalie Craig Jochem said, "The team was better than most people thought we would be. We lost a lot of seniors last year, but we played hard and made it a great season.

Before most of the games, the team met at someone's house. "We just eat and play Halo to get our energy up for the game," senior Sam Schentrup said. The team also prayed before each game to help their focus.

The team improved on working together. Senior Andrew Elpers said, "It's difficult trying to get everyone to play together and giving all you've got even after seventy minutes have passed." They were all good friends, which motivated them to try their best and helped them play more like a team. Senior Luke Costlow said, "We spend so much time together working for a common goal that we really do become close. This helps us play more like a team.

Costlow said, "We honestly had the best year we could have hoped for."


Above, seniors
Melissa Lauderdale and Kevin McGarrah and freshman Melissa Russell play their instruments. This year's show, entitled "New York State of Mind," required very precise movements and formations. Photo by: Heather Wargel


Above, juniors Lindsay Mann and Jacob Koressel sing during the show Mann and Koressel's vocal talents added a unique element to the show. Photo by: Heather Wargel

Freshman Megan Rasler and senior Rachel Sweeney twirl their flags in time with the music. The members of the Color Guard and Dance Cats practiced many hours to perfect their routine.
Photo by: Heather Wargel


During a halftime perfor nance, senior Kayleen Glaser twirls her flag. The Dance Cats joined forces with the band and brought iveliness to the show. shoto by: Maria Nelson



- eginning a tradition can be difficult. When all odds are against you, like being one of the smallest bands in Indiana, it can be even more difficult. The Mater Dei Marching Wildcats tried to start a new tradition by going to State for the second year in a row. They succeeded in marching their way to the RCA Dome in Indianapolis once again.

Making it to the Dome required much practice and determination. The band could be seen preparing out on the field two to three days a week for multiple hours. "We practice so much because we want to get better and we have the passion to practice," said junior Aaron Holm.

The practice pays off too. "My best memory of band season this year was when we were at Regionals and they called our band to go to State," said junior Drum Major Brynne Guzman. Guzman shared the responsibilities of Drum Major
with senior Katie Dockery. "It was even more special because the band was sitting in front of Katie and me and we got to see their faces." But making it to State wasn't the Marching Wildcats only goal.
"I wanted to perform my best every show and not have any regrets," said junior Valerie Wire. The Color Guard and Dance Cats truly showed their best by winning Best Auxiliary at every competition throughout the season.

Was State just as good this year as it was last year? "Making it to State last year was awesome because it was our first year. But this year was just as good," said Guzman. "I thought State was better this year because I wasn't as nervous and I knew what to expect," said Wire.

Weeks of preparation and hard work all showed at State this year when the Marching Wildcats placed fifth out of the ten bands.

Heather Wargel '09


To the left, conducting the band, senior Drum Major Katie Dockery gets her band ready. Dockery also played two instruments for the band.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

To the right, senior
Rachel Sweeney finishes her perfomance. Sweeney was the Color Guard section leader this year and is a fiveyear member of the
 Color Guard.
Photo by: Heather Wargel

To the right, four-year member and senior co-captain, Pam Weinzapfel, is encouraged by the sight of the finish line in the distance. This season was a difficult one for Weinzapfel and the rest of the team because the mileage moved up from a 4 K ( 2.5 miles) to a 5 K ( 3.1 miles)
Photo by: Maria Nelson
Below, senior co-captain Karen Scheller pulls ahead of her Harrison opponent during a difficult meet. Although Scheller had recurring injuries, she continued to practice and work hard through the end of the season.
Photo by: Christie Kelley


Above, first-year cross country member
senior Kelley Short continues to remain calm as she focuses on improving her place and time. Short was an important asset to the team, helping them to place third at Sectionals and advance to Regionals. Photo by: Maria Nelson
dry season, the girls' cross country team encounters new obstacles overcome. These usually involve injuries or a lack of runners. However, this season, the obstacle was in the sport itself. In the past, the urls always raced a 4 K ( 2.5 miles), but this year the distance was moved p to a 5K (3.1 miles). Junior Megan Blankenberger considered this the eam's biggest obstacle. "Going from two and a half to three miles means nat we have tougher practices and that we have to relearn how to pace urselves in races," said Blankenberger.

Overcoming this problem was not the only difficulty facing the eam this year. "My biggest obstacle would be joining the team so late. tarting as a senior gives others the advantage of experience," said senior fley Short. Short was new to the team this year, along with junior ennifer Cox. These two girls became the number one and two runners or the team.

The team came together this season to try to reach their goal of ping to Regionals. The girls learned to cheer each other on through all ne injuries and setbacks. Senior and three-year member Karen Scheller greed that even through her hip injury the team "always had lots of un together and supported each other." An important part of being a uccessful team is knowing that there are always people on your side, no natter what times everyone gets.

There was more to the cross country team than just running. ce baths, pre-race meals, and the smell of Icy Hot are some of the things nat make cross country amazing," said Blankenberger. Two-year member nd senior Kyla Wargel described her experience on the cross country eam in one word, "Party!" The season was worth all the pain of the aces, especially with the family-like atmosphere the team created.

The team finished fourth at City, and third at SIAC and ectionals, which advanced them to Regionals. Both Short and Cox dvanced to Semi-State individually after coming in ninth and tenth at egionals, respectively. Short summed up the season by stating, "Hard pork pays off. We train hard all summer and it has made us stronger as individuals and as a team." Blankenberger summed up her experience this eason by saying that she "wouldn't trade it for any other atmosphere."

reparing for a difficult race at the University of Evansville's Seller's course, senior Karen Scheller, along with unior Jennifer Cox, ties her shoes and applies Icy Hot to sore spots. The pre-race rituals also included praying sa team and running warm-ups together. These were often as important as the races themselves. hoto by: Maria Nelson

## Running toward - victory

 minute by minutePamela Weinzapfel '08








Junior Carrie Goebel uses her strength
 to continue to improve in her race. This was Goebel's first year on the cross country team and she overcame major injuries to become a strong member of the team. Photo by: Maria Nelson


Shortly after finishing her race, junior Jennifer Cox receives water and a highfive from sophomore Jessica Kempf. Kemp was injured for most of the season, but was always at the finish line with water and words of support. Photo by: Maria Nelson


As they watch the rest of the team end their race, seniors Kelley Short and Pam Weinzapfel cheer for their teammates to finish well. "I enjoyed the support of the team at meets and practices," said senior Kyla Wargel. Photo by: Maria Nelson

While she stretches before the race, senior Kelley Short prepares herself both physically and mentally. Warming up before meets was an important factor in preventing injuries and muscle cramps.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

# For the love of the game For the love of the game 



While in mid-swing, senior Jacob Edwards focuses on the ball. Edwards played number one doubles with senior Adam Ruggles.
Photo by: Heather Wargel

Tne boys' tennis team was not only able to connect on the court, but outside of games and practices as well. They developed many traditions that brought the team together.
"One thing I will never forget is all of our bus rides to and from matches, and all the chaos we caused," stated senior Adam Ruggles.

Senior Jeremy Kissel agreed by saying, "The bus rides were definitely the most interesting part of the tennis season."

One way the team was able to get to know one another was by going to eat at Fazoli's after every tennis meet. "It's a really good way to get to know each other outside of practice," Kissel reflected.

Ruggles even stated, "My favorite part is being with friends and going to Fazoli's afterward."

Senior Nathan Baehl commented, "I liked this season a lot because as a senior, I have been playing with some of these guys since my freshman year, and I think that made the season even more important."

Even though the team knew how to have a good time, they always knew how to get down to the grind and make what needed to be done their first priority. "Being part of the number one doubles team was difficult at times. There was a lot of good competition, so it demanded that we do our best at each meet," stated Ruggles.
"For the most part, we did what we had wanted to achieve coming into the season," Kissel said. "We came through when we needed to." This is true. Though the team had a rough start to the season, they pulled through and came out with a $3^{\text {rd }}$ place win in the SIAC championship.
"That is something I will never forget," Baehl said "Placing third in SIAC was definitely the best part of the season."

Alicia Farney '08

Junior Andrew Ritter
 a serve. Ritter has been a member of the boys' tennis team for three years.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm




Sophomore Joel Alvey prepares to return the ball during a match. Alvey's passion for the sport helped him perform well. Photo by: Heather Wargel

Senior captain Jeremy Kissel
lines up to blast the ball back
over the net. Kissel finished
his season strong with a
second place finish in SIAC
number one singles.
Photo by: Heather Wargel

Members of the tennis team take a time-out to play on the merry-go-round. They knew when to have fun and when to be serious.
Photo by: Alicia Farney

To the right, sophomore Alex Martin lines up her next putt, hoping to make it in the hole Martin has been on the golf team for two years. Photo by: Heather Wargel


Winding yp for a shot, sophomore Kelsey Powers aims to hit the ball off the tee. This years stearn was young but powerful with Powers.
Photo py. Maria Nelson

To the right, with her dub held high, junior Emily Loehrlein begins her shuing through the ball. Loehrlein's low scores earned high points for the team. Photo by: Heather Wangel



To the left, sophomores Alex Martin and Kelsey Powers walk together to their next hole, talking about strategies in their golf game. The team
gave each other advice to
help improve individual scores.
photo by: Maria Nelson

Junior Jamie Wildeman
warms up with her driver to prepare herself for her upcoming match. Wildeman improved greatly this year.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



## Putt by <br> PUT

Good things come in small packages. The Mater Dei girls' golf team proved that his season. The team of six was small, but hat didn't stop them from excelling. Their drive and perseverance helped them have a vinning season.

Each player had different reasons for oining the golf team. "I decided to join the solf team because it is a sport that has always held my interest," said junior Jamie Wildeman. unior Emily Loehrlein joined because she loves he sport. "I joined golf because l've played ince I was little and enjoyed it."

The girls' success was possible because of the amount of time they put into perfecting their strokes. "During the summer play in many different tournaments," said ooehrlein.

Their hard work paid off when Nildeman shot a forty-nine, Loehrlein shot an eagle, which is three under par, and sophonore Chynna Hall shot par on a hole. This ear, the team proved that in golf, you don't have to be big to shoot low

The best thing about golf is that you can always do better. Junior Emily Loehrlein

## Shimmy Shimmy Shake It

The Dance Cats were extremely busy this year. They performed with the band, danced at home basketball games, participated in the Stage Show, and competed at a dance competition in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, in May.

The Dance Cats were a key factor in the band making it to State. "At every band competition, we placed first for the best auxiliary," said senior co-captain Christie Kelley. The band ended up placing fifth at the State competition.

In addition to working with the band, the Dance Cats also entertained during the halftime of each home basketball game. "The best part about performing in front of hundreds of people is the reaction of the audience," said senior co-captain Kayleen Glaser. The Dance Cats performed a number of different types of dances to different kinds of music. Some of the songs included "Here it Goes Again," "Fergie Mix," and "I Got Rhythm."

One of the traditions the Dance Cats have before every performance is "Magic Stew." This pre-dance warm-up helps focus the team. "We get in a circle and link thumbs and then say a cheer. It helps get the jitters out," said Kelley.

The team was composed of eight girls from different grades. The girls worked with their coach to come up with their own, unique choreography. "It is difficult sometimes to come up with dances that flow, but it's worth it to see the finished product," said sophomore Sara Blankenberger.

Maria Nelson '08

Senior co-captain Christie Kelley smiles through her performance. The Dance Cats were used to performing in front of large crowds because of their experience with the band.
Photo by: Matt Market


To the right, senior Lindsey Blankenberger and sophomore jilian Weinzapfel kick their legs up with all of their might. The Dance Cats spent many hours perfecting their performances. Photo by: Maria Nelson



As he focuses on his race, senior Kurt Goebel pumps his arms to gain strength. Although Goebel had recurring injuries, he still managed to earn precious points for the team.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Junior co-captain
Russel McKinney uses his strength and knowledge of running to power up the hills McKinney placed in the top ten at City and the top fourteen at both SIAC and Sectionals. Photo by: Christie Kelley

With his tongue sticking out, sophomore Cory Backes motivates himself to forget about pain and instead think about catch ing those in front of him. Backes improved from his freshman to sophomore year by achieving the honors of All-City, All-SIAC and All-Sectional and advancing to Regionals as an individual as well as with the team
Photo by: Christie Kelley



While the sweat drips from junior Matt Zeller's face, he concentrates on improving individually as well as scoring points for the team. Zeller and the rest of the team were avid football and Halo competitors. This bonding brought the team closer together.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


Below, Coach Moll cheers on junior Ross Rexing at the University of
Evansville's cross country
course. This was Rexing's
third year on the team. His strong running form has helped him improve continuously.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


## their stride

"Tne ice baths, the Halo, and the chocolate milk." These are some of the things that make cross country fun for senior Kurt Goebel. The boys' cross country team always found ways to have fun and enjoy the sport.

One of the biggest obstacles for the team this season was that they only had eight runners, barely enough to be scored as a team. Another big problem the boys had to face was staying injury-free. Goebel said, "The team's biggest obstacle has been staying healthy." Goebel's ankle was a recurring problem throughout the season, but he struggled through the pain until the end of the season. "We try to take as many precautions as we can," said junior Russel McKinney. Even though it is frustrating, sometimes it is best to sit out a few of the early races so that everyone will be healthy for the post-season.

Freshman Andy Norton said his largest obstacle was "getting acclimated to running." This is often something that firstyears find difficult to deal with. However, once

Sophomore Aaron Wildeman fights the pain as he struggles to remain in good form while running up a hill. Throughout the season, Wildeman strove to improve his times and consistently ran number four for the team.
Photo by: Christie Kelley
they get used to running, most members don't find it harder than any other sport.

It is a well-known fact among the boys that drinking chocolate milk in the ice baths and playing Halo anytime they can are what makes the sport of cross country better than most others. Goebel said, "We like to have fun and try to make every run fun."

Junior Tim Gaisser said, "The USI meets are going to be our biggest obstacles." USI is where most of the important races are held until Regionals. Every race, they tried to improve and stay strong so that in the postseason they were ready for the harder courses.

The team finished fifth at Sectionals, which allowed them to advance to Regionals. At Regionals, the team received seventh, which was only two places away from advancing to Semi-State. This year's young and small team has high hopes for next season. Even at the end of the season, the advice of the only senior, Goebel, still holds true. "Ice baths and ibuprofen cure all that ails."

Pamela Weinzapfel ' 08

Coming together before their race, the boys pray in hopes that the team will do well. The boys overcame their obstacles of being a young team and finished fifth at Sectionals, which qualified them for Regionals.
Photo by: Christie Kelley




Junior Tay) or Lannert defends against a Reitz player. Lannert played outsjde back for the season.
Photo by. Maria Ne
We were a really young team, but we all just got along so well. Senior Kelsey Hoffmann


Senior Jamie McGin ness heads the ball. As captain, McGinness wa a crucial leader for the team.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


The starting line-up
circles at the 18-yard
line before the first half
starts. The girls took
this time to get pumped up for the kick-off.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Sophomore Hadley Lannert maintains control of the ball despite the efforts of her opponent Lannert's speed on her feet allowed her to break away from tough situations.
Photo by: Maria Nelson




Junior Stephanie Bittner breaks away from a Memorial defender. Bittner was versatile on the soccer field, giving her many opportunities to play Photo by: Matt Market

E
ven though the Mater Dei girls' soccer team began their season with a young group of players, they proved that they could go far no matter what the circumstances were.
"We were a really young team, but we all just got along so well," said senior Kelsey Hoffmann.

Senior Jamie McGinness added, "I think it worked well for us even though there were so many younger players. We treated them like they were older."

The team knew that they would have to work hard this season to achieve their goals, but they were not afraid of the challenge. One thing that junior Mackenzie Parkinson is especially proud of is, "the way our team stayed together throughout everything."

Despite the fact that the team had intense practices and games, they still found ways to have fun. McGinness commented, "I loved the pre-game dinners. We always ate a lot, joked around, and got ready for our big game the next day. It was a good way to bring us all together."
"One thing l'll never forget is every year, after Jamboree, we would go to someone's house and just hang out. It helped us to get to know each other," stated Hoffmann.

The team also had many traditions for getting pumped up before their games. "I will always remember the rides to the game. We always race on our way to the field; it gets really intense," said McGinness.

Parkinson added, "Before our games, we huddle in a circle with our hands in and we talk about our plans for the game."

All of these components allowed the girls to beat the undefeated, number-two ranked Reitz Panthers in the first game of Sectionals. The game against Reitz was no breeze. It went into overtime and ended with penalty kicks. "We all just worked really hard together," said Hoffmann.

The girls made Mater Dei history by winning the school's first-ever Regional title against the Harrison Warriors.

## Freak



Senior Sara Weinzapfel is high-fived by her teammates as she jumps into the game. Teamwork was an important element of this year's season.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

The dribble of the ball, the squeak of the shoes, and the constant yelling of "I'M OPEN, I'M OPEN!" These are all sounds that the girls' basketball team has learned to know and love. This year, the girls' dedication and hard work helped them to pull together and have a memorable season Coach Jim Will was one of the influences behind the girls' strong work ethic. He is the father of senior point guard Lindsey Will. This was Will's first season coaching the girls' varsity and junior varsity teams.

Without motivation this season, the girls wouldn't have been nearly as successful. The driving force behind these girls came in many different forms. "My two older brothers and my one younger brother all motivated me because they all play," said junior Jamalyn Tekoppel, who played guard. Other team members were influenced by their coaches and each other.

All of the girls agreed that their favorite part of the season was being close with each other. They bonded over practices that took place five to six times a week and road trips to far-away schools. "I love all the girls on the team!" said senior Sara Weinzapfel, who played a guard position.

Intense games made this season challenging. "The SIAC game against Memorial was the most difficult game this season. We wanted to win really bad and we played our hardest and just came up short," said junior Stephanie Bittner, who played guard for the team. Tekoppel said her hardest game to play was "the sectional championship when I had just come back from being in bed with the flu for over a week. I was super weak."

Whether the girls were having fun being together, or working hard to win a game, they always pulled together as a team.

Maggie Hurm '09



Junior Stephanie Bittner
dribbles around an op-
posing player. Bittner's
never-ending effort was
a major asset to the
team this season.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


Senior Celia Wannemuehler goes up for a jump shot. Wannemuehler's aggressive play helped her push through her defenders.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


To the left, senior Sara Weinzapfel breaks through a double team and tries to make a layup. Weinzapfel's speed and ball handling abilities helped the team excel. Photo by: Maria Nelson

Sprinting, sophomore Alissa Schenk tries to retrieve a dropped ball The girls had practice five to six times a week to stay in shape for the season.
Photo by: Christie Kelley

# Defending 

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# Dynasty 



Senior Cody Moll takes control of his opponent during his regular season match against Memorial. Moll contributed to many victories throughout the wrestling season.
Photo by: Christie Kelley

They practice six times a week for three hours a day They are our Mater Dei wrestlers. The wrestling team at Mater Dei is known as a dynasty. This year, they upheld that role with a second-place win at team state.

Wrestling season is not an easy time for the boys. They encountered many injuries and losses throughout the season. Senior Drew Will said, "We had a lot of injuries. In the end, we came together and now we are number two in the state. It is quite an accomplishment."

The team suffered a gut-wrenching loss against Castle during the regular season. The wrestlers bounced back and dominated the rest of the regular season. They faced Castle at Semi-state and achieved a victory over them

The team also pulled out a victory at the Holiday Classic, which Mater Dei hosts every year. The team came together despite injuries and an early season loss to defend the Mater Dei wrestling dynasty.

This year, the Mater Dei wrestlers received a new addition to their team, Coach Greg Schaefer. Coach Schaefer was a state champion for Mater Dei and came to teach the boys everything he knew. Schaefer coached the boys to many victories and helped them through injuries and defeats. Will said, "Coach Schaefer was one of us. The senior guys will miss him next year."

The team sent seven wrestlers to individual state. Senior Alex Weinzapfel won runner-up. The wrestlers also accomplished a second-place ranking at team state. Although the boys did not win State, they did work hard to defend the dynasty.

Senior Jacob Schneider said, "We worked hard. We bled, sweat, and even cried, but it was all worth it." All in all, the wrestlers had an excellent season and they hope to continue the tradition next year.

Samantha Montgomery '08

Freshman Zach Henderson attempts to put his opponent into a head lock. Though Hender-

Senior Jacob Schneider



Junior Craig Nelson
tries to flip an oppo-
nent. Nelson won many
matches and helped lead
the team to victory.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm


Senior Brad Niemeier gets ready for a takedown against a Memorial opponent. Niemeier was a key asset to the wrestling team and won many matches for them. Photo by: Christie Kelley



Junior Zeke Zenthoefer tries to get a pin during his match. Wrestlers were awarded six points for a pin.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm

Senior Nathan Dewig wrestles his opponent with pride. Dewig was one of the seven wrestlers to advance to individual state. Photo by: Maggie Hurm


Senior Dustin Scheller is congratulated by a teammate after getting a strike. The team worked together to help each other excel this season.
Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel


Senior Brian Gentry contemplates his next move. Bowlers must have excellent hand-eye coordination to perform their best in the sport.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Senior Jon Grosheart
holds the ball and focuses on his next bowl. Grosheart's experience was a major asset to the team this season. Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel

Right, hoping to get a strike, junior Justin Baker lines up the ball with the pins. Baker was known for his unique bowling style and technique. Photo by: Maria Nelson

bove, sophomore Craig Niemeier clutches the ball as he considers his next bowling hove. Niemeier's skill allowed him to join the varsity team at a younger age than the est of its members.
hoto by: Maria Nelson

Rock and


Senior Dustin Scheller gains momentum as he prepares to release the ball down the lane. Scheller has been bowling competitively for four years.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel


B owling has become an American pastime. However, for the boys' bowling team, it's more than a pastime; it's a passion. They practiced as much as they could at Franklin Lanes every week to improve their skills.

Experience is what helped the small team of boys become even better. Senior Jon Grosheart, who has been bowling since he was a little kid said, "My parents have been bowling since I can remember, and it just kind of grew on me.'

The team was very competitive throughout the season, and they found that this helped them get better scores. "My favorite part of the year was beating some of the top teams and keeping my average above 200," said senior Dustin Scheller.

Many of the boys agreed that bowling isn't a sport that ends in high school; it is something you do for a lifetime. "I think it is a good 'social' sport. Bowling at Franklin, you see people even in their 70's bowling in senior leagues," said Scheller. Grosheart said, "Bowling is definitely a lifetime sport. You can bowl at any time and still have fun.

Whether they were bowling for fun or competitively, the boys made sure to let people know that they were nothing to mess with.

Maggie Hurm '09

Freshman Chelsea Em-
mert competes in the freestyle event. Emmert worked hard this year to improve her time in all her events.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


During warm-ups, the team gathers to pray and sing the school song. Praying togethe was a priority for the girls and helped them grow as a team. Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel


Senior Amy Wolf finishes her freestyle event during a meet at Lloyd Pool. Wolf focused on improving her time, rather than always placing first. Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel


Vatching the 500 meter reestyle event, senior my Wolf helps her eammate keep track of hat lap she is on. This as one way the team upported each other uring meets. hoto by: Maria Nelson
 ost teams share a special bond; the girls' swim team is no exception. Through many months of practices, meets, and more practices, the girls' bond only grew.

Right away, however, the team was faced with an obstacle. "We didn't have a coach until a couple weeks before the season started," said senior Kyla Wargel. However, the team was able to use this to grow closer.
"I'll always remember we prayed before every meet and after every practice. We would share special intentions and it really helped bring us closer," said senior Emily TenBarge. In addition to praying before meets, the team would also do cheers and sing the school song as part of their warm-up.

The team was led by seniors Kyla Wargel, Amy Wolf, and Emily TenBarge.

They focused on more than just placing first at every meet. "We really strived to become a better swimmer and team," said Wolf. Though placing first wasn't their only focus this year, the team still had a very successful season. They won a number of their dual meets and placed well at the bigger meets.

In addition to having team goals, each swimmer also had personal goals. "One of my goals this year was to improve my 500 freestyle time and I accomplished it," said TenBarge. Wargel accomplished her goal of placing in the top six at Sectionals when she placed fourth in her individual events. This season was nothing short of great for the swim team.

Maria Nelson '08


Senior Emily TenBarge yells for her relay team during a meet. TenBarge's leadership helped motivate her teammates. Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel

Sophomore Annelise
Will swims breaststroke during a regular season meet. Each member of the team worked their hardest to help the team win.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

# Beating theat the odds 

# Boys' basketball team goes against all odds to capture the 2A Sectional and Regional titles 



Sophomore Hank LaRue looks for an open man while fending off an opposing player. Though one of the youngest players, LaRue was a vital member of the team.
Photo by: Matt Market

Starting a new season always brings changes. The big change for this year's basketball team was the addition of Coach Wildeman. Wildeman took his new job seriously. We practice every day after school for about two hours," said junior Jerad Eickhoff. But practice paid off when they played against top-ranked teams.
"The hardest game of the year for me was Washington because I had to go against one of the best basketball players in the nation, Tyler Zeller," said junior Matt Dickerson. Eickhoff agreed that playing against someone like Zeller made the whole team better.

The team also played many difficult games throughout the year. "The hardest game of the season was probably the second time we played Memorial because they were so quick," said senior Jake Hassler.

Hassler and fellow senior Brett Bueltel were looked at as the leaders of the team. "The hardest game of the season was playing Forest Park in the second round of Sectionals. There were over 5,000 people in the crowd. It was a tough game against a tough team and I'm glad we came out on top in the end," said Bueltel.

There were many enjoyable games during the year, though. "Our first win over Forest Park was the best because it snapped our seven-game losing streak," said junior Bryce Huff.

The team worked together to grab the 2A Sectional and Regional titles by defeating many tough competitors.

Heather Wargel '09

Junior Matt Dickerson

Since I could walk, I was playing basketball. My dad would always play with me on my little Fisher Price goal. That was back when I could dunk.

Senior Brett Bueltel avoids defending players. Dickerson has been playing basketball since he was in the third grade. Photo by: Matt Market



Senior Jonathan Coomes jumps the high jump. Coomes was one of the three seniors on the track team and was seen as a good leader by the underclassmen.
Photo by: Alicia Farney

Junior Ross Rexing kicks it into high gear to finish a race. Pacing oneself is key to ensure victory. Photo by: Alicia Farney


Sophomore Jacob Scheu throws shot put for the track team. Scheu brought many laughs to the team this season.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel


Junior Russel McKinney and sophomore Cory Backes run the two-mile The boys were usually neck and neck, but they helped each other push harder.
Photo by: Alicia Farney


## "A

 ter running track, I forgot how to turn rightl" This statement by unior Andrew Ritter holds true for almost every member of the boys' track team, with the exception of the field event members. Practiong starts in February and continues until May. During this time, the track teams are on the track almost every day, weather permitting.Assurning someone runs about sox laps a day, which is the equivalent of a mile and a half, that person would have run over 576 laps around the track that season. That is 144 miles. After running in a circle for 144 miles, it could get difficult to remember how to turn right:

This year was a good year for the boys' shot put team. Senior Craig jochem threw forty-eight feet, breaking his old personal record by over five feet. In discus, senior Eric Deig threw 124 feet

The best part about track is that you're kind of on your own There isn't always a coach right there to tell you what you're doing wrong $s o$ you learn to rely on your teammates to give you criticism and advice, said Jochem
"Sometimes, the best advice you get is from a teammate, said Ritter. After they get done running a race, they can tell each other important things like whether or not there is a strong breeze around corner three.

Track is a lot of fun because it's more laid back than other sports. aid Deig. The boys enjoy being able to spend time as a team and cheering each other on

wior Andrew Ritter runs the 800 meter race. Ritter has been a member of the rok team for three years
oto by: Pam Weinzaplel

## Burning rubber on the <br> track



Juniors Dan Scheler and Andrew Ritter, along with freshmen Crag Norton and Adam Ferra mateh the bort tut meet The members sat together to cheer on the rest of their team after their events.
Fhoto by Pam Wercaplei

Above. Couch joe Morrison and sophomore Cory Backes divouss improvements to make on the neat rice. The coaches not only advised the rumers on how to improve time. but gue them invaluable support on and off the track
Photo by Pam Wencaplei

## Swingin' toward success

Seniors Lindsay Martin Ashley Adler, Kaitlyn Bohleber, and Karen

Scheller register young girls for softball camp. Thirty girls came to camp to learn softball fundamentals.
Photo by: Alicia Farney

Senior Krystal Schmitt catches a ball that passes a North Posey batter. Schmitt played catcher and third base for the team this year.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Freshman Hannah
Daunhauer winds up for a pitch during a game against Harrison. Daunhauer was one of two freshmen on the softball team
Photo by: Maria Nelson

$t$ was a season of new beginnings for the Mater Dei softball team.
The girls received new uniforms, a new coach, and a new routine.
Coach Shelly McFall brought new techniques to the softball team. After games, the girls put stickers on a poster to reflect their goals for the game.

In their first game of the season, the girls pulled out a $5-3$ vic tory against North High School. They continued to make progress as the weeks went on.
"We're playing better together than we ever have," said senior Karen Scheller. "We've really come a long way from last year."

The softball team traveled to the Owensboro Classic Tournament and placed fourth overall. They left the weekend with three wins and two losses.

After winning only six games the previous year, the girls made a goal to win sixteen games this season. "So far, we are doing our best to achieve this goal. We are working hard and winning a lot of games," said senior Lindsay Martin.

The girls worked toward being number two in the city and number two in SIAC.

The softball team has come a long way this year. Although they faced major challenges, such as learning a new coaching style and adapting to new techniques, they transitioned well.

Samantha Montgomery '08


Left, senior Karen
Scheller swings at a
pitch. Scheller held the highest batting average on the team this year. Photo by: Heather Wargel


Above, junior Lacey
Voegel fields a ground ball at first base. Voegel played first and third bases this year.
Photo by: Christie Kelley

Left, junior Stephanie
Bittner hustles for a ground ball. Bittner
gave maximum effort on
the field for the softball
team.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


Above, junior Candice Pellant catches a ball in center field. Pellant was a first-time outfielder for the softball team this season.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

## ВАСК AGAN

Success can come in many different forms, whether it is through luck or hard work. The baseball team did not counfon luck this year to get them through the season. They practiced every day after school to perfect their game añd accomplish their goals.

One new addition to the baseball team this year was Coach Jeff Schulz. Schulz worked the team hard to get them to reach their full potential. This included rigorous pre-season practices.
"We had long pre-season practices to get into shape and to get to know our new coach," said junior Corey Lipking. The practice paid off for the Wildcats this year. While playing Memorial, the baseball team runruled the Tigers. During the game, the hitting from the Wildcats was outstanding. There was a triple, two home runs, and many other good hits. "We played really well that game," said junior Jake Weinzapfel.

Although the team had some tough games, they still had one goal in mind: making it back to State Finals.
"Our goal is to make it further than what we did last year and win State," said junior Jerad Eickhoff.

With the defense and offense working well this year, the baseball team had a successful season.

Heather Wargel '09

Junior Justin Baker winds up for a fast pitch. The juniors stepped up this year and contributed to the team's success.

Junior Jake Weinzapfel runs to the base to avoid an out. The team was put under many offensive stresses during the season.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



To the right, junior Andrew Harsh swings the bat for a hit. Harsh benefited from extra batting practice. Photo by: Maria Nelson



Senior Reid Grossman uses all of his strength to throw a pitch. Grossman not only pitched, but was also a team leader.

Senior Lindsey Will focuses on serving during a match against Castle. Will played number one doubles with junior Jamalyn Tekoppel. Photo by: Maria Nelson

## 6 <br> Our conditioning

 has really been a key to our success.

During a match, junior
Megan Prickett serves to
her opponent. Prickett
and the team focused
on their physical condi-
tion to help improve
their game
Photo by: Maria Nelson


To the right, junior Stephanie Moll throws the ball up to serve. Moll was one of a few juniors that made up the team of more than twenty girls
Photo by: Maria Nelson


They say there is safety in numbers. This, along with hard work and fun, aided in the girls' tennis team's success.

This year, the team focused on their physical conditioning. We started off the season working on getting in shape. Our onditioning has really been a key to our success," said junior Megan Prickett, who played number one singles.

Even with a big team, the coaches worked with the girls ndividually to improve their skills. Number one doubles team, senior indsey Will and junior Jamalyn Tekoppel, worked on their serves. Once we perfected our serves, it made the rest of our game better," aid Will.

When they weren't perfecting their skills, the team relaxed by playing doubles challenger. During this game, the girls split into two groups and volley until one group wins a point. The team that wins akes over the champion's position. "This works on playing with a partner and basic hitting techniques and it's a way for us to bond as a zeam," said sophomore Katelyn Wargel.

The girls' tennis team had many different elements that went nto a successful season. Having so many girls on the team gave the girls the chance to learn from each other. They worked hard to get in shape and perfected their skills. They even found time to enjoy each other's zompany. All the work and play led the team to a successful season.

Maria Nelson '08

## minute by minute

# Safety in - Numbers 


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Sophomore Alissa Schenk talks to her coach during a break in a match. The two coaches called the girls over when they saw a way for them to improve their game.
Photo by: Maria Nelson
Junior Stephanie Moll talks to Coach Clements before a match. The coaches' advice improved the girls' skills. Photo by: Maria Nelson

Doubles teammates junior Jamalyn Tekoppel and senior Lindsey Will congratulate each other after winning a point during a match. Staying positive and focused helped Will and Tekoppel become successful.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

In their SIAC match, sophomore Katelyn Wargel serves during her doubles match. Wargel played doubles with fellow sophomore Faith Slaton. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

To the right, senior Kelley Short concentrates on keeping her pace in the 1600 meter event at the City meet. Short came in fifth in the 1600 at City and beat her previous time by ten seconds. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Senior Pam Weinzapfel talks with junior Mackenzie Parkinson after the $4 \times 100$ meter relay. This season's team knew how influential and motivating they could be by simply cheering on one another. Photo by: Alicia Farney


Above, freshman Alecia Kissel jumps the hurdles in the 300 Hurdles event at City. The team was young this year, with only three seniors, and worked hard to create a strong team for next season. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

To the right, sophomores Rachel Rexing and Jennifer Atherton prepare for the discus event at City. They taped their wrists to protect themselves from injuries. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

elow, freshman Alecia issel receives the baton om junior Mackenzie arkinson in the $4 x$ 00 meter relay at the iity meet. Even though he team may not have ways come in first, the irls always gave their est effort for their eam.
hoto by: Alicia Farney

# Miraculous Beginnings 



The girls' track team went through a transitional phase this year with a new coach, Roseann Wilson. The seniors had the same coach for three years, so this required them to readjust to new techniques, practice schedules, and a different coaching style.

Senior Pam Weinzapfel said, "It is difficult to get a new coach after having the same coach for three years, but I think she has helped us really come together." The team did many things to bond, such as singing the school song on the bus after track meets, playing ultimate frisbee, and lining the track to cheer teammates on to the finish line.
"We were a little nervous about getting a new coach," said junior Mackenzie Parkinson. "We were all close to our old coach. After a few practices, though, we realized how nice she is and how good she is at working with us."

The way the team practiced was very different than it had been in past years. They
now had to warm up and stretch as a whole team. "I think it benefited the team to warm up together, because it gave us a chance to talk to each other and see how their most recent races went," said sophomore Rachel Rexing.

Track is different than other sports because the team earns points by individuals placing in their own personal events. For example, if someone were to place first in the 400 meter dash, they would earn six points for their team. Even though the team is all working to earn points, they are also trying to beat their own personal records.

Junior Jennifer Cox said, "I really like track because my teammates help motivate me to do my best each race."
"We really stick together no matter what! We even have an inside joke about how if someone were to get in a fight with someone from another school, even our coach would have our back," said Weinzapfel.

Alicia Farney '08


To the left, junior Jennifer Cox completes the last leg of the $4 \times 400$ meter relay. Cox also competed in the 800 meter and 1600 meter races. Her experience with cross country gave her the endurance necessary to run different distances in track.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Making weird faces, seniors Kelley Short and Alicia Farney laugh about an inside joke. The girls' track team bonded this season more than in previous years and truly enjoyed making good memories with each other.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

## Going for the Green

$E$ach sport has its own strong points; in golf the fact hat this sport is one that can be played throughout a person's life is what makes it appealing to many people. This year's golf team was no different than any other; they looked forward to continuing to improve throughout their high school years and beyond.

A major goal for the golf team this season was to work together to achieve lower team scores. Four-year member senior Will Stephan said, "Some team goals are to defeat teams that are better than us and to improve our team score." Stephan first learned to play golf when he was five years old and his dad took him along.

Along with team goals, each member also had personal goals he hoped to achieve. Four-year member senior Jared Stratman said, "Some personal goals that I have set for myself include driving accuracy and hitting fairways, lowering my average number of putts per round, and making the right decisions on the golf course." Stratman said he enjoyed golf because he was always in control of how he played.

Both Stephan and Stratman plan to play golf even after high school. Stephan hopes to join the intramural team at Ball State, where he will be attending college in the fall. To anyone who hopes to play golf or wants to improve, Stratman suggests those people play as much golf as they can because that is the only sure way to grow in this lifetime sport.

Above right, senior Will
Stephan aligns himself with the hole. Stephan first learned to play golf when he was five years old and plans to continue this hobby throughout his life.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

To the right sophomore Bryce Dolletżkj concentrates on perfecting his golf swing. Even thought the golf team may not have beeh. large, this allowed the boys to become closer as a team and support each other in triumphs as well as in defeats.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


## Laughing

The girls' bowling team definitely learned about friendship and fun during this year's season. They made sure that at every meet they were having a good time, no matter how they were performing.

Bowling is a sport that does not put too much pressure on the team. Junior Kate Weinzapfel said, "I first joined bowling because it sounded like a fun thing to do that was not too serious or competitive."

Junior Haley Raben said, "I wanted to join a sport where I coul have fun but that would not put too much stress on me, so I decided to join bowling. It's been a really fun sport for me to play while in high school."

All the time spent together during practices and meets helped the team to become very close. "I enjoy all the people that I bowl with. Through bowling, I have made a lot of new friends and had a lot of fun," said Weinzapfel.

Although the team did not get as far as they would have liked, they still looked at the season as a successful one. Weinzapfel said, "We had an overall good season. We did not get far, but we had a lot of fun." Lauren Grabert ' 0


Junior Martha Reising follows through during the Sectional meet. While the team worked together to improve, they never forgot how to enjoy themselves
Photo by: Pamela
Weinzapfe


Concentrating on lining herself up within her lane, junior Carrie Goebel focuses on remembering what she learned in practice. This was Goebel's first year on the bowling team Photo by: Heather Wargel
ow, junior Haley Raben gets encouragement from her coach, Scott
phens. Junior Kate Weinzapfel said that Coach Stephens was one of the n's biggest motivators this season. to by: Maria Nelson


To the left, sophomore Stephanie Gentry celebrates after bowling a strike. The team may have been small, but that only empowered the girls to do their best.


To the left, sophomore Chelsea Martin releases a ball powerfully. To excel in bowling, arm strength is a must.
Photo by: Pamela
Weinzapfel

Photo by: Heather
Wargel

To the left, junior Haley
Raben and sophomore Stephanie Gentry congratulate each other on a good bowl. Whenever the girls bowled a strike, they had a tradition of putting up their index
fingers to make the sign
of an "X."
Photo by: Maria Nelson


Above, senior Alex Funke competes in the butterfly event Funke was one of five seniors on the swim team this year. Photo by: Maria Nelson


Senior Luke Costlow catches a breath of air before returning into the water during his freestyle event Costlow often led the team in cheers to pump every one up before meets
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel


Freshman Michael DeCarli makes a splash while competing in the backstroke race. DeCarli's young talent was inspirational for the team
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Freshman Michael DeCarli races toward the finish during a meet. DeCarli competed in many different events this year, including backstroke and team relays.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


TWese Cats had more than the will to win; they put their hearts into it.

At their meets, the boys' swim team could be seen standing on the edge of the pool, cheering on their teammates. Under new guidance, the boys were able to relate to each other and improve not only as individuals, but as a team.

Senior Luke Costlow said, "I liked that our coach this year was closer to our age and had experience in swimming. Being able to relate to the coach benefits the team as a whole."

With strong senior leadership, the underclassmen were able to step up when needed. Freshman Mike DeCarli made a name for himself by breaking numerous Mater Dei records.

Because there was only a varsity
team, the boys were able to strengthen bonds and make new friendships. Costlow said, "This year, I was able to hang out with people I wasn't really close to and even get to know the underclassmen better."

Like any other sport, each swimmer had a goal for himself and for the team. Senior Dave Arnold wanted to "make it through the season and drop as much time as possible." Both Arnold and Costlow agreed that the team improved in this respect.

This season, many of the swimmers qualified for the Sectional finals, showing significant improvement from previous seasons. "Swimming is a great way to stay in shape during off-season for soccer while hanging out with the guys and having fun," said Costlow.

Christie Kelley '08


To the left, senior Sam Schentrup comes above the water for air. The swim team worked hard during the off-season to condition for competitions. Photo by: Maria Nelson

Above, freshman Cameron Hill dives into the water during a relay race. The boys worked on perfecting their dives to drop as much time as possible. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

It is important for students to express their creativity through extracurricular activities. In between school and athletics, students find a way to sacrifice their time, talent and treasure for Mater Dei clubs. Students spend hours perfecting speeches, making energy-efficient vehicles, and working to improve the school atmosphere. These activities allow the community to realize the tradition of excellence at Mater Dei.


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Below, Liturgical Ensemble Director Mark Freeman and senior Sam Moore prepare to sing a song. Liturgical Ensemble members performed at grade school and high school Masses.
Photo by: Heather Wargel

To the right, sophomore Roger Dunkelbarger and junior Lindsay Mann get the crowd involved in the Madrigal Dinner. Audience participation was a key part of the performance. Photo by: Maria Nelson


To the right, junior Valerie Wire and senior Luke Costlow act out a scene from the Madrigal Dinner. The choir rehearsed the Madrigal Dinner for two months Photo by: Christie Kelley

Freshman students pay attention to directions during Liturgical Ensemble practice. The group met during Wildcat Block Photo by: Heather Wargel

Tests, homework, and quizzes can be a burden in some classes. However, in choir, the true test is your performance. "I like choir because it is more laid back and not as strict," said junior Jacob Koressel. Sophomore jillian Weinzapfel said, "I joined choir because it is fun."

The choir performed many times throughout the year. They perform at Mass and they put on the Madrigal Dinner in the winter. But being in choir also took practice. "I take voice lessons outside of choir and am involved in other choirs outside of school," said Koressel.

However, all of the practice paid off when they finished a song. "When we finally finish a song and sing it all the way through, it kind of gives us a sense of accomplishment," said Weinzapfel.

Like choir, Liturgical Ensemble offered students a place to sing, but this singing focused more on Christian music. Liturgical Ensemble is open to students who want to sing and perform outside of class. "My favorite show has been the grade schools. They get so into it," said senior Rachel Sweeney. Sweeney joined Liturgical Ensemble because she felt that it makes Mass more entertaining.

Although they are separate groups, choir and Liturgical Ensemble are very similar. "We prepare music to perform for the community in both groups. But choir is more about the performance; in Liturgical we sing to worship," said senior Luke Costlow.

Choir and Liturgical Ensemble are places where musically talented students can share their gifts.

Heather Wargel '09



Junior Natalie Martin and senior Sam Moore sit at the high table during the Madrigal Dinner performance. Moore and Martin played the King and Queen.
Photo by: Maria Nelson
Junior Jacob Koressel sleeps during a scene of the Madrigal Dinner. Koressel prepared for the Madrigal Dinner by taking additional voice lessons. Photo by: Maria Nelson

Senior Rachel Sweeney and junior Jacob Koressel fight over the Royal Boot. Whoever's foot fit into the boot became the new king.
Photo by: Alicia Farney

# we the stud we put the stud 

 in in student council

Mayor Brett Bueltel and junior Bobby Wilson design the hand portion of the canned food drive display. The display represented students giving a helping hand to others. This year, the students collected over 3,000 cans for three different organizations.
Photo by: Heather Wargel


The Student Council had one major goal at the beginning of the year: to get the students involved. The mayor, senior Brett Bueltel, said, "My goal for this year was to encourage students to take pride in their schoo and support each other in all of the different activities they are involved in. I also wanted to increase our school spirit.

The Student Council did many things to reach these goals. One main idea they put together was Clash of the Classes. This helped to promote attendance at different sporting events and extracurricular activities. They also sponsored a Red Out in which the entire student section wore red shirts during the Mater Dei vs. Reitz basketball game.

Senior Class President Kayleen Glaser said, "I like Student Council because it gives me a chance to impact the school. like being in charge of the school functions."

Along with promoting school spirit, the Student Council gave back to the community. Senior Chelsea Jenkins said, "My favorite thing about Student Council is the way we contribute to the school and the community through Souper Supper, Adopt-A-Family, and the rice bowl collection."

It was not always easy to get things done for Student Council members. Freshman Alex Grabert said, "Getting to school at 6:50 every Wednesday can be hard and collecting money during homeroom is difficult, but for the most part, being on Student Council is rewarding."

Bueltel stated, "It can be stressful getting events like Clash of the Classes or homecoming planned, but in the end, I know it will benefit our school.'

Lauren Grabert '08



During inauguration, senior Judge Paul Fischer swears in senior Mayor Brett Bueltel. Bueltel proposed ideas like Clash of the Classes and Morp to help raise school spirit.
Photo by: Heather Wargel

Sophomores Sara Blankenberger and Brooke Schmitt prepare their soup for the Souper Supper. This year, the event was hosted at Mater Dei and raised over $\$ 2,000$ for Riley Children's Hospital. Photo by: Rachel Rexing
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Left, seniors Katie Reddington and Emily TenBarge make lemonade for the Souper Supper. Mater Dei and Memorial put their rivalries aside to work together for a night. Photo by: Maria Nelson

Above, senior Paul Fisch er crowns senior Kerry Fuller at basketball homecoming. Planning events like homecoming takes a significant amount of work
Photo by: Maria Nelson

# School spirit soars 

0ut of all of the traditions at Mater Dei, many would agree that the most steadfast through all the years has been its sense of school spirit. Mater Dei has two major clubs that help students get involved in school "peppiness."

One of these clubs is Pep Club. Supervised by Mrs. Alles, Pep Club members' duties included decorating student athletes' lockers, organizing pep assemblies, conducting fundraisers for school events, and raising the enthusiasm of the school overall. "I love cheering our school on! I think decorating the athletes' lockers lets them know how much we care about them," said junior Lacey Voegel. "I like Pep Club because I like supporting the school and it helps me meet new people and make new friends," said junior Stephanie Fields.

Mat Cats is another club that supports athletes, but it is more specifically associated with wrestling. This year, it was run by two wrestling moms, Rita Weinzapfel and Donna Folz.

The Mat Cats performed special tasks during the meets, such as taking stats, making posters, conducting fundraisers for the team, and making scrapbooks for all of the varsity wrestlers at the end of the season.

Seniors Mallory Scheller and Kelsey Hammett were both two-year members of Mat Cats. Scheller said she really enjoyed it because "there is so much energy at the meets, it's contagious. I also like letting the team know we're rooting for them." Hammett agreed, saying, "I really like Mat Cats because it helps us support the wrestlers in a more involved way."

No matter what sport our school cheered on, they were sure to do it with hard work, dedication, and a whole bunch of pep!

Maggie Hurm '09

Seniors Alex Weinzapfel and Brett Bueltel perform a challenge during a pep assembly. The challenge was for Weinzapfel to ride piggy back on Bueltel's back and make a free throw. Much to the school's surprise, Weinzapfel made the shot. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel


Above, seniors Em-
ily TenBarge and Brad Niemeier perform a skit at a pep rally during football season. The Pep Club created many skits to help get the teams pumped up for their games
Photo by: Alicia Farney



Senior Vice President Katie Dockery practices her speech before Sectionals. One of Dockery's specialties was her ability to change characters very quickly. Photo by: Maria Nelson

Taking a break from practicing, senior
Rachel Sweeney hugs a tree-shaped lamp. The team kept things light by joking around with each other.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


During warm-ups,
sophomore Dante Fratturo talks to a wall to practice. Before each meet, the team gathered to pray and practice their speeches one last time.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Junior Jesse Vanhooser performs his speech for his teammates. Vanhooser and senior Katie Dockery competed in a duo that qualified for State competition. Photo by: Maria Nelson



Senior Maria Nelson, president of the speech team, gives herself a boost of confidence by practicing her speech. It was important for members to be comfortable with their speeches before being judged Photo provided by: Maria Nelson

- erfection is one way to describe the Speech team's season. For the first time in years, Mater Dei had an undefeated season, placing first at all five meets. The team also placed first at Sectionals for the first time in thirty years.
"It has been amazing; for the first time we've been the team that everyone wants to beat," said senior Rachel Sweeney. Sweeney competed in Prose and Poetry this year and qualified for State in both categories.

Winning Sectionals was just one of many highlights this year. Senior Vice President Katie Dockery said, "Nothing can compare to the feeling I get when I'm performing. I love to know that I can make someone laugh so hard they cry." Dockery competed and qualified for State in Duo and Oratorical Interpretation. The team qualified eighteen entries to the State competition. In addition, seniors Sam Moore and Chris Baumgart were first and fourth alternates to Nationals, respectively.

The success of this season was due to hard work from every member of the team. Members practiced for hours after school, sometimes just to make sure one line or movement was perfect. "All of the hard work paid off when I heard my name announced at Sectionals and I won first place," said freshman Alecia Kissel.

This season was filled with great expectations, and they all came true. Though the Saturday meets were long and practices were frustrating at times, the team would agree it was worth it. After all, according to Dockery, "This was a fairy tale season."

Maria Nelson '08

Below, Mr. Claycomb directs a Service Club meeting in the gym. The Service Club met during Wildcat Block to plan their events. Photo by: Christie Kelley

To the right, senior Kevin Bittner enthusiastically curls the ribbon on a package. Bittner enjoyed working on projects for the Service Club.
Photo by: Christie Kelley
 spent many hours wrapping presents in Mr Claycomb's room Photo by: Alicia Farney


Freshman Rebecca Muensterman puts the finishing touches on a present for children at St. Vincent's Day Care. The Service Club volun teered their time and talents around the area Photo by: Maria Nelson

Junior Sarah Folz and freshman Jett Murray cut paper to wrap gifts. Service Club members
 Service Club mer
elow, juniors Jenifer Cox and Megan lankenberger drop off noes for the shoe drive. he Service Club colected old tennis shoes a recycle and use for asketball courts. hoto by: Heather Vargel


# Service for the community 

Even though each student is expected to extend his or her hand in service to the community, some Mater Dei students choose to do so by their own will.

The Service Club is a group of students who volunteer their time to help give back to the community. Some participate to help themselves reach the required goal of service hours, while others volunteer for other reasons.

Junior Rachel Rexing said, "I'm not in Service Club just because I need to achieve high amounts of service hours. I do it because I enjoy helping people and organizations in my community." Rexing views the service opportunities as a chance to enhance life skills, such as responsibility and compassion.

Senior Service Club President
Kelsey Schenk enjoyed going to St. Vincent's Day Care. Service Club members volunteer with many groups and organizations, like St. Vincent's and the Salvation Army.

They also help out with events like the Veteran's Day Soccer Tournament. This was Rexing's favorite service event. She did things such as parking cars, picking up trash, and driving the golf cart. "The golf cart was the best part of the whole event," said Rexing.

Senior Hannah Jay was also in the Service Club. She enjoyed serving the community and seeing the smiles on the faces of those she helped. "Service Club is a chance to give back to the community. It is a chance to work with your friends and classmates while helping others," said Schenk.

Christie Kelley '08


To the left, juniors Jennifer Cox and Audrey Folz help a customer decide which dessert to buy. The Service Club sold desserts at the Souper Supper to help raise money for Riley Hospital.
Photo by: Christie Kelley

Above, seniors Kendal Elpers and Kelsey Schenk wrap gifts for St. Vincent's Day Care. The Service Club raised money to buy coloring books and Play-Doh to give as Christmas presents.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

## knighting a new club

n many large schools, students have an endless list of clubs to choose from. However, Mater Dei has fewer clubs because of the shortage of students and teacher sponsors.

While this is an obstacle for students who wish to join a club that is not offered, there is hope that more diverse clubs will develop. Because of the encouragement of students, Chess Club was created with the help of Spanish teacher Mr. Claycomb.
"Though athletics is important, it is also important to have some intellectually stimulating extracurricular activities as well," said junior Chess Club member Mason Blankenship.

Before the Chess Club was established, students who wished to join an educational club had only two choices: the Academic Superbowl and Spellbowl teams. Blankenship agreed that the "friendly atmosphere" of the Chess Club provided a good place for students to learn a new game.

Even in the early stages of the club, the team tried to find regular meets to attend. "We are in the process of joining a group that hosts a chess tournament every month," said Blankenship.

In spite of the chess team's few meets, they continued to practice in preparation for the future. "We meet every Wednesday after school," said senior Chess Club member Paul Fischer.

The Chess Club provided a new learning experience fo everyone involved. It was a whole new club to the school as well a to club sponsor Mr. Claycomb. "Mr. Claycomb," said Blankenshif, "the founder and coach of the Chess Club, had to be taught hov to play chess when he founded it last year." However, the learnin experience was one of the best parts of being on the team.

The game of chess was also new to many of the member Senior Chess Club member Brian Gentry said, "You do not have t be a very good chess player to join. You don't even need to knov how to play."

Everyone involved with the Chess Club welcome newcomers interested in the game, even those who did not knov how to play.

There were many reasons why students chose t participate in this new club. Whether it was because they liked $t$ play chess, wanted to learn, or simply liked being with friends, th members of the Chess Club were glad the team was created, eve though they did not have multiple meets. Blankenship first joine the team because he "enjoyed playing chess," but it grew into weekly meeting with new friends.

Pamela Weinzapfel ' 0


Above, Mr. Claycomb reviews different tactics for a new form of chess the team wants to practice The team had much to learn in their first year considering the game of chess was new to many of the members and to the club sponsor.
Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel

To the right, junior Patrick Elpers, senior Kevin McGarrah, and juniors Mason Blankenship and Jesse Vanhooser engage in friendly confrontations on the chess board. Each week brought about new opportunities for the team to improve their skills and become chess experts. Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel



To the left, senior Ben Muensterman moves a pawn as he tries to plan his winning strategy. The Chess Club met every Wednesday after school in spite of the limited number of meets they were able to
participate in.
Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel

## Below, juniors Mason

Blankenship and Jesse
Vanhooser congratulate each
other on winning an important
move in a chess game.
Members of the club enjoyed ex-
perimenting with different ways
of playing chess, like playing with
four people instead of two
Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel


To the left, junior Patrick Elpers keeps his "poker face" on during his chess game in order to psych out his opponent. The Chess Club gave students time to make new friends as well as learn an educational game. Photo by: Pamela
Weinzapfel


Junior Andrew Ritter works on the frame of the supermileage car. Ritter has been a member of the team for three years. Photo by: Lauren Grabert

Senior Justin Stute smooths a part that will be used on the car. The team does this frequently to make sure that the parts fit precisely. Photo by: Eric Tepool


The team learns shop techniques and basic engineering concepts in design, aerodynamics, and fabrication.

Above, sophomore Matt Schneider uses a jigsaw to aid in the building of the car. It takes many long hours of construction before the car is ready for competition. Photo by: Lauren Grabert


Right, junior Matt Schenk carefully cuts a section of wood. There are many different materials that help make the car successful. Photo by: Eric Tepool

op, junior Jared Jochem saws a thin piece of rood. Each member contributed in building and naking sure the car was ready for competition. 'hoto by: Lauren Grabert

Above, junior Zach Mischler tests out the size of the driver's seat. Driving is one of the most difficult jobs to master on the Supermileage Team.
Photo by: Matt Market

## going the extra

G etting to compete in California is a chance most tudents would jump for. The Supermileage Team gets to do just that.

Every year, the team builds a car and enters it in competitions. The design for this year's car is better than ever. But another part of the Supermileage Team is getting to learn outside of class.
"I learn how a car runs, what tools to use, and how to be successful," said junior Ross Rexing. There are many things to learn in the Supermileage Team. "I learned how to build a car," said junior Matt Schneider.

Although the Supermileage Team is fun, there are some challenging aspects. "Making sure all of our cars are ready to go before the competitions is the most difficult part," said Rexing. Schneider said, "Getting the car finished on time is the most challenging."

Despite all of the hard work, there are many positive reasons to be on the Supermileage Team. "I like it because I get to learn things I normally wouldn't learn," said Schneider. Senior Justin Stute enjoys the Supermileage Team because he gets to show college students and other representatives that Mater Dei is an equal competitior.

The Supermileage Team is a place where students can learn new things and have fun too.

Taking notes and doing homework is only half of the high school experience. Making memories with each other and enjoying life as a teenager is a big part of growing up. Much of what is done outside the classroom and on the weekends can be heard resounding off the walls on Monday mornings. Laughing, crying, studying, and goofing off are all part of the life of a high school student.



Senior Rachel Sweeney and junior Lance Kollker do a difficult lift during their dance. The spring musical included a lot of dances that have not usually been in the musicals in the past. Photo by: Maggie Hurm

Seniors Sam Moore and Luke Costlow discuss the mental stability of Elwood P. Dowd, played by sophomore Matt Schneider. Dowd was the only person who could see Harvey, a six-foot tall rabbit.
Photo by: Christie Kelley
Junior Kate Weinzapfel looks closely as sophomore Matt Schneider shows her his business card. Schneider played the part of an overly friendly man who saw good in everything. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

"W e have really become like a family." These are words that were spoken by senior Rachel Sweeney during a prayer before opening night. It is a tradition for the cast and crew to form a circle and hold hands to say a prayer before each show.

Mater Dei theatre is well-known for its traditions, including always putting on some of the best shows in town. "People don't come to our shows expecting a high school level performance. We have always been held to higher standards than that," said senior Luke Costlow.
"Both of our shows started out a little rocky this year. We got a new director, and that took some getting used to, but we pulled it off in the end each time to put on yet another great show," said senior stage manager Maria Nelson.

The fall play, Harvey, featured a six-foot tall imaginary rabbit. Sophomore Matt Schneider said, "It was hard at first for me to pretend that I was talking to a rabbit that no one could see. It took weeks of practice before it finally looked realistic."

The Boyfriend, the spring musical, featured forty-eight cast members and eighteen crew members, making it one of the largest musicals Mater Dei has ever done.

The students are proud of their performances. "I really enjoy being able to use my talents to entertain other people," said Costlow. Alicia Farney ' 08


Sophomores Sara Blankenberger, Alex Martin, and Elizabeth Mayer kick up their legs during one of the dances in the first act of the musical. The size of the cast made it difficult for everyone to learn the choreography.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm


Far left, junior Valerie Wire and senior Sam Spaulding attempt to hold up senior Rachel Sweeney. Sweeney, who played the sister of Elwood P. Dowd, was accidentally committed to a mental institute. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Left, junior Jacob Koressel listens as sophomore Megan Schneider sings to him. Koressel played the part of a persistent boyfriend who wouldn't take "no" for an answer. Photo by: Maggie Hurm


Seniors Karen Scheller and Rachel Sweeney speak with Guidance Counselor Mrs. Reneer about what to expect in college. Throughout the year, Mrs. Reneer continually assisted students with college and scholarship applications.
Photo by: Lauren Grabert

Below, senior Pam Weinzapfel puts a picture on the senior board. Mrs. Reneer displays photos she receives from the seniors.
Photo by: Rachel Sweeney


To the right, senior Jake Hassler answers a question while being interviewed by a local news station. Hassler signed a letter of intent to play basketball for St. Joseph's College.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel


Below, senior Kayleen Glaser looks through scholarship opportunities. A big bart of paying for college is through scholarship money. Photo by: Lauren Grabert

ery fall semester, a new senior class nters the halls of Mater Dei to begin the end of their high school journey. Not long after school begins, it is time to start filling out college applications and time to turn dreams into reality. Before seniors move into the next stage in life, they must first choose where to continue their education.

Senior Sarah Luigs began the college process by applying to five universities. "The most difficult part of the college selection process was finding the college that was fit for me and my course of study," said Luigs. Visiting college campuses and talking with students and staff are the best ways to compare and contrast colleges.

Every person has different needs and wants when it comes to choosing a college. "I decided to go to St. Mary's College because of the atmosphere and the chance to take classes at Notre Dame University," said senior Lindsey Blankenberger. Picking a campus that students feel comfortable at is as important as anything else in the college process.

While searching for the "perfect" college is an exciting experience, it is finding out how to pay for college that forces many students to choose their second choice. Senior Kyla Wargel agreed that the fact that "college is expensive" complicates the entire college process.

Scholarships help to relieve the money strain, despite the monotonous applications. "If you don't have personal information memorized before applying for scholarships, you will by the time you're finished," said Luigs. Even though some scholarships are not for much money, "every little bit helps," said Blankenberger.

Senior Martha Stoltz said, "people should not be afraid of leaving Evansville and friends," because college offers a chance to experience new people and events. The thought of college seemed scary at times; however, the thought of what the fall would bring gave everyone hope for an exciting future.

Pamela Weinzapfel '08


Above, seniors Kayleen Glaser and Emily TenBarge look through pamphlets in the college room. The college room is full of information about furthering your education. Photo by: Lauren Grabert


To the right, seniors
Karen Scheller and Rachel Sweeney laugh while talking with Mrs. Reneer. Choosing a college to attend is a serious decision, so students welcomed opportunities for laughter.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

# Students hard at work 



While working at the Pet Food Center, senior Ashley Gilles stocks shelves with dog leashes. Gilles worked throughout the school year to pay for necessities and to keep busy.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm
w en the bell rings signaling the end of the day at 2:30, many Mater Dei students aren't rushing off to hang out with their friends or to go to sports practice They're going to their jobs. Most of the juniors and seniors at Mater Dei, and even a handful of sophomores and freshmen, have jobs.

Before any of these students can begin working, they first have to choose where to seek employment. Some students' jobs were given to them; senior Jake Tison acquired his job at the Pet Food Center because his uncle owns the store. Others chose their jobs based on proximity. "I got my job before I could drive and it was right down the street, so I could walk to work," said senior Dustin Scheller, who works at Marx BBQ. Many students, like senior Jamie McGinness, chose their jobs based on time management. McGinness said, "I chose my job at Donut Bank because it is known for working to balance my schedule with my school and activities."

After choosing their jobs, some students found them enjoyable. "I get to be around horses and go riding sometimes," said senior Kaitlyn Bohleber, who works at a horse barn.

Senior RC Lehman works at the Pet Food Center: "I love arriving at work. I listen as the animals seem to speak to me. The birds are always chirping, the hamsters running monotonously on their wheels, and the guinea pigs are hiding from strangers. It makes my day, every day," said Lehman.

Student jobs may be fun, but jobs also have their disadvantages. "Jobs can take up time, which limits your time with your friends," said senior Celia Wannemuehler. Senior Sara Hoehn agreed. "The disadvantage of having a job is that sometimes you have lots of homework and are tired from school and want to sleep, but you have to go to work," said Hoehn.

Jobs prepare us for our future. As Scheller said, "I think it is important for everyone to have a job. It teaches responsibility and time management.

Maggie Hurm '09

> I love arriving at work. I listen as the animals seem to speak to me. It makes my day, every day.

> Senior RC Lehman easygoing environment. Photo by: Maggie Hurm
و\% With a smile on her face, junior Lindsay Mann prepares a sandwich for a customer Mann has been an employee at Mar× BBQ for two years and enjoys its



Senior Kaitlyn Bohle-
ber cleans up after
horses for her job at her neighbor's horse barn.
Bohleber enjoyed her
job because she planned
to work with horses in
her future career.
Photo by:
Pam Weinzapfel


To the left, senior Jake Tison handles a snake at the Pet Food Center. Tison had to be especially careful with the snake because it was in an irritable mood and could strike at any moment. Photo by: Maggie Hurm


Junior Natalie Martin sings her heart out while playing Karaoke Revolution. Martin used the game to practice her vocals. Photo by: Maggie Hurm


To the right, freshman Alex Grabert plays Halo 3 Live at his house. Grabert used Live to talk to other friends who were playing the game. Photo by: Lauren Grabert



Above, senior Jeremy Kissel runs through Karazhan, one of the many dungeons in World of Warcraft. Kissel always found time after school and on the weekends to play video games. Photo by: Samantha Montgomery

To the right, senior Andrew Elpers concentrates as he plays Guitar Hero. To excel at the game, players must practice and have excellent hand-eye coordination.
Photo by: Samantha Montgomery


Conerratarg fily on the TV. senoror Adam Rusges nails every note during his game of Guitar Hero. It was Ruggles' personal goal to try to beat the high score. Photo by: Samantha Montgomery

"Video games are time-occupying and they stimulate my brain cells.'

Jeff Pfister Senior Senior

"The guys always try to get us to play video games, but we're just not very good at it."

## Elizabeth Mayer


"Xbox Live is awesome because it is fun to interact in an online community."

Matt Market Senior

"Video games are fun because they help me relax."

Seth Englert Sophomore

some students play sports, some students are in Speech, and some students just love to play video games. This year, students at Mater Dei spent many hours gaming.

While some people play video games to pass the time, others play it to be social. Through programs like Xbox Live and World of Warcraft, students meet people from all over the globe and learn about other cultures while playing their game.

Senior Jeremy Kissel said, "I like knowing that there are people out there just like me that just love to play World of Warcraft."

Mater Dei students got together on the weekends and played Halo tournaments so that they could spend time with friends and up their stats. Senior Jacob Schneider said, "I love playing Halo with the guys and showing them who is boss."

Other games that were more interactive, like Guitar Hero and games on the Wii console, allowed students to take gaming to a whole new level. Senior Jake Edwards stated, "Sometimes you play on the Wii so long, you start to break a sweat." Students have come to bond together over video games. Whether it be on Xbox, the computer, or Nintendo Wii, Mater Dei students have learned to game together.

Samantha Montgomery '08

FHom low carb, to low fat, to high protein, to low sodium, there are thousands of diets out there to help people live a healthier life. Mater Dei has its own diet: intramural basketball, weightlifting class, and foods class.

Throughout this year, Mater Dei has strived to commit to be fit. There are two classes that are offered to help educate students about healthy life choices.

Weightlifting is offered for juniors and seniors. It is taught by

Coach Schaefer and focuses on cardio workouts and using the weightlifting equipment. The class teaches students how to stretch before working out, how to safely lift weights, and how to properly stretch after working out.

Mrs. Larson's foods class studies everything from food labels to how to cook meals like chili and pies. "I have learned healthy alternatives for some foods and how to eat unhealthy foods in moderation," said senior Ashley Adler.

The Student Council also aids in improving the health of Mater Dei students. This year, the Student Council sponsored an intramural basketball tournament. "It is a great opportunity for students to get involved in a healthy activity and it is fun for the entire school," said senior Mater Deiville Mayor Brett Bueltel.

Between intramurals and health education classes, Mater Dei students have many opportunities to stay healthy and fit.

Maria Nelson '08


Junior Jared Mesker does a bicep workout during Coach Schaefer's weightifting class. The class lifted weights every other day to gain muscle and tone.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm

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Sophomore Alex Raben attempts to dribble past senior Jake Schneider in senior Jake Schneider in
the intramural basketball finals. The senior boys' team "Purdue" led the seniors to a victory. Photo by: Maria Nelson


Senior Sara Weinzapfe and junior Emily Adler review a recipe they are preparing to use. Mrs. Larson's foods class cooked many varieties of foods.
Photo by: Samantha Montgomery
senior ake Hassler
lunks in front of the
vhole school at May
Day. Hassler enter
ained the crowd during
halftime of the intramu-
al finals.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

Senior Josh Zeller stirs gravy during Nutrition and Foods class. Many seniors enjoy this elective because it offers them a new variety of cooking techniques. Photo by: Samantha Montgomery


Senior Brad Niemeier lifts dumbbells dur-
ing weightlifting class. Niemeier worked hard to maximize his strength for the entire semester. Photo by: Lauren Grabert


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## Reflections

ne activity that sets Mater. Dei apart from all other high schools is the retreats:

Each year, the Religion Department puts together a retreat for each class. The retreats help students with their high school journey and with their faith journey.

The freshman retreat allows students to get comfortable as a class arid helps them become accustomed to high school in general. Freshman Whitney Nelson said, "I think that the retreat helped us grow as a class. We learned a lot about each other, especially the girls."

The sophomore retreat focuses on what the class can do to keep up with their faith and school life. "I enjoyed the speakers at the retreat because they related to our class and helped to put our high school career into perspective," said sophomore Jacob Scheu.

The junior retreat puts class unity into perspective. "We baked bread to represent the different parts of our class and how we come together as a whole," said junior Carrie Goebel.

The final retreat of high school is the senior retreat. It focuses on the past, present, and future. "My favorite part of the senior retreat was when we were given the opportunity to reflect on the past," said senior David Arnold.

The retreats are not always a serious matter. The students are allowed time to spend together playing games and getting to know one another. Senior Kyla Wargel said, "I loved when we played red rover on our lunch break. I got to have fun with people in my class that I do not normally hang out with."

Through bread baking, scavenger hunts, and making posters, the retreats give students time to reflect on their personal journey.

Lauren Grabert '08

To the right, juniors Austin Campbell and Jared Mesker stir in the ingredients to make bread during their retreat. Baking bread taught them the importance of working together for one common goal.
Photo by: Heather Wargel
Senior Kelley Short pulls a maple leaf off of a tree during the scavenger hunt at the senior retreat. The team that won the scavenger hunt received free ice cream from the cafeteria. Phơto by: Lauren Grabert

During the retreat, junior Andrew Ritter writes about his faith life. Throughout the day, everyone reflected on their relationship with God and with each other. Photo bx: Maggie Hurm



66 The seniors did a really good job of getting the entire student body
cheering during the games. 9

Senior Pep Club President Kelley Short


Above, freshman religion teacher Mr. McMullen and art teacher Mrs. Wallace celebrate after participating in Teacher Homecoming at a pep assembly before the Reitz basketball game. Even though McMullen and Wallace did not win King and Queen, they still enjoyed getting the school ready for the Red Out at the Reitz game Photo by: Christie Kelley


Above, seniors Emily TenBarge and Kelsey Harpenau cheer during a football game at the Reitz Bowl. Thanks to Clash of the Classes, each team received more enthusiastic support this year. Photo by: Alicia Farney

To the right, senior cheerleader Allison Schenk decorates Coach Wildeman's classroom door before the SemiState basketball game. The cheer team not only supported the sports teams at the games, but also made posters and decorated lockers to inspire and motivate their fellow students. Photo by: Lauren Grabert


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 - ProfessionWilly the Wildcat, the
school's mascot, enthusiasti-
cally supports the boys' bas-
ketball team during a home
game. Willy made special
appearances throughout the
entire year and even traveled
to the boys' basketball Semi-
State game in Seymour.
Photo by: Samantha
Montgomery

## minute by woinuly





Seniors Adam Barchet, Kerry Fuller, and Dustin Scheller cheer at a boys' basketball game. At all sports events this year, seniors stepped up to lead the students in cheers. Photo by: Pamela Weinzapfel

Senior Rachel Sweeney intensely gazes at the football field during the Harrison game. Many themes this year, including the Harry Potter theme, helped excite the students.
Photo by: Maria Nelson
At the Semi-State basketball game,
senior Jared Stratman prepares himself for a fierce game of cheering with face paint and a wig. As the basketball team went further in the tournament, the students continued to have more school spirit.
Photo by: Matt Market
Seniors Sarah Luigs and Jessie Buskavitz have fun on Decade Night during footbal season. It was important to many of the seniors to participate in as many events as possible in order
to make their last year of high school
special.
Photo by: Alicia Farney


Freshman Robbie Covington beat boxes during the talent show. Covington took first place this year and had the entire crowd on its feet after his performance. Photo by: Maria Nelson


Senior Sam Moore strums out a tune during his song "Layla" for the talent show. Moore performed the song with three other students.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


Singing "Love Song," freshman Jordan Niemeier belts out the last note. Niemeier was one of many solo performers that helped make the talent show a success. Photo by: Samantha Montgomery

To the right, sophomore Bill Muensterman focuses on completing his juggling routine. Muensterman wowed the crowd when he juggled through his legs.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



Quartet singing group, junior Jacob Koressel, seniors Luke Costlow and Sam Moore, and junior Bobby Wilson, perform "What Shall We do with a Drunken Sailor?". The students also sang a song with principal, Mr. Dickel. Photo by: Maria Nelson


Junior Amanda Stagg displays her talent by sing. ing "The Voice Within." Stagg's vocal range helped her perform this song beautifully.
Photo by: Maria Nelson


Seniors Brett Bueltel and Eric Deig interact with the crowd between acts during the talent show. Between jokes, dance-offs, and charades, they kept the crowd entertained
Photo by: Maria Nelson


Singing "Valentine" during the talent show, junior Natalie Martin entertains the crowd. The talent show provided an opportunity for students to appreciate the talent housed in the school's halls.
Photo by: Samantha Montgomery

## Hidden

## TALANTI



Wearing a mask, junior Sam Kuban participates in a group made up of different instruments which formed a percussion band. This group used creative instruments, such as street signs, to make engaging sounds.
Photo by: Maria Nelson

T he Mater Dei Talent Show provides students the chance to show others their talents. It's important for students to gain confidence and stage presence. Performing in front of their peers is a great way to gain experience in front of others.

There are usually many unique acts in the talent show that exhibit creativity and dedication. Freshman Robbie Covington's first place beat boxing act was one of those performances. Another performance came from junior Austin Campbell. After eight months of singing lessons and three months of teaching himself how to play the piano, he performed " 3 a.m." by Matchbox 20.

Junior Bobby Wilson performed in a barbershop quartet singing "What Shall We Do with a Drunken Sailor?". "Our group has been practicing this song since early December for a vocal competition that was in January," Wilson said of the time spent perfecting this performance.

It is difficult to decide to show a talent in front of peers, teachers, and parents, but both Wilson and Campbell agreed that it was worth all of the fear beforehand. Wilson advised, "Practice and don't be afraid to go out because the only reason you are there is to have fun."


Ahorse-drawn carriage sat next to the gates which, when opened, revealed tables lined with glass slippers, jewels, and rose petals. This sounds like a line from a fairy tale book, but it was not fiction for the students that attended the Mater Dei Prom.

According to junior Class President Lindsay Mann, this year's theme, "Ever After," was chosen because juniors wanted the seniors to "feel that they were living a real-life fairy tale." Many juniors contributed to the success of the Prom.

Mann, along with fellow juniors Jamie Hoffmann, Audrey Folz, and Patrick Elpers, headed the Prom Committee this year. All agreed that the Prom would not have been possible without the help of Mrs. Strehl, other juniors, and their parents.
"This year's Prom definitely topped last year's Prom. The juniors did a grand job," said senior Emily TenBarge. "It was gorgeous," said senior Kayleen Glaser.

After everyone danced the night away, After Prom was held at Bob Walther's Golf and Fun. While there, students could eat, play games, and win prizes. Students who attended received free T-shirts and some lucky students won money.

After all of the festivities, students and parents slept the rest of the night away...and they all lived happily ever after!

Above right, bending as low as she can go, senior Jessika Carter participates in a limbo contest at After Prom. Other activities at After Prom included laser tag and putt-putt.
Photo by: Pamela
Weinzapfel


The senior class arranges itself into a circle as the DJ plays "Time of your Life" by Green Day. This gesture represented how close the class became over its four years at Mater Dei.
Photo by: Lauren Grabert


## ค) nce the Mother of God is the patroness of Mater Dei, May Day, a day that honors Mary, is a

SDig deal at Mater Dei. Every year, a mass is given in honor of Mary. The senior class selects a May Queen and court to crown Mary. The entire school dresses up for mass in the gym and then changes clothes for the games.

This year's May Queen was senior Pam Weinzapfel. "It's really an honor to be able to be involved with May Day. My goal is to honor Mary and really represent her and my class well," said Weinzapfel.

The Student Council is in charge of organizing the games for May Day. Junior Jacob Koressel was the head of this committee. "It takes a lot of hard work and organization to make May Day a success," said Koressel. Before the games begin, the championship game of the basketball intramurals is played. This year, team Purdue beat Georgetown for the title.

Each class competes against one another in the events to earn points. This year, the senior class won with fifty-one points. This Mater Dei tradition will continue for years to come. May Day is a chance to honor our patron saint while also having fun.

Christie Kelley '08


Junior Mackenzie Parkinson grips the side of the seat scooter while junior Caleb Eickhoff pushes her around the cone. The scooters added a new twist to the wheelbarrow race.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

 crown of flowers on the Mary statue. Crowning Mary is one of the many duties of the May Queen.
Photo by: Maria Nelson



To the left, juniors Jake Manchette and Ryan Burns strain to pull the opposing team over the line during the tug-ofwar contest. Though the juniors won this specific event, they fell short of beating the seniors in overall points. Photo by: Christie Kelley

Above, seniors Kerry Fuller and Nathan Dewig carry senior Allison Schenk on a stretcher for the "Emergency Cat Run" event. This event requires trust in all players.
Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel Chris Baumgart, and Adam Barnes try out their ponchos. Many of the seniors attempted to stay dry by purchasing ponchos for six dollars. Photo by: Alicia Farney

Right, seniors Lindsey Blankenberger, Kayleen Glaser, and Rachel Swee ney examine a map of Six Flags. None of the seniors wanted to waste time, so they read the maps to find out where the best rides were. Photo by: Maria Nelson


Senior Dave Arnold attempts to shove two hot dogs into his mouth at once. One of the best parts of the class trip was the free lunch. Photo by: Maria Nelson


Snuggling for warmth, seniors Kurtis Goebel and Kerry Fuller share a Spiderman blanket on the bus ride home from Six Flags. After all of the excitement of the day, many of the seniors couldn't help but fall asleep on the way home. Photo by: Lauren Grabert

Even through the rain and thunder, the seniors found ways to entertain themselves during the class trip. "I rode lapsies with Eric Deig on a little kid ride. People thought we were crazy," said senior Kerry Fuller.

Many of the roller coasters were shut down part of the time because of bad weather. While they were running, however, the Mater Dei seniors used every opportunity to ride as many as possible. "I rode a roller coaster and got pelted in the face with rain, but I think it just added to the excitement of the ride," said senior Hannah Jay.

Senior Allison Schenk said, "It was rainy, but it was kind of the perfect day, because the lines weren't too long and we got to do whatever we wanted." The students used this time to hang out with all of their friends, because they knew it would be one of the last chances to be together as a class.

The roller coasters weren't the only rides the seniors enjoyed on their trip. They also enjoyed the bus ride. "I liked the bus ride because I was able to chill with my friends and spend time with them," said senior Cassi Englert. Senior Eric Deig said, "I liked the bathroom on the bus. That was fun!"

The morning began with senior Daniel Schweizer chasing the buses up the hill and ended with exhausted seniors passed out and snuggling for warmth. One thing is true, though. It was a trip filled with many laughs and memories.

Alicia Farney '08


Seniors Kayla Wildeman, Deidre Weis, Kaitlyn Bohleber, and Sara Weinzapfel stand outside Mr. Freeze. The seniors enjoyed trying all of the roller coasters.
Photo by: Maria Nelson
Hugging Tweety, seniors Kyla Wargel, Sarah Luigs, Adam Barnes, Jessie Buskavitz, and Katie Dockery put on a big smile for the camera. Some of the rides were shut down because of the rainy weather, and the seniors had to find other things to do to keep themselves occupied. Photo by: Pam Weinzapfel

Senior Greg Marshall naps on the bus ride home. Many of the seniors used the three and a half hour bus ride to rejuvenate after a long day. Photo by: Lauren Grabert

Senior Rachel Sweeney plays air guitar while senior Kayleen Glaser lip syncs to a song playing on the loud speakers. Even though the weather wasn't very good, the students decided to make the most of it by dancing in the rain. Photo by: Maria Nelson

Senior Allison Schenk receives help with her collar from Mrs. Lefler before the Baccalaureate mass. The girls were required to wear collars with their gowns. Photo by: Heather

Wargel

Seniors Natalie Kempf and Jessika Carter dance with the rest of the crowd at Project Gradu ation. The DJ was a big hit and everyone danced all night long. Photo by: Lauren Grabert

Senior Brandt Lydon crowd surfs at Project Graduation. This was the perfect time for the seniors to come together for a good time. Photo by: Alicia Farney



Seniors Sarah Luigs and Kyla Wargel lead the train around the gym The seniors enjoyed their last time together as a class before graduation.
Photo by: Lauren Grabert



Throughout the years, individual students participate in many events as a class. Retreats are put together to allow classes to come closer together and to prepare them for the end of their high school career. The Baccalaureate mass allows the senior class one last time to come together and celebrate in the Eucharist.

This year's Baccalaureate began as usual with the procession of seniors making their way down the aisle in caps and gowns. Following the procession of people was a procession of objects to represent class memories. Senior Chris Baumgart enjoyed looking back on the memories, some forgotten and others still fresh at hand. "It's amazing to see how far we have come in four years," said Baumgart.

The mass was led by Father Dave Nunning. His homily was enriched with good tidings and best wishes for the graduates.
"Father Nunning gave really good advice that will definitely stick with me," said senior Katie Dockery.


Many of the seniors took this opportunity to let the thought of graduating really sink in for the first time. "I knew graduation was coming, but it wasn't until we were together at mass and Project Graduation that it really hit me we were leaving," said senior Cassi Englert. Baumgart and Dockery agreed that Baccalaureate was a nice way to spend their last time together as a class.

Following the mass was Project Graduation. This year's theme was World Olympics. "The back gym looked sweet and everyone seemed to have a really good time," said Baumgart. The seniors were divided into teams as countries and even competed for gold medals. There was a constant flow of students on and off the dance floor, not to mention in and out of the food line. The highlights of the night were the attendance prize drawings, including everything from a flat screen TV to a pool table and gift cards. "That night was unforgettable," said Dockery.

Christie Kelley '08


Senior Ashley Gilles focuses on balancing the "flame" on the plunger during the Torch Run. Team France won this event.
Photo by: Lauren
Grabert
To the left, senior Hannah Thorbeck smiles as she gets ready for Bac calaureate. The seniors were given a rose to offer to their families dur ing the sign of peace.
Photo by: Heather
Wargel he senior class never thought this day would come. They prayed for its quick arrival and anticipated the feeling of freedom that they would soon experience. However, the seniors also realized they would be saying goodbye to a place that had become their home for the last four years.

The commencement ceremony was a time to reflect on some of the lessons they learned, as well as getting advice from those who had traveled the road the seniors were about to embark on. Commencement speaker Joseph Dulin, a graduate of Mater Dei, reminded the seniors, "Much has been given to you." He urged them to continue the tradition of Mater Dei wherever their lives take them.

In addition to Mr. Dulin's words of encouragement, senior valedictorian Karen Scheller commended the class of 2008 on their accomplishments, saying, "We truly represent the tradition and excellence that is Mater Dei."

As the seniors marched out of the Centre, they were met with hugs from family and friends. "I'm excited to start new, but it is sad leav ing Mater Dei," said senior Kelsey Hammett.

No matter where life takes the class of 2008, they will never forget the times they had at Mater Dei. It was a time for growth in their faith and in their knowledge. Though they may not always be close to Mater Dei, the lessons they learned will hold a special place close to thei hearts.

Marta Nelson 40

Looking toward the crowd, the seniors receive a blessing from the faculty and family in the audience. It is a tradition for the audience to pray for and bless the graduating class. Photo by: Heather Wargel

Bishop Gettelfinger gives advice to the graduating seniors about keeping morals in the future. The bishop's speech resonated with many of the graduating seniors. Photo by: Maggie Hurm



Before the ceremony, senior Kayleen Glaser reads over her speech As class president, it was Glaser's duty to announce the commencement speaker. Photo by: Maria Nelson


Above, senior Amy
Wolf shakes Bishop
Gettelfinger's hand after
getting her diploma.
Receiving a diploma was
the last achievement for the seniors.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm
Principal Dickel opens the Commencement Exercise for the Class of 2008. When Mr. Dickel began teaching at Mater Dei, the seniors were entering as freshmen. Photo by: Heather Wargel

Below, valedictorian senior Karen Scheller gives advice to her class about the years to come. Scheller told the seniors not to live in the past or worry about the future, but to grab hold of the present.
Photo by: Maggie Hurm


During our time at Mater Dei, we represent the school through our academic accomplishments and extracurricular activities. When we give back to the community, the community gives back to us. Through various fundraisers, such as the Car Show and the "Souper" Supper, we raised money for Riley Children's Hospital and money to fight juvenile diabetes. After four years of these experiences, we learn that from our hard work and dedication, we can not only benefit ourselves, but also others in the community.




We love you and are so very proud of you.
With unconditional love,
Mom and Dad

Katie Kiesel


Thanks for the memories. Good luck and may the future bring you as much joy as you have brought us.

Mom, Dad, Sara, and Andrew

Katie Reddington


Kaitlyn,
Good luck in all you do and everywhere you go in life. Your determination will take you far. Always keep God and family in your heart. Good luck at Murray. Giddy up, girl!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Neal, and Erica

Kaitlyn Bohleber


## Kelsey,

You are such a special person. You have truly brightened our lives. We are proud of you and we love you.

Mom, Dad, Erin, and Natalie

Kelsey Harpenau


## Deidre,

We are glad to see you haven't lost your acquired taste for books. We love you!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Sara,
Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Through all your hard work and determination, you have proven that you can accomplish anything that you set your sights on. Good luck in college and remember to keep smiling. We are always here for you and will love you forever.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Emily, and Samantha

Sara Weinzapfel

|  | Jeff, <br> Congratulations! We're proud of you. <br> Good luck in all that you do. <br> Love, <br> Mom, Dad, Allie, and Emily |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |



Brian,
We're so proud of you. You have worked very hard and set goals for your future. Continue to work hard and believe in yourself, and you can accomplish anything. You will always have our full love and support in whatever you choose to do. Always pray for guidance in making difficult decisions. Keep God in your heart and you can't go wrong. We love you very much.
Mom, Dad and Stephanie
Brian Gentry


As you continue to contemplate life, know that your family will always love you and support you. Good luck at Purdue!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Leigh Ann, Katie, Andy, and Katie


It is hard to believe you are graduating. We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. Good luck at IU. Continue to make good choices and you will be successful.

Love,
Mom and Dad


Diana,
I thank God every day for the gift of you. It has been such a pleasure watching you grow from a sweet little girl to the beautiful, gracious young woman you have become. Congratulations on this wonderful milestone in your life! Keep reaching for the stars, and your dreams will come true!

Love always,
Mom


Mallory,
Always keep your great sense of humor and love life!! We are very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kristen, and Moanie

Mallory Scheller
Diana McConnell



My dear Christine,
I know it's been a long four years and how rough of a road we've both had. Now with it coming to an end, I want you to know I love you and that I couldn't be more proud of you, for how much you've accomplished and how much you're going to accomplish. You'll always be my little pumpkin head. Congratulations sweetheart.
I love you,
Dad
Christine Schweizer


Melissa,
How fast the years have gone! We are so proud of you! You have set such a great example for Lauren and Bryce. Never forget what you have learned through these years and have a great time in college.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Lauren and Bryce

Melissa Martin

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Kayleen,
Congratulations! You've reached your first milestone with great accomplishment. My hope is that the milestones that await you will be as successful and fulfiling. I'm so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom

Kayleen Glaser


Natalie,
Your smile and laughter have always been a blessing to those around you. Follow your heart and enjoy life! We love you and are very proud of you. Good luck in the future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Karly, and Cory



Ashley,
It is hard to believe this time is here. You have always been a blessing. We hope all your dreams come true. Good luck in the future.
We hope it's filled with love, faith, health, and
happiness. We are always here for you.
We love you,
Mom, Glenn, and Adam


Nathan,
You have grown into such a fine young man. Your wonderful smile and great personality make you a very special, loving person. Ever since you were born, you have touched so many people's lives. As your family, we are so blessed to have you as our son and brother.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Elaine
Nathan Baehl


We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments. Keep your great smile and personality shining through your next steps in life. Set your goals high and pursue your dreams... remember we love you and will always be here for you.

Kelsey Hoffmann


Enjoy your college years as much as you did high school. We are sure you can handle it! Thanks for all the memories!

Love,
Mom, Don, Jon, Tyler, Ray, and Tim

Greg Marshall


## Dear Jeremy,

HOORAH, you did it! Now keep reaching for
the stars. We love you very much!!
Mom and Dad,
Jim, Jon, Kristin, Alecia, and Madeline


Congratulations! We are so proud of all that you have accomplished and of the person that you have become. Continue to set your goals high as you begin to prepare for the next stage in your life. Be true to yourself and remember that we are always here for you
We love you.
Dad, Mom, and Zach


Kelsey,
Make all your dreams come true. Work hard and keep smiling! We love you!

Dad and Mom


We're so proud of our Little Ninja! Congratulations, Shaggy-Now you can have a Scoobysnack.

Mommy and Daddy


You were a planner even then. We are so proud of you and know the yearbook will be fabulous with you at the helm.

We love you-
Mom and Dad

Maria Nelson


With such a cool looking judge...I wouldn't mind being in his court! We know you will excel in all that you do.

God's blessings,
Mom, Dad, Matthew, and Beth

Paul Fischer


Congrats on all your accomplishments, especially getting your photos in the art gallery downtown.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Matthew Market


Craig,
We are blessed and honored to have you as a son and brother. You have grown to be a wonderful young man. We are so proud of you and look forward to your continued success in college and beyond. Enjoy life every day!!!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Isaac


Emily,
We are so proud of what you've accomplished, and your morals and strength. Keep God with you always! We love you and support you as you begin a new chapter in life! Health and happiness always!

Mom, Dad, and Eric


Jacob,
We love you and are proud of you. We wish you the best in whatever you do in life. Follow your dreams.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Lucas, Kyle, Katie, Emily, Zachary, and Rachel


## Douglas,

We are so proud of you! Stay the lovable guy you are. Always keep God and family first in your life.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Jeremy, and Ryan


Wow, Tanner, with your intelligence and that cute face, the world is yours! Embrace your life and keep learning. God and your family are always your protectors. Enjoy your future education at IU.

We love you Tan Man,
Dad, Mom, Elita, Nichole, and Weston

Tanner Sheridan


Mallory,
We are so blessed to have you as our daughter. You bring so much love to our lives. We are so proud of you and wish success in whatever path you choose. May all your dreams come true.

## Love,

Mom, Dad, Ashley and Cody


## Ashley,

Congratulations Ashley! We are so proud of you. Keep up the hard work and you will go far. Good luck with college.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Josh, and Chris


## Kelsey,

Follow your recipe for life. Include ingredients we have given you: God, love and family. We are very proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Alex,
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments! Continue to work hard in all you do and dreams will come true! Best of luck in college and remember to keep God and your family close to your heart.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Nate, and Megan

Alex Weinzapfel


Jonathan,
We are so proud of all of your accomplishments. May all your dreams come true!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jason, and Jeremy


Hannah Leigh,
Congratulations! Always follow your dreams, keep your strong faith, and be true to yourself. We love you so much!

Dad, Mom, and Nicholas


Linds-
You were a baller all along! (The shoes gave it away). We will miss watching you play. We are so proud of you and your accomplish-
ments. Good luck next fall.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Kayley


Shawn,
We are proud of you. Stay focused and work hard; there is nothing you can't accomplish.

We love you,
Mom and Dad



Ryan,
Thanks for eighteen wonderful years of memories. May your life be blessed with all of the happiness you have brought to mine. I am so proud of all you have accomplished and of the young man you have become. Enjoy the journey that lies ahead and know that I am
always here for you.
Love,
Mom

R. Samuel Moore


## Cody,

It has been wonderful sharing the time, and doing all that we have done. Set your goals, pursue your dreams. Make your plans to apply the effort to succeed. God will test you with setbacks. Keep your faith, pray for guidance and you will succeed in the greatest challenge of all, life.
Love,
Dad
Cody Moll


The road less traveled has been worthwhile. We are proud of your strong faith and outstanding accomplishments. As your journey continues, we wish you a life filled with happiness and success.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, Alexa, Katelyn, and Brian


Tony,
Well, high school is over, next stop USI, good luck.

Love,
Dad
P.S. I still wear the hat!

Tony Wolf


Rachel-
We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. May God bless you and guide you as you continue your quest to be on stage!

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Sarah, Elizabeth, and Adam

Rachel Sweeney


Well done, Samantha!
Time to kick back and relax.
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Cameron


Alii,
Wow! You are awesome! We are so proud of all your accomplishments so far!! There are still so many stars just waiting for you to reach up and grab them. Please, always remember that no matter where you go or what you do, you still have those Ruby Red Slippers and that Yellow Brick Road to come back to because there truly is no place like home! We love you! Love,
Mom, Dad, Brittney, and Jake
Allison Schenk


Dear Jessie,
You rock our socks to the moon and back!
We're proud of you. We love you!
Dad, Mom, Sarah, Rachel, and Josh


## Brandt,

We can't begin to tell you how proud we are of you and everything you have accomplished. It's hard to believe you're graduating already. The years have gone by so fast, but we will never forget the joy and memories you have brought us. You have such a big heart and deserve the best. Keep up the hard work and may all your dreams come true.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Kayla


Kayla,
Remember to always follow your dreams,
never give up, and have fun in life. We are so proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kurt, Kelly, Kimberly and Brian, and Shelbi and Mason


Matthew,
We are truly blessed to have shared the past eighteen years of your life's journey. Never lose that smile and your compassion towards others and always maintain that gift to ex-
press yourself.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Kristen, and Trevor

Matthew Fleck


Krystal,
You know if mom was writing this, she would need two pages. You have always made us proud and we know you will always do your best. Just don't let the guys cloud your judgment. I will always be here for you and Mom will always be there for you. Keep up the good work!
We love you,
Mom and Dad

Krystal Schmitt


We can't believe how fast the years have gone. The last one of four to graduate from MD. We are very proud of you. Good luck in college.

Love ya,
Mom, Dad, Rachel, Casey, and Lindsey


Dustin,
It's hard to believe our baby is already graduating. Time sure flies. Remember these school years as fun and filling you with knowledge and experiences to prepare you for whatever you choose to do in the future. Good luck and know your family is always behind you.
We love you,
Mom, Dad, Nathan, Jason, Karen, Katie, and Kendra

Dustin Scheller


Austin,
You are a sincere, honest, young man with a loving heart. We are proud of the person you have become. You are a gift from God. May He always bless you in the palm of His hand. Stay on your passionate paths in life to accomplish your dreams. Remember you always have our loving respect and support.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Claire and Adam
Lindsey Blankenberger

Your hard work and accomplishments have
made us very proud. May God bless you with
faith, hope, and wisdom.
We love you very much,
Mom and Dad


Lindsay,
We are so proud of you and all that you continue to do with your life. Remember that we love those sparkling blue eyes and beautiful smile. You can count on your family to be here for you. Enjoy life and may God continue to hold you in the palms of His hands. Good luck with all that you do!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Lauren


Brandon,
Congratulations! Your days at Mater Dei have been full of studies, friends, sports, and activities that will be great memories for many years to come. May God bless you and lead you to success as you move on in your life journey. Our love and best wishes are with you always.

Love,
Mom and Dad


Our Kelley Doodle,
Thank God for little boys that grow up to be your friend. You are so special. You have proven so many times how important family and friends are to you. Keep your faith and always follow your dreams. With all our love-go out and conquer the world.

Mom and Dad
losh Beach


Deidre,
You were always fun to be around. Good luck in college!

Love,
Jacob, Abby, and William

Deidre Weis


## Josh,

I am so proud of you and all that you've accomplished. Never lose sight of the dreams that you hold in your heart. I will always be here for you!

Love,
Your big sis-Brit

Lindsey,
I will always remember the memories made with you at Mater Dei. Good luck at college and thank you for being the loving big sister you are today!

Love,
Sara


Lindsey Blankenberger


Kerr-Bear,
I love you so much! Not a single day goes by that I'm not proud of you. You are so focused and goal oriented (you've been worrying about your grades for college since you were 8 years old)! You're such a great kid all-around. So cute, funny, sweet, caring, considerate, smart, loving, handsome, hard-working (I could go on and on)! Remember to pray always and always remember how much we love you.

Love,
Mom, Kasey, Kort, and Christian
P.S. Quit Growing!!

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