



# MATER DEI SCHOOL

## A LIFETIME ADVANTAGE

Grades PK-4 • Immaculate Conception (I.C.) Center, 3719 Ridge Ave.,  
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Grades 5-8 • Nativity Center, 4243 Natalia Way, Sioux City, IA 51106 •  
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***Mater Dei School is committed to each child's academic, social and spiritual growth. Service is at the heart of our curriculum where Jesus is the example we strive to follow. We are proud to be part of Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools.***

### Academic Focus

We champion reading as the foundation for all learning and scholastic progress and work to develop strong reading skills in all students. Our school embraces the Iowa Core curriculum model. Using that, our teachers review how students are meeting standards in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies and 21st century learning, and work to enhance the progress of each student. Our teachers engage students using instruction with various types of technology including iPads, interactive whiteboards, and Chromebooks.

### Higher Test Scores

Our student test scores are higher than local, state and national averages.

### Remedial Help

For students needing extra attention, we offer tutoring, student mentoring, area education agency services, resource help within the walls of Mater Dei, and other individualized programs.

### Faith Formation and Service

Students begin and end each school day with prayer. Students also attend Mass each week and are actively involved in planning and being part of the liturgy. Students at Mater Dei participate in student-led service projects throughout the year.

### Guidance and Counseling

A full-time school counselor regularly visits classrooms to promote positive attitudes, choices, and interpersonal relationships among students. In individual and group interactions, our counselors focus on the personal and academic needs of students. By helping students deal with classroom and personal challenges, they help students succeed in school.

### Positive Behavior Program and Student Leadership

At Sacred Heart, our Positive Behavior Supports Program rewards students for positive behaviors. The program gives older students leadership opportunities with school assemblies and other activities.



### After-school care program

After-school care programs are available across from Immaculate Conception and at other child care centers

### Administration

Principal: Mary Fischer  
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### Parent Teacher Organization

The Parent Teacher Organization invites you to get involved to promote and enhance our children's education by supporting our teachers, staff and students. We encourage you to meet other parents and sign up for activities

### Enrollment

362

### Class Hours

Immaculate Conception  
8:15 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.  
Nativity  
7:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.



# Mater Dei Middle School Activities

## Academic Competitions

Our middle school students participate in Quiz Bowl, annual math competitions and our 7-8 graders participate in Iowa online competitions.

## LIFE (Living Instruments of Faith Everyday) Team

Our LIFE Team is a group of students in grades 6, 7 and 8 who put their faith into action by working together on community service projects in and outside of the Sioux City area. Our school has also developed an amazing relationship with the Sisters of St. Francis in Dubuque, Iowa, supporting their community with service projects and more.

## Middle School Fine Arts

For students needing extra attention, we offer tutoring, student mentoring, area education agency services and other individualized programs.

**Vocal:** Music classes are offered twice a week. All middle school students are involved in vocal music and perform at Christmas and spring concerts. Many also perform with the show choir Genesis along with other BHCS middle school students. Genesis showcases its talent and competes with other middle school choirs at the Heelan "Crusader Classic" in February, an annual mega-event for area show choirs.

Vocal music students are also audition for and perform in the all school spring musical. The past two years have featured student talent in "Little Mermaid" and "Aladdin Jr."

**Band:** Students in grades 5-8 are invited to join the band under the directions of our talented instructors. Band students perform at Christmas concerts, spring concerts and more. Private lessons are also available.

**Strings:** Students are invited to join the elective Strings program, which is offered in after school lessons. Students showcase their skills in violin, viola, and cello concerts twice a year.

## Student Leadership

Students at Mater Dei are encouraged to show leadership in many different ways. LIFE Team and Franciscan Common Venture are two service-minded leadership opportunities where students can help plan retreats, assemblies and service projects.

## Bishop Heelan System Sports Program

**6th grade:** volleyball and wrestling (practice only)

**7th grade:** football, wrestling, cross country, volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, golf

**8th grade:** football, wrestling, cross country, volleyball, basketball, track, soccer, golf; 8th grade boys can try out for freshman baseball and 8th grade girls for softball.

## We Are Heelan Sports Program

**6th grade:** football and basketball \*All three middle schools make up Heelan teams.

**7th grade:** football, volleyball, basketball

## Other Before/After School Activities

Additional before or after school activities that middle school students can participate in include; Chess club, Book Bash and Life Runners, Quiz Bowl, After School Study Hall at Nativity.

