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# Marian Connection



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## Welcome to 2016-17...

Dear Marian Community,

Greetings! On behalf of the entire Marian Central faculty and staff, I am thrilled to welcome both new and returning students and families to the 2016-17 school year! As you know, each and every person who has walked the halls of Marian feel a sense of pride and accomplishment with regards to not only our academic and athletic standards and achievements, but most importantly, our deeply-rooted Catholic faith. As students and staff go through each day, it is clear that our Catholic Identity resounds here at Marian!

This year, the Marian faculty will again work collaboratively on the main areas of focus set forth through our AdvancEd accreditation process. This includes continuing to align our curriculum to the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Elementary and Secondary Catholic Schools and College and Career Readiness Standards, which will allow for increased rigor and relevance in instruction for our students. Additionally, we are making great strides in meeting the needs of a more diverse community of learners – “meeting students where they are” and propelling their learning forward through providing a variety of new and creative resources.

This past year has proven to be nothing less than extraordinary, as 98.8% of our 2016 seniors are planning to go to either a 2- or 4-year college this fall and earned almost 16 million dollars in college scholarships! None of this would have been possible if it weren't for the faith, love, support, and efforts of the faculty, staff, families and community partners of Marian! I am excited to see what new achievements the class of 2017 and beyond will reach!

I am personally quite eager to start the new school year, to meet all of the students and families, and to provide our faculty with the support they need to engage our students in the best education possible. Our Administrative Team and the entire staff of Marian is working hard to make sure that Marian Central Catholic High School becomes the school of choice throughout the area! Please don't hesitate to contact us with regards to your student's progress or participation in Marian's vast number of activities and events. When we work together, modeling and living our school's mission, the outcome will be nothing less than providing the best Catholic education as we send our students off as “Pilgrims on the Way of Truth.”

Joyfully in Christ,

Debbie Novy  
Principal

## Staffing Additions for 2016-17

We anticipate overall enrollment to be over 700 for the 2016-17 school year. Please welcome the following new staff to the Marian family.

Mrs. Christine Connell, English Department  
Ms. Whitney Haynes, Assistant Athletic Director  
Mr. William Heiden, Science Department

Mrs. Amy Johnson, Math Resource  
Mr. Joseph Wyckoff, Science Department

## Handbooks & School Calendars

The 2016-17 [Student Handbook](#) and [Athletic Handbook](#) are posted on the school website or can be viewed by clicking above. These handbooks contain Marian's rules, regulations and student as well as parent expectations and obligations. A *Student Planner* and date book will be distributed to all students during the first week of the school year. Our calendar of non-athletic activities – co-curricular, academic, spiritual, etc. – that take place each day is accessible by clicking [View Full Calendar](#). on the front page of the website. The athletic calendar of contests, practices, etc. can be accessed from the [Athletics](#) page of our website. We remind you and your students that regular daily attendance is important as interruptions to the educational process are detrimental to academic progress. We encourage you to review the Council of Administration policy pertaining to missing school for family vacations, trips, and non-school sponsored student activities. This policy can be found on page 19 of the *Student Handbook*. We draw your attention in particular to the section pertaining to missing school the weeks of quarter and semester exams. We strongly encourage families who are planning any family vacations or other trips during the school year to schedule them during regular school breaks.

## Emergency Forms

You may have noticed that Emergency Forms were not included in this year's June mailing. With our new database system, parents now have the ability to update emergency contact information directly into the system. Watch your email for instructions on completing this update.



## Pace and School Bus Transportation

There will be Pace bus service within McHenry County (Route 808 between Harvard and Woodstock and between Crystal Lake and Woodstock; and 807 between McHenry and Woodstock) available again this year. Information about Pace bus schedules, maps and costs are available at [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com). Once there, search by Landmarks and then select Marian Central Catholic. This bus service will begin on Wednesday, August 24th.

Marian has once again contracted with Durham School Bus Service to operate three buses to and three from school each day. The cost options are the same as last year and are as follows: Annual pass – \$650; and Single Ride – one-way - \$3.00. The Single Ride pass is available on a 20-ride, \$60 ticket. Passes are available for purchase from the bookkeeper. Students must have an annual bus-ride pass which they will show to the driver or a 20 bus-ride ticket that the driver will punch out each ride. Information regarding routes, pick-up points, and time schedules is available by [clicking here](#). Durham Bus Company will be servicing Marian from its Harvard office. Should you need to contact them, their telephone number is (815) 943-7060.

School bus service to and from Marian is also available to families living within Woodstock School District 200. For information regarding this service contact the District Transportation Office at (815) 338-4777.

## Freshman Orientation

Freshman Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 24th. Buses will operate on this day. Freshmen are reminded to dress according to the [uniform policy](#). The orientation day will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude at 2:30 PM. Further information about this day will be included in a mailing that will be sent to freshman families.

*Forget those first day jitters! You will feel a part of Marian from the very first day with our Mentor Program. The Mentor Program consists of Juniors and Seniors who are selected to assist in both welcoming Freshmen and transfer students to Marian and continuing to assist our sophomores to thrive academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually. Students are assigned a Mentor to help ease the transition into high school and create positive and meaningful connections throughout the school year.*

### Join Us for the Annual Freshman Parent/Student Welcome Picnic

We invite all freshmen and their parents to attend the Freshman Student/Parent Welcome Picnic scheduled on Wednesday, August 24th at 6:00 PM. This picnic will take place in the school cafeteria. This complimentary event is designed to provide freshmen students and their parents an opportunity to meet and socialize with other freshmen families. During the meal, staff members will address parents and students regarding the operation of the school and provide information about parent activities. All freshmen and their parents are encouraged to attend this one hour event. For planning purposes, please RSVP to [ldisilvio@marian.com](mailto:ldisilvio@marian.com).

## Cafeteria Service

Hot lunches as well as a-la-carte and snack bar selections are available in the cafeteria each school day. The cost of the hot lunch meal is \$3.75. A-la-carte and snack bar items are priced individually. Menus are accessible by clicking on [Cafeteria Menu](#) on the *Student Life* page of our website. Please be aware of the fact that students are only allowed to purchase items from the cafeteria using our debit card system. Students will use their ID cards to access their accounts for the purpose of making purchases. Information about the MealTime debit system was provided in our June mailing.

## Late Start Days

In order to allow for faculty professional development opportunities, the school schedule will now include late start days. On late start days, classes will begin at 9:05 am and end at 2:30 pm. All classes will meet but will be shorter in length. Late start days for the 2016-17 school year are September 6, October 4, December 6, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2. Please see page 37 of the Student Handbook for additional details

## Health Examinations

The State of Illinois requires that all freshmen have a complete physical examination including the required immunizations. Marian's Council of Administration policy stipulates that at the start of a given school year, no student will be allowed to begin practice for a fall sport until the official Illinois Health Examination form is turned in to the school. All other freshmen and transfer students are likewise obligated to present to the school office the official Illinois Health Examination form. This form must be completely filled out, signed, dated, and include an indication that the student is fully protected and in compliance with all required immunizations. After the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> academic quarter, any student who has not complied with this policy will be excluded from all classes and activities until s/he complies. Any student who transfers in to Marian during the school year is obligated to comply with this health examination requirement within three weeks of the date of enrollment. Failure to do so will result in exclusion from all classes and activities until the student complies.



## Viewing Grades

In an effort to assist parents in keeping track of their student's academic achievement, Marian Central provides parents and students access to grades in progress throughout each grading period. In addition to viewing grades, parents can keep up to date on assignment due dates, attendance, tardiness and more. Watch your email for directions and log-in information for accessing your account. Both new and returning families will receive the log-in information. Remember to keep your passwords in a safe place—you will access them frequently.

## Parent Emergency Notification System

Marian uses a parent mass notification system. This system allows us to quickly deliver information to our school families in the event of emergency closings, important information newly posted on our web site, and other significant information. The system provides for either or both telephone and email notifications. Please make sure to notify the Marian office with any changes to your contact information.

## School Books & Supplies

By now, families should have purchased their textbooks at our June used book sale night, from other Marian families, or from MBS, our online bookstore, accessed by clicking on *Bookstore* on our website. We still have used texts available for sale in the school office. Students are expected to have their books on the first day of classes. Students are able to purchase notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, etc. at stores of your choice.



## ID Cards & School Pictures

The school will issue temporary ID cards to freshman and transfer students on orientation day. Pictures for permanent ID cards for these students will be taken on orientation day as well. Senior portraits will be taken here at the school on September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> or can be scheduled at DeWane Studio by calling (815) 338-1880. Pictures for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be taken on October 20th.



## Student/Parent Directory

Our *Student/Parent Directory* will be published in early September and we plan to mail it to families in late September. We intend to include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all of our families in the directory. If for some reason you do not want some or all of these items included for your family, you must notify our school secretary, Mrs. DiSilvio, by September 5th and we will honor your directive. Mrs. DiSilvio can be reached via e-mail at [ldisilvio@marian.com](mailto:ldisilvio@marian.com). If we do not hear from you by this date, we will be including all of the aforementioned information for your family. You will be receiving a directory via mail for each student you have enrolled.



Mass is celebrated daily at 2:45 p.m. in the Chapel. All students, faculty and parents are invited to attend. Parents are also invited to our all school masses. Check our calendar for those dates.

## Student Schedules/Course Changes

Schedules for the 2016-17 school year were sent to families by regular mail on Friday, August 12th. Due to the fact that our scheduling and staff needs have been based upon the students' original registration, course changes will be made only in those cases where it is possible within the framework of the total school curriculum. If it is necessary to request a course change, Mrs. Rebecca Reed, Director of Guidance and Counseling, will be available in the guidance office to consider such requests. Once school begins, the other guidance personnel will also be available to handle requests for schedule changes. A \$30 charge will be assessed for all course changes.

## Library/Media/Technology Center

The school library/media/technology center is available for student use throughout the school year under the supervision of the Librarian. Hours are from 7:45 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursday and from 7:45 AM to 3:00 PM on Fridays. The center contains a computer lab for student and staff use. All computers are monitored with an internet filtering device. Students must first have signed the school's computer use agreement form to be eligible to use the school's computer equipment. This form is distributed in the first week of school to students new to Marian to take home for parent and student signatures.

## School & P.E. Uniforms

All students should have ordered and received their school uniform attire as well as physical education shirts and shorts from Lands' End Uniform Company. You can access Lands' End by clicking on [Uniforms](#) on the *Parent's* page of our website. All students are obligated to dress in accord with the *uniform/dress code* on the first day of classes. Lands' End Uniform Company is the exclusive school authorized provider of uniform apparel for our students. All uniforms previously purchased from Dennis Uniform may still be worn.

Have you heard about the new uniform options? Students may now wear long sleeve polos and shorts during the 1st and 4th quarters. These items must be purchased from Lands' End.



## Absences & Early Dismissal

*Please call in student absences to the attendance hotline at (815) 338-4220 ext. 299 by 9:30 a.m.*

If your student needs to leave school early, please send a note with the student the morning of the early dismissal. The student will be given a pass to leave class at the designated time. Please try to avoid calling the school after 8:00 to request an early release as this results in disruption of class time.

## Back to School Night

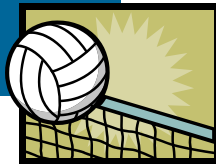
The Annual "Back-to-School Night" has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th. The evening will begin at 7:00 PM in Landers' Pavilion. On that evening you will have an opportunity to go through your student's schedule on an abbreviated basis and find out what the expectations are for the courses from each of your student's teachers. There will be a social with refreshments at the end of the evening so you will have an opportunity to meet and visit with each of your student's teachers as well as other parents. Students will be dismissed at noon on this day.

## ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

All athletes, including cheerleading, dance, bass fishing, lacrosse and fencing members, must turn in the *required forms* before they will be allowed to participate in their team's practices. Please contact the Athletic Department if you have questions.



Watch the Marian website  
for upcoming games and  
special events.  
[www.marian.com](http://www.marian.com)  
Also, check us out on Face-  
book and Twitter



### Family Athletic Passes

Family athletic passes entitling the bearer and his/her spouse and children below high school age admittance to all home regular season athletic events in the 2016-17 school year are on sale in the school office. The cost of the Family Athletic Pass is \$130. Regular game-night admission for athletic contests is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for high school students and senior citizens, and \$2.00 for elementary school students.

Have you noticed the new Hurricane Logo? You'll see this logo used on sports uniforms, spirit wear and more! Speaking of spirit wear, we now have **new spirit wear** available for purchase at the school. Contact our Development Office at x125 to purchase. If you look closely, you'll see that the traditional Marian Crest has changed just a bit. The number of stars has been updated to reflect the number of parishes in the McHenry Deanery which support Marian Central. Go Canes!



## Calendar of Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug	23	Tue	Faculty Institute
	24	Wed	Freshman Orientation; 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM Freshman Parent/Student Welcome Picnic; 6:00 PM
	25	Thu	First Full Day of Classes
Sep	2	Fri	Teacher Institute—No Classes; McHenry Deanery Inservice
	5	Mon	Labor Day; No Classes; Office Closed
	6	Tue	Late Start; Classes Begin 9:05 AM
	20	Tue	Back to School Night; 7:00 PM Half Day Teacher Inservice; Noon Dismissal
	24	Sat	NHS Inductions; 7:00 PM
	26	Mon	Senior Girls Pictures
	27	Tue	Senior Boys Pictures Mid-Term Grades Posted
	30	Fri	Freshman Retreat
Oct	3	Mon	Homecoming Week
	4	Tue	Late Start; Classes Begin 9:05 AM
	7	Fri	Homecoming Game v. Carmel; 7:30 PM Hall of Fame Induction Halftime
	8	Sat	Homecoming Dance; 7:30 PM—10:30 PM
	10	Mon	Columbus Day; No School; Office Closed
	11	Tue	Teacher Institute—No Classes; McHenry Deanery Inservice
	15	Sat	Fathers' Club All Night Bingo
	19	Wed	Frosh, Soph & Jr Standardized Tests Seniors College Visit Day
	20	Thu	Underclassmen Pictures Tri-M Inductions; 7:00 PM
	21	Fri	Grandparents Mass; 8:55 AM Fall Play; 7:00 PM
	22	Sat	Fall Play; 7:00 PM
	23	Sun	Fall Play Matinee; 2:00 PM
	27	Thu	Quarter Exams—Periods 1, 3, 7 9
	28	Fri	Quarter Exams-Periods 2, 4-6, 8; 10:40 AM Dimissal

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