



Hurricane Pride

Being Involved at Marian Central Catholic is your Step to
Success

Marian Central Catholic welcomes you as a student! We at Marian Central Catholic hope that you will become INVOLVED. By being involved, you will be taking steps that will help you become successful as you improve and grow as a total person.

Your Spiritual Needs
Your Mind
Your Body
Your Social Skills
Your Teambuilding Skills
Your Leadership Skills

To help you do this, Marian Central Catholic has a number of co-curricular activities in which you can participate and enjoy. Eighty percent of our student body now participates in one or more of these activities, clubs, organizations, or sports.

Athletic Activities

Marian Central competes in the Suburban Christian Conference and adheres to the rules and regulations of the Conference and the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). The school offers no co-ed sports. The following is a list of the interscholastic sports that are offered at Marian:

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Boys	Cross-country Football Golf Soccer	Basketball Wrestling	Baseball Tennis Track
Girls	Cross-country Golf Tennis Volleyball Dance Team Cheerleading	Basketball Dance Team Cheerleading	Soccer Softball Track

The Co-Curricular Program

At Marian, learning and scholarship are central. All other endeavors flow from this central purpose. The co-curricular program is offered in line with the educational philosophy that academics come first, but that the co-curricular program is an integral part in the educational process of high school students. As stated in the Marian Central Catholic School Philosophy, a goal of the school is “to provide student leadership opportunities within the school community.”

With this theme in mind, the co-curricular program with its various types of activities has been established. Students are encouraged to become involved in as many activities as practical.

Academic

Engineering Club
French Honor Society
Future Business Leaders of America
Math Team
National Honor Society
IHSA Scholastic Bowl
Spanish Honor Society
Tri-M Honor Society
W.Y.S.E. Team

Art

Art Club

Activities/Non-IHSA

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Club Med
Fencing Club
Fit Club
Outdoor Club
Theater Club

Debate / Politics

Gavel / Model United Nations
Student Council / Class Officers

Literary / Writing

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Yearbook

Music

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Jazz Choir
Madrigal Choir
Pep Band
Pit Orchestra
Spring Musical

Performance

Fall Play
Spring Musical
Variety Show

IHSA Fishing

Bass Fishing

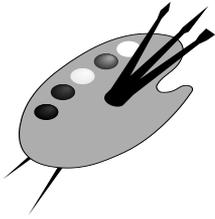
Service

ATTACC
Friends of Rachel
Key Club
Marian Mentors (MCMs)

Spiritual

Project Hope
Respect for Life Awareness

The following pages hold a synopsis of these activities.



Art Club

Marian's Art Club is an opportunity for students to be involved in art and have fun at the same time. This club is a great chance for any student to be creative. Art Club members do not have to be enrolled in Marian's art classes to participate.

To further enhance the students' artistic abilities, the Art Club has had numerous artists from McHenry County come to speak to club members about the various aspects of being an artist. The club meets weekly.

ATTACC

ATTACC is Marian's student-run safe driving program. ATTACC stands for Adolescents Teaching Teens About Combating Collision. The group is involved with state wide programs through which they perform seatbelt checks to see how many students are wearing their seatbelt. The group applies for grants to help them promote the vital message of safe driving. These programs provide initiatives to motivate students to drive safely and make good choices when they get behind the wheel. The group communicates the vital message of how important it is to drive safely through sporting events, assemblies and posters around the school.

Bass Fishing



Bass fishing became an IHSA sanctioned activity in 2009. Starting in the spring, students will meet on a weekly basis to learn fishing techniques, go fishing, and enjoy the outdoors. Our practice and instructional training will prepare students to compete in local bass fishing tournaments and also the IHSA tournament in the spring. The club is open to all students of all ability levels and complete in IHSA tournaments.

Chess Club

The primary function of the Marian Central Chess Club is to create an organization where students can learn, practice, and enjoy the game of chess. Our intent is to promote the strategic and mental excellence of the students at Marian Central. The club will accept all willing participants regardless of skill level or experience. We expect that some of the members will have no prior knowledge regarding how to play chess, and as a result, one of the club's major functions is to help teach the game. The club will meet biweekly. All materials are supplied.

Club Med

Marian Centrals' Club Med is open to any student who is interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. Club Med will offer members the opportunity to hear guest speakers who are prominent medical professionals. These professionals will expose students to a variety of medical careers. Students having interaction with healthcare professionals will gain knowledge in their expected area of study making it easier for them to choose a career path. Club Med will be equally valuable to underclassmen. Club Med's council will advise students on picking the right university to study medicine. We will also introduce students to opportunities for summer internships in which they may participate. Club Med will organize medical related service projects throughout the year.

Engineering Club

The Engineering Club is intended for high school students who have interest in any of the branches of engineering. The Engineering Club will be of interest to high school students who are considering a career in engineering and wish to learn more about the nature and challenges of engineering profession. The Engineering Club will cover introductory material explicitly from the following engineering sub disciplines: chemical engineering, civil engineering, computer and electronic engineering, control systems engineering, electrical engineering, materials engineering, structural engineering, aerospace engineering and mechanical engineering.

Fall Play

The annual fall play gives our students the opportunity to demonstrate skills and talents in acting and technical pursuits. Our theatrical performances are dramatic and/or comic in genre and they are featured for two consecutive evenings in early November.

Our actors portray a wide variety of characters, both male and female and within a wide range of ages. Our technicians and stage crew handle sound, lights, set construction, publicity, special effects, make-up, and costumes. Cast and crew participants are responsible for creating the fall play T-shirt design, and all participants receive Thespian Points toward induction into the International Thespian Society.

Fencing

At Marian Central, fencing is a non-IHSA winter activity running from November to mid-February. Fencers purchase their own practice equipment – a foil, mask, fencing jacket, pants, and an equipment bag. During the season, we practice three nights a week after school. Boys' and girls' squads earn varsity and junior varsity letters/numerals in three weapons – foil, epee, and saber. In a twenty-five meet season, we fence one dual meet a week and compete in invitational meets held on Saturdays.

Fit Club

Fit Club, improving mind, body and spirit through exercise and healthy habits. The goal of this club is to educate Marian students and staff about the importance of health and fitness, and to organize events and activities that will support a healthy lifestyle. From trail runs to nutrition, from Cross-Fit to intramural sports, this club has it all. Both staff and students are welcome to join our bi-monthly Wednesday meetings.

French Honor Society



The French Honor Society gives special recognition to those students who are at least of sophomore class standing and have attained an “A” in French for at least three consecutive quarters. The members take part and lead activities for our Eighth Grade Visit Day. They help organize activities and displays for Foreign Language Week in March. Our induction ceremony takes place in the spring and is usually followed by a celebration at a local French Restaurant.

Friends of Rachel (FOR) Club

The main goal of the club is to create a permanent culture of compassion, kindness and respect throughout our school. Rachel Scott, at 15-years-old was the first student killed in the Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999. In partnership with the national non-profit organization,

Rachel's Challenge, students in this club perform activities that continue a chain reaction of kindness and respect in our school and community, just as Rachel herself did. Some projects we are involved in are welcoming new students, noticing everyday acts of kindness through our Chain Links of Kindness, weekly challenges that encourage compassion called Rachel's Challenge of the Week, and encouraging the interaction of students to get to know more about each other. All are invited to attend our weekly meetings.

Future Business Leaders of America

Future Business Leaders of America is a nationally recognized organization that introduces students to the business world and the possibilities that lie within. Through this organization we explore careers, participate in leadership conferences, organize field trips and invite members of the surrounding business community to come speak to the organization. This is a student run organization, in which members meet on a weekly basis. By joining FBLA, students open themselves up to the possibility to continue their involvement in their collegiate career.

Jazz Band

The Marian Jazz Band is an extension of the concert band. Students in this group must be active participants in the school's music program. This group practices one day a week during the regularly scheduled band period. The Jazz Band performs at the two school concerts during the year and for the community when invited. Membership is through audition or at the recommendation of the director.

Jazz Choir

This musical group is open to all students through audition. They perform pop- and jazz-style music and dance.

The group performs during the Christmas and spring musical concerts and wherever else they are invited to perform. Typically, one or two senior students direct the group and rehearsals are held before school two days a week.

Gavel / Model United Nations

Gavel/Model United Nations is a nation-wide organization, participated in by high schools from almost every state. At Marian, we hold monthly events, such as debates, impromptu speaking contests, and mock trials. Topics for debate cover a variety of current topics, both political and cultural. Mock trails are similar to actual judicial trails. After a group of students stages a "crime," others students research and execute their roles as lawyers, professional witnesses, and judges.

Annually, the club attends up to four conventions with other high schools from our territory and across the country. Conventions are wonderful opportunities for students to practice public speaking, discuss current issues, and meet people from culturally diverse backgrounds. These conventions generally include Winter Congress in Washington, DC; Model United Nations in Chicago, IL; and a debate convention in Madison, WI. Gavel is a very exciting activity for any student. It is open to everyone.

Key Club

The Key Club is a student-led, international organization providing its members with opportunities to serve the community and school, build character, and develop leadership skills. This vehicle of service develops competent, capable, and caring leaders.

Key Club promotes human and spiritual values, rather than the material values, in life. Members are encouraged to live by the Golden Rule in human relationships and to apply higher standards in scholarship, sportsmanship, and social contacts. The primary focus of Key Club is creating well-rounded citizens who are capable of navigating through the rigors of life.

Marian Central Mentor Program

The Marian Central Mentor Program is a two year program beginning with a comprehensive transition, orientation and mentoring program welcoming the new students and their parents to Marian. The connections and skills introduced freshman year are further developed sophomore year to create strong upper classmen leaders.

New mentors (MCMs) are chosen through a rigorous nomination and application process at the end of the school year. All future juniors and seniors are considered for this mentor group. The MCMs receive professional training and support materials to run freshmen orientation Day, all subsequent extended homeroom days, and various school sponsored social activities.

The mentor transition program creates positive connections between upper-classmen and underclassmen, and their parents. The program's effects are still felt long after the Orientation Day, as the connections between the new student blossoms into a positive relationship throughout their years at Marian.

Literary Magazine

The Muse is Marian's literary magazine. At the beginning of the year, all interested students have the opportunity to sign up as "student-editors." Student-editors meet with the magazine's sponsor about once a month. These students help in choosing which poems, narratives, non-fiction pieces, and artwork will be included in the magazine's eventual publication.

The Muse accepts submissions on three different occasions during the regular school year. Submissions are critically judged on their theme, appearance, and content. *The Muse* stresses individuality, a strong voice, and a love for our faith and beliefs. As a staff, our goal is to design a finished product that students will be proud to have helped create and that will transcend through time. The finished product is available for purchase at the end of the year.

Madrigal Choir

The Madrigals are open to all students through audition. This choral group represents the most advanced of Marian's music students.

English Renaissance music is performed and members dress in period costumes. All music is sung acapella. Rehearsals are held three days a week before school.

Math Club

Marian's Math Club consists of students from all levels who enjoy math competition. The regional competition occurs at Rock Valley College in Rockford in February each year. There are individual written competitions in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus in that everyone participates. There are two-person, eight-person, and calculator team competitions as well. Each student may compete in as many as three different areas, one individual and two team competitions.

The students who do very well can qualify for the state competition held in Champaign, IL in May. The club has meetings prior to regional competition to discuss and solve problems from previous competitions.



Character
Scholarship
Leadership
Service

National Honor Society

Marian Central's chapter of the National Honor Society is founded upon the principles of scholastic achievement, outstanding character, leadership, and service to the community. Members are expected to uphold Christian values, serving as leaders among their peers and the community at large. As students, members of the National Honor Society strive to continue their intellectual growth and use their knowledge to enlighten the lives of others. Most importantly, members are dedicated to aiding the impoverished and working to improve the community wherever there is a need. Selected students are inducted during their junior or senior years.

Outdoor Club

Outdoor Club is for all students at Marian Central. You can join by simply participating in any of the many activities that are held throughout the year.

We canoe; backpack, single-track mountain bike, and rock climb in the fall. During the winter, we ski and snowboard, rock climb, and play paintball. In the spring we continue playing paintball and resume backpacking, single-track mountain biking, archery and begin rock climb outdoors. We are always looking for new activities to participate in, so when you attend a bi-weekly meeting, please bring your ideas.

Each year we tailor our activities to student interests. You can participate in one or all of our activities. You decide. We do not hold fundraisers during the year, so activities are self-funded. Do not be afraid to try something new. We offer training from experts in each activity. Join us any time of the year.



Pep Band

This musical group is mandatory for all students in the instrumental program. The pep band performs for many of the home varsity-level football, volleyball, and boys' and girls' basketball sporting events throughout the fall and winter seasons. Part of the students' grades is based on attendance at these events.

Pit Orchestra

This select group of musicians supplies the music for the school's annual Spring Musical. Selection for this group is by invitation only and is based on performance, dedication, and the needs dictated by the music. The group rehearses after school for the two months prior to the musical.

Project Hope

Project Hope is a service organization at Marian Central. We carry out service projects that meet the needs of those less fortunate members of our community and the world. These projects are student directed and student run. Students have the opportunity to make a positive difference in people's lives. Some of our major annual projects include a Thanksgiving Food Drive to stock the local food pantries; Make a Difference Day Drive to raise supplies for shelters; Salvation Bell Ringing during the holidays; monthly dinners prepared and served to the PADS shelter; Marian representatives traveling to Washington, DC for March for Life; a "dress down" day organized to fund a Catholic School in Haiti; a winter coat drive; visits to the elderly; and babysitting for abuse shelters.

Respect for Life Awareness Group

This organization is open to all students of all grade levels. Our goal is simply to raise awareness about *life* oriented issues that arise in our society and to offer for consideration the stance of the Catholic Church on these sensitive, yet objective issues.

We desire to help our fellow students inform themselves with unbiased facts about abortion, unjust violence, etc. so that they, themselves, can form their own moral conscience having been well informed. Likewise, we strive to keep our student body informed about current governmental or societal situations in which *life* is offended. We meet every month at a general meeting to discuss new initiatives and projects that bolster each of us in understanding our own dignity as children of God.

Scholastic Bowl

Marian Central's Scholastic Bowl Team is an IHSA recognized activity that competes with other schools in a quiz bowl-style competition. Teams face tossup questions in math, science, social studies, language arts, fine arts, and other miscellaneous topics. Correct tossup answers lead to bonus questions, worth twice the value of tossups.

Matches range from sixteen to twenty-four tossup questions. Marian's team competes in both two-school matches and full-day tournaments featuring dozens of teams. All interested students are welcome to tryout in the fall.

S.M.A.R.T. Club

Students of Marian Acting Responsibly Together

The S.M.A.R.T. Club focuses on the promotion of healthy living styles among teens. This club strives to both positively model the overall benefits of abstaining from negative behavior, as well as exposing the dangers and consequences of hazardous and unhealthy life choices.

The topics explored and presented during the school year include: anti-drug and alcohol awareness, safe driving practices, the consequences of promiscuousness, and the hazards of tobacco.

This club will conduct several individual campaigns throughout the year including: Red Ribbon Week, the Prom Promise, Kick Butts Campaign and Pray for the Children.

Additionally, the S.M.A.R.T. Club works with established organizations such as Tobacco Free Kids, Operation Snowball, IDEA, Operation Click and Teen Reality of McHenry County.

Meetings are held on a bi-weekly basis, with a more intense schedule during individual campaign drives.

Student Council

Marian's Student Council strives to be the representative voice of the entire student body. This organization provides leadership roles within the school and within the local community. It consists of a student-elected executive board and seven student-elected representatives from each class year.

The purpose of the organization is to:

1. help protect the spirit, reputation, and Christian principles of our school,
2. promote and increase the spirit of goodwill between all groups involved at Marian,
3. be accepted and respected as the representative organization for each and every student at Marian,
4. be a source for student involvement in school operations,
5. work with the administration and help to plan certain school activities,
6. strengthen the image of Marian by working with other schools as well as the neighboring community, and
7. promote the understanding of good democratic government

The key activities of the Marian Student Council have historically included: planning activities for the Beginning of School Activity Night; Homecoming activities, the Powder Puff football game, pep rallies, a yearly blood drive, the school's recycling program, and collecting for the Needy Family Christmas Drive.

Spanish Honor Society

La Sociedad Honoraria Hispànica is an honor society for Spanish students. To qualify for membership, students must achieve an “A” in Spanish for three consecutive semesters, hold an “A-” overall average in Spanish, and have at least a 3.5 GPA. New members are inducted during Foreign Language Week in March. The ceremony, completely in Spanish, includes a history of Los Reyes Católicos (The Catholic Kings), the Marian chapter of the society, which was named for Rey Fernando and Reina Isabell, the catholic king and queen of Spain. In addition, inductees pledge to continue their high standards in the study of the Spanish language with an oath and the lighting of candles.

Students must continue these standards in upper level Spanish courses to be recognized with patches and a pin for a 3-year member. As members, students plan and participate in future induction ceremonies and Foreign Language Week events. Additionally, they are encouraged to tutor students who need assistance in the language and apply their knowledge and enthusiasm of the Spanish language and culture.

Spring Musical

The spring musical provides students with many opportunities to participate in a large-scale theater presentation. Our production highlights actors, actresses, singers, and dancers on stage. Student musicians in our pit orchestra accompany each show. Students build and paint the many sets required by each show. Members of our sound and lighting crews design lighting plans, handle sound effects, and manage our complex sound system. They staff the tech booth for performances.

The backstage running crew changes sets for each scene, handles props, assists actors, and keeps the production running smoothly. Anyone who wants to participate is encouraged to become involved in the musical in some capacity, either on or off the stage. Everyone is welcome.

Student Newspaper

The Student Newspaper *The Crown* offers students the opportunity to use their voice in a unique way. Headed by one editor-in-chief and several section editors, staff meetings occur once a quarter, while editors meetings and layout meetings occur several times a quarter. There are varieties of ways in which students can become involved. Reporters are needed to cover the sports, entertainment, and features beats, while writers are needed to fill the editorial pages. Photographers can lend their skills to every section of the newspaper, and those with great design and computer skills can assist with layout.



The Crown is a forum for students to express their opinions as well as share their formal writing talent. The newspaper staff welcomes anyone during any quarter that wishes to contribute. All responsibilities are assigned at the general staff meetings. The editors, who are chosen every year, work on ideas for stories and reports, but all staff members are encouraged to contribute. Anyone may apply for these section editor positions.

Theater Club

The Theater Club brings together students who are interested in all aspects of theater. Members include actors, actresses, singers, dancers, sound and lighting technicians, backstage running crews, set builders make-up and costume assistants, and anyone interested in theater.



Students participate in and support all Marian theater productions such as the fall play, the spring musical, the variety show, and the theater showcase and presentation of scenes from *Romeo and Juliet* during the Eighth Grade Visit Day.

Activities include presentations on theater-related topics by people from the community. All students from every grade level are encouraged to participate.

Tri-M Music Honor Society

The Tri-M Music Honor Society motivates students, recognizes their efforts, and honors their musical accomplishments. Tri-M strives to give its chapters the opportunity to:

- (a) provide an appropriate method of recognizing musical achievement,
- (b) strengthen school music programs,
- (c) help students reach their full musical potential,
- (d) motivate and recognize students' musical and personal achievements beyond the incentives of credit and grades,
- (e) encourage instrumental and vocal students to work together towards common goals,
- (f) present an inspiration and challenge to music students, and
- (g) focus public attention to school music programs throughout communities.

One of the major fundraising projects for the year is our annual Valentine's Day flower sale. The money raised goes to help our music department purchase needed equipment.

Variety Show

The Variety Show, held every spring, offers students an opportunity to display their many talents to the public. Students are encouraged to perform in a "variety" of ways, which may include solo instrument or singing ensembles, skits, and dance routines. While these are the most traditional acts, new talents are always welcome.

Auditions are held four to five weeks before the show. Cast members then rehearse one to three nights a week in preparation for their performance. The culminating event is a two-hour program open to the community where the students display their talents.

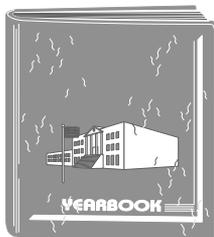
W.Y.S.E. (World Youth Science and Engineering) Team

Marian's W.Y.S.E. team is one of hundreds of science and engineering clubs from participating high schools in several states. The objective of our club is to offer opportunities for students interested in science and engineering-related careers to compare their knowledge and related capabilities to other students with similar interests. Students, who are selected for their excellent academic achievement, are tested in competition with others. Testing becomes increasingly competitive as competition progresses from the regional level, through the sectional level, and onto the state level. Prior to testing, students are encouraged to brush up on their skills and practice in their specific individual interest areas. The test subject options available to students are biology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, English, computer science, and computer graphing (including computer aided design).

Writer's Society – *Le Nom de Plume*

Le Nom de Plume is Marian's own unique organization for experienced and aspiring writers. Meetings offer a chance for discussion and feedback concerning works-in-progress. We also keep ourselves busy with weekly writing prompts. Members are encouraged to experiment with areas of writing beyond their comfort zone. We encourage variety, and welcome everything from poetry to screenplays! Whether you're a writer of fiction or nonfiction – or you simply have tons of ideas and need a place to begin – this accommodating group is always open to new members! Meetings are biweekly; walk-ins always welcome.

Yearbook



Students in a class called Publications and students who volunteer their time produce the *Memorare*, Marian's yearbook, which comes out each fall.

The yearlong Publications course is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and it may be repeated with permission from the instructor. Students learn journalistic writing, basic photography skills, and computer layout techniques. In addition to class work, students are required to attend after school meetings periodically to meet publication deadlines and coordinate their work with yearbook staff members who are not part of the class.