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# Marian Connection

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This is the final edition of our newsletter for the 2014-15 school year. This edition includes information about the events upcoming in the remainder of the school year as well as those scheduled during the summer months. We have also posted on our web site an abbreviated calendar for the 2015-16 school year so that you can begin to plan ahead. In May we will send out through regular mail information to parents regarding book buy-back and the parish certification form for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. In June we will send out another mailing to parents with the information and tuition contract forms you will need to fill out and bring/send back to the school in July when making your tuition and fee payments for the 2015-16 school year. The first edition of the newsletter for the 2015-16 school year will be posted on our web site at the beginning of August and will contain information in detail about the new school year. An email notification will be sent to parents when the August edition is posted.

## School Officials Announce New Superintendent



Mr. Michael Kagan, Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, and Fr. Paul White, President of Marian Central's Council of Administration, have announced that Mr. Andreas Edmondson has been appointed by Bishop David Malloy to serve as Marian's superintendent beginning July 1, 2015. Mr. Edmondson replaces Mr. Thomas Landers who has served in this capacity since 1983 and will be retiring as of June 30, 2015. For the past four years Mr. Edmondson has served as the Principal, Chief Administrative Officer, of Newman Central Catholic High School in Sterling, Illinois. Prior to his work at Newman Central Catholic, he served for four years as Assistant Principal at Challand Middle School and then Principal for three years of Lincoln Elementary School, both in Sterling. Mr. Edmondson received both his Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Secondary Social Studies as well as his Masters degree in Educational Leadership from Western Illinois University. He and his wife, Becki, also a Western Illinois University graduate and a kindergarten teacher in the Sterling School District, are the parents of two sons and a daughter. We welcome Mr. Edmondson and his family to Marian Central.

## *Leo and Jean Cooney Estate Gift*

In December Marian Central was the recipient of an estate gift of \$250,000 from Leo and Jean Cooney of Woodstock. We are extremely grateful for this very generous gift from Mr. and Mrs. Cooney who have been supporters and benefactors of the school's many efforts since its inception in 1959. This gift will become a memorial scholarship endowment account in the Rockford Diocesan Foundation. The gift will be safeguarded throughout the life of the school with the earnings from the account available to be withdrawn for tuition assistance for Marian students.



In fact, this is the second such gift Mr. and Mrs. Cooney have made to help families in their quest to have their children attend Marian Central. In 2002, Mr. and Mrs. Cooney set up their first endowed scholarship account in the Diocesan Foundation to provide Marian Central scholarships to students from families belonging to their home parish, St. Mary, Woodstock. Since that time, that endowment has provided tens of thousands of dollars of assistance to St. Mary parishioner families. The earnings from the new account will be made available to families whose students graduate from the Catholic elementary schools in McHenry County. At Marian Central we remember and pray daily for the repose of the souls of Mr. and Mrs. Cooney and all of our school's deceased benefactors as well as pray for our living benefactors.

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## **End of Year Schedule, School Vacation Days & Early Dismissal**

All students will be dismissed at 12:00 PM on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – there is an afternoon teacher institute on that day and the junior/senior prom scheduled that evening. On Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be no school and the office will be closed for Memorial Day. On Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, seniors will take semester exams for periods 1 & 2 and will be dismissed at 10:35 AM. On Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, seniors will take their semester exams for periods 3 through 7 with dismissal at 11:55 AM. On Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, seniors will take their semester exams for periods 8 & 9 with dismissal at 10:35 AM. All freshmen, sophomores and juniors will have full days of classes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. All freshmen, sophomores and juniors will take their semester exams for periods 1 & 2 on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> with dismissal at 10:45 AM. They will take their semester exams for periods 3 through 7 on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> with dismissal at 12:05 PM; and will take their semester exams for periods 8 & 9 on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> after which they will be dismissed for summer vacation at 10:45 AM. There are no excused absences for family vacations during the week of semester exams. Make your plans for the end of the school year in accordance with our schedule. Also, parents are advised that the school does not sanction, grant, or condone "skip" or "ditch" days of any kind. In the event a student would choose to do so, s/he is recorded as being truant and receives an unexcused absence for the day which results in an "F" grade for each class missed as well as being assigned a Saturday detention.

## Tuition Payment Options for 2015-16

The June letter, which will be sent by snail mail to parents of students, will contain the tuition payment options as well as the Tuition Contract for the 2015-16 school year. Next school year we will continue to offer various payment options and incentives which many families took advantage of during the current year. Families who choose to prepay their entire tuition by July 15<sup>th</sup> will receive a 3% discount. All families who choose other payment options – semester, quarterly, or monthly – are to make their initial tuition down-payment by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Payments can be made by credit card, check or cash.

The school will provide two methods for making fees and tuition pre- or down-payments for the upcoming 2015-16 school year.

1. Payments can be made online through the school web site. Families who choose this option are also to fill out and submit the online school forms at the time of making payment.
2. Payments can be made in person at the school office. **Families who choose to make these payments in person are to do so according to the following schedule:**
  - Those families who wish to take advantage of the 3% discount are to come to the school on Tuesday or Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM to make their tuition and fee payments.
  - Families who choose one of the other payment options are to come to the school on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM or on Friday July 31<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM to make their fee and one-half or one-quarter tuition down-payment.

## Tuition-End of Year

Council of Administration policy states, "No student will be allowed to take second semester exams unless his/her tuition and any other fees are paid in full. There are no exceptions to this policy at the end of the second semester." Tuition statements were sent at the beginning of April to all families that still had tuition balances due. Statements will be sent again at the end of April to any family whose tuition is in arrears at that time. All financial obligations must be paid prior to the second semester exams scheduled to begin on May 26<sup>th</sup> for seniors and May 29<sup>th</sup> for freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

## Tuition Assistance Program

Application forms for the 2015-16 tuition assistance program are still available. Families who wish to apply for assistance are to use the link on the front page of the school's web site, click on "Financial Assistance Applications", fill out the necessary forms and submit them online to Private School Aid Service. The deadline for submitting application forms is May 1, 2015, so time is short. For further information regarding the program, please contact the bookkeeper, Mrs. Peggy Murwin or Mr. Thomas Landers, Superintendent.



## Hurricane Happenings



The annual Variety Show is scheduled in the auditorium on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy the variety of talents of our students that evening. Tickets are \$5.00 for all ages and will be sold at the door.

### Spring Sports Awards

The spring sports awards night for student athletes who will have participated in this spring's program has been moved to Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and will take place in the auditorium.

### Spring Music Concerts

The annual Spring Music Concerts will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM each evening in our auditorium. Tuesday's event will be the choral concert and the instrumental concert will take place on Wednesday. Come and enjoy an evening of musical entertainment.

### Summer Sports/Academic Camps

There is a link on the front page of our web site for information about the many athletic and academic camps our staff will be hosting throughout the summer months. We encourage current and future Hurricanes to take part in these camps. Individual camp brochures can be downloaded. Separate checks for each camp registration are to be made payable to Marian Central and sent to the camp director at the school address.

### Incoming Freshmen Parent/Athlete Orientation

The orientation session for incoming freshmen athletes and their parents will be conducted by the Athletic Director, Mr. Potthoff, on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the auditorium. Parents who are coming to the school to purchase used books and/or uniform items that late afternoon can then move to the auditorium for this 6:00 PM meeting.



### Athletic Department Golf Outing Fundraiser

The annual Athletic Department golf outing will take place on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at Crystal Woods Golf Course at the intersection of Routes 176 and 47 south of Woodstock. This fun day of golf and companionship is the major fundraiser for the Athletic Department. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase equipment and uniforms for the school's athletic teams. All friends of Marian are invited to take part in this fun day. Please join us! See the attached flyer for further details.



## Prom 2015

*The annual Junior/Senior Prom will take place at The Cotillion in Palatine on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. All students will be dismissed at 12:00 P.M. on that day. There is a teacher institute scheduled in the afternoon. Coach buses will leave the school parking lot at approximately 6:00 P.M. to transport the students to the prom. The dinner and dance concludes at 12:00 A.M. at which time students will be bused back to school with an anticipated arrival time of 12:45 A.M. Students attending prom are to arrive at school after 4:30 P.M. Parents are invited to come to the school at this time to take photos of your students and their friends.*

## Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2015



Commencement exercises for the Class of 2015 will take place as follows: The Honors Day Assembly is scheduled on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM. Baccalaureate Mass for the Class of '15 is scheduled on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The graduation ceremony will take place on Friday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. These three events will take place in the Landers Pavilion.

With the final days of their high school careers at Marian Central rapidly approaching, the administration, faculty, and staff express best wishes to the members of the Class of 2015!

## *"A Walk Through the Emerald Isle"*

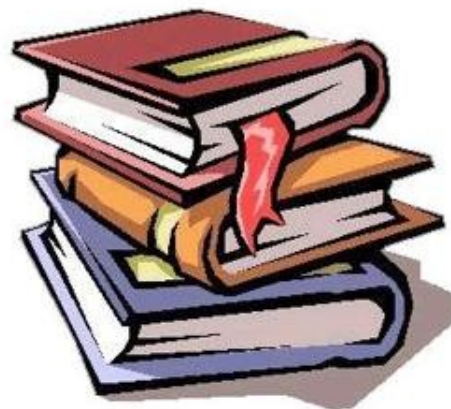
### Dinner Auction Results

Once again this year our dinner auction benefit was very successful. Nearly four hundred people came to the school on the evening of March 14<sup>th</sup>. As a result, we believe our community building goal was successfully achieved. In addition, we achieved financial net proceeds of over \$70,000 according to preliminary reports. Thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered, as well as made donations and/or purchases. Special thanks to all who assisted in the planning and organizing of the event, especially the General Chairpersons Nick & Kellie Bucci and Bob & Jenn Seegers as well as Honorary Chairpersons Jeff & Julie Rhodes and Tony & Helen Wember. Based upon the feedback we have received, people were generally pleased with the organization and execution of the event as well as with the fact that it was a casual dress affair. Anyone who would like to offer further feedback regarding the activity is invited to email their input to our development office: [devoffice@marian.com](mailto:devoffice@marian.com). The winner of the \$3,000 cash raffle drawing was Elva Le. Congratulations to our winner and thanks to all who purchased tickets. Most of the net proceeds from the evening will be deposited in the school's tuition assistance fund to be drawn upon in 2015-16 by families who demonstrate need. A full report on how Development Department fundraising proceeds will be expended in 2015-16 will be included in the annual report that will be published and distributed in September.



## Book Buy Back

The mid-May mailing that we will be sending to parents will contain, among other things, the following information: a) a listing of the books that the school will buy back at the end of the 2014-15 school year; and b) a list of the textbooks needed for each course in the 2015-16 school year to be used in making textbook purchases. Book buy back will take place at the time of semester exams. Students who desire to sell textbooks back to the school must turn them in to their classroom teachers when they take their final exams. Seniors are to put their names on an ENVELOPE and place it inside the book front cover when it is turned in on the day of the final exam. Seniors will have the envelopes returned with the money for the texts when they receive their diplomas following the graduation ceremony. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are to put their names on the 3 x 5 form which will be provided by the school and place it inside the book front cover when it is turned in on final exam day. The money for books sold back by freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be applied as a tuition credit for the 2015-16 school year. At the end of June, the bookkeeper will mail statements to all families of students who sell books back to the school indicating the amount of credit which will be applied toward the 2015-16 tuition.



## Used and New Textbook Purchases for 2015-16

The procedures that will be used by parents for the purchase of used and new textbooks for 2015-16 are as follows. Regarding the purchase of used texts from the school – the school will be selling the used books it purchases back from the students at the end of the year. We will conduct our used book sales on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Parents of incoming freshmen are welcome to begin purchasing any texts the school has available at 5:00 PM on that day; all other families will begin purchasing at 5:30 PM.

Regarding the purchase of new and other used texts – families can order new and other used textbooks online beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> from the school's official book store, Missouri Book Service (MBS). You can access this online bookstore from Marian's web site by clicking on "Student Life" and then from the left side menu click on "Bookstore". Textbooks will be sent directly from MBS to the parents. MBS will provide free shipping on orders placed between July 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Parents are encouraged to order these textbooks far enough in advance to be assured of their students receiving their textbooks in August prior to the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.

# Important Information

## Dennis Uniform Purchases for 2015-2016

The school uniform items for 2015-16 – sweaters, polo shirts, and slacks – will be the same as the current school year and will once again be purchased from Dennis Uniform Company, the school's only official school uniform provider. P.E. uniforms will also be purchased through Dennis Uniform Company. Representatives from the company will be at Marian in the main gymnasium to assist families with fittings on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. This is the same day that the sale of used textbooks will take place. The representatives will have a supply of uniform and P.E. items here at Marian that families can purchase and take home. Families of incoming freshmen as well as current families who may have a need to order replacement uniform items are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity so that students will be prepared for the beginning of the 2015-16 school year. Families can also order uniform and P.E. items from Dennis through Marian's web site by clicking on "Parents" and then from the left side menu click on "Uniforms".

## 2015-2016 Participating Parishioner Certification

Each school year families belonging to one of the seventeen Catholic parishes in McHenry County must have their pastor certify their participation at the parish in order to receive the lower tuition rate. As announced previously, 2015-16 tuition rates will be as follows: the Standard Tuition Rate will be \$8,375 per student; the Participating Parishioner Tuition Rate will be \$6,255 for the first student from a family; and the tuition rate for families belonging to a Rockford Diocesan Catholic parish outside McHenry County will be \$7,310 per student. The mid-May mailing which will be sent to families will include the "Request for Participating Parish Tuition Rate" form. Information regarding qualifications for receiving the Participating Parish Tuition Rate will also be included in that mailing. Initially, the school will charge all students the Standard Tuition Rate. Families who desire to have their tuition lowered to the Participating Parishioner Tuition Rate for 2015-16 will need to take this form to the Pastor of their McHenry Deanery or Rockford Diocesan Catholic parish for his or his designee's signature. This signed form is to be returned to our school bookkeeper by the family prior to or at the time of making the initial tuition pre- or down-payment. She will then adjust the family's tuition rate to the lower Participating Parishioner Rate.

# From the Counselor's Desk

This is the last newsletter from the Guidance Department for the 2014-2015 school year. The staff of the Guidance Office --- Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Hilton, Mr. Kruse, Mrs. Diamond, and Mr. Taylor --- would like to wish the very best to all of our students and their families for the rest of the current school year and for the coming summer vacation!

## *Seniors*

Graduation is almost upon us. It's hard to believe that your four years of high school are almost over. Congratulations to you seniors for all of your effort and hard work that will result in your graduation! Congratulations to the parents of our seniors for all of the encouragement and support that they have given their students!

Graduates, as you go forward in life after graduation, whether you will be continuing your education, joining the workforce, or entering the military, always believe in yourself and do the very best that you can. May God bless you always.

Shortly after May 1st all seniors will be requested to indicate their final college/university choice on a form from Guidance. This information is needed so that the final transcript will be mailed to the college you plan to attend. Every college requires the final transcript before the college articulation process begins in the fall. Seniors who do not plan to attend college will be requested to indicate their plans as well.

Once seniors have decided which school they will attend next fall, please be sure to notify those schools to which you have been accepted, but are not planning to attend, that you will not be coming to their school. A brief email or letter thanking them for their offer of admission but declining it will suffice. This will allow students who may be on waiting lists an opportunity for admission.

## *Scholarships*

Scholarships will continue to be available in Guidance until the end of the school year. They are posted on the Guidance web page and on a bulletin board in the Guidance Office. Be sure to check with your intended college/university for any scholarships that they may offer. Sometimes departmental scholarships exist for incoming freshmen that are not well publicized.

Seniors are reminded to bring their scholarship offers to the Guidance Office, even if they do not plan to attend the school that offered it. We will make copies of them. The scholarship information is used for Honor's Day and other publications.



## *Juniors*

The ACT test will be administered on April 18, 2015 here at Marian. The ACT results will be mailed to students' homes in a couple of weeks. Any junior who missed the April 18th test or who wishes to retake the ACT on June 13th can register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The deadline for registering for the June 13th test is May 8th. This test will not be administered at Marian Central. Registration for the first ACT test next year on September 12th will be available in July. The registration deadline for the September 12th test is August 7th. Students can register for all upcoming ACT tests online at the ACT web site: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

The next SAT test may be taken on June 6th. The deadline to register for that test is May 8th. Registration information is available in the Guidance Office. Students can register online at the College board web site: [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register). Students are encouraged to take both the ACT and the SAT tests as the formats are different and some students may do better on one versus the other. Most colleges will accept either test score for admission.

Any junior and/or their parents are welcome to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Hilton or Mrs. Reed to assist them in their college selection process.

Juniors are reminded that there may still be some college representatives that will schedule visits during the month of April or May. Please check the board in the Guidance Office or the Guidance web page for dates and times.

## *Freshmen and Sophomores*

The results of the ASPIRE tests that the freshmen and sophomores took last fall will be distributed to them this month. Please ask your student to share their results with you.

### **All students**

All students should be continuing to focus on their classes to maximize their opportunities later.

We would like to remind our students and parents that the Guidance web site is available for use during the summer. There is a lot of information and resources there that hopefully our students and parents will find helpful. The Guidance web site can be found by following the links on Marian's web site --- [www.marian.com](http://www.marian.com). Go to the *Student Life* tab and click on *Guidance Resources*.

# **Congratulations Class of 2015!**



You are cordially invited to attend

**Marian Central Catholic High School's  
Athletic Benefit**

**A Day of Golf & Dinner  
Wednesday, June 17th  
Crystal Woods Golf Club**

**9 AM – Registration**

**10 AM – Shotgun Start**

**\$125 per golfer**

Includes green fees, cart, box lunch, awards, dinner and live auction!

**Dinner and Auction Only is \$30 per person  
3:30 PM**

**WILL FINISH BY 6 PM**  
*Golfers must be 21*

***R.S.V.P. by June 11, 2015***

**Proceeds to benefit Marian Athletic Teams**





**MARIAN CENTRAL ATHLETIC BENEFIT**  
**June 17, 2015**  
**Crystal Woods Golf Club**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**I am planning on attending the Athletic Benefit Golf Outing ...**

**Golfers: \$125 each (includes dinner)**

No. of players \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My foursome includes:

Name

Email

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**Dinner Ticket Only:** \_\_\_\_\_ dinner tickets: **\$30 each** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Corporate Sponsorship: \$1,500**

(includes foursome, full-page ad, and hole sponsor sign.)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Hole Sponsors: \$200**

(name in program and hole sponsor sign)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**50/50 - \$10 each OR 6 for \$50 (up to \$2,000 payout)**

Winner does not need to be present. Drawing held June 17, 2015

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Sorry I cannot attend but I would still like to support Marian Athletics...***

**Donation:** Please accept my donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Marian Central Catholic H.S.

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my Visa/Master Card/Discover

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Sec. Code \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form: Marian Central Golf Outing – 1001 McHenry Avenue – Woodstock, IL 60098

**For more information, call 815-338-4220 x125**

# Calendar of Events

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**For Up-To-Date Information on Athletic Events  
Check the Athletic Calendar on Our Web Site**

- Apr 18 Sat ACT Testing; 7:45 AM  
 24 Fri Variety Show; Auditorium 7:00 PM  
 29 Wed Mid-Term Grades Posted
- May 1 Fri All School Mass 8:40 AM  
 12:00 PM Dismissal; Afternoon Teacher In-service  
 Prom – The Cotillion in Palatine until 12:00 AM  
 4 Mon Fine Arts Booster Meeting 3:30 PM  
 5 Tue Parents Association Meeting; 7:00 PM  
 Alumni Board Meeting 7:00 PM  
 7 Thu Academic Honors Breakfast 7:00 AM  
 13 Wed Fine Arts Awards 7:00 PM – Auditorium  
 19 Tue Spring Music Concert; 7:00 PM – Auditorium  
 20 Wed Spring Music Concert; 7:00 PM – Auditorium  
 21 Thu Honors Day All School Assembly 9:00 AM – Landers Pavilion  
 22 Fri Senior Breakfast 8:10 AM – Cafeteria  
 25 Mon Memorial Day – No School; Office Closed  
 26 Tue Senior Semester Exams Periods 1 & 2; 10:35 AM Dismissal  
 27 Wed Senior Semester Exams Periods 3, 4-6, & 7; 11:55 AM Dismissal  
 28 Thu Senior Semester Exams Periods 8 & 9; 10:35 AM Dismissal  
 Baccalaureate Mass 7:00 p.m. – Landers Pavilion  
 29 Fri Fr./So./Jr. Semester Exams Periods 1 & 2; 10:45 AM Dismissal  
 Graduation 7:00 p.m. – Landers Pavilion
- June 1 Mon Fr./So./Jr. Semester Exams Periods 3, 4-6, & 7; 12:05 PM Dismissal  
 2 Tue Fr./So./Jr. Semester Exams Periods 8 & 9; 10:45 AM Dismissal for  
 Summer Vacation  
 8 Mon Dennis Uniform Company Uniform Sales – Landers Pavilion 4:00 – 8:00  
 PM  
 Used Book Sales – Cafeteria  
 Incoming Freshmen 5:00 PM  
 Upperclassmen 5:30 - 6:30 PM  
 Incoming Freshmen Athletes and Parents  
 Athletic Orientation 6:00 PM – Auditorium  
 Spring Sports Awards Night 7:00 PM – Auditorium  
 17 Wed Marian Golf Outing at Crystal Woods Golf Course; 11:00 AM

