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Marian Connection



August, 2015

Welcome to 2015-16...

Dear Marian Community:

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I am please to welcome all students and parents to Marian. The Marian community takes pride in our Catholic faith, high academic standards, and strong activity/athletic programs. It is our goal to build upon these foundations.

To build on these foundations this year, we will begin to implement The National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Elementary & Secondary Catholic Schools. (www.catholicschoolstandards.org). We will work with our McHenry County Deanery schools to create an irresistible K-12 Catholic school system. Finally, we will continue the "Transitioning to the '20's" Strategic Plan with a focus on the areas of improvement that were provided to us by our recently completed AdvancED accreditation process.

This past year the Marian students have done an extraordinary job of earning scholarships. Last year's seniors earned over 24 million dollars in college scholarships. This is a direct result of wonderful partnerships between our teachers and parents here at Marian. This is a result of the efforts made by faculty, staff, alumni, families, and all of the community members that partner with Marian. We have made incredible strides toward achieving our collective goal of creating the best Catholic High School in America.

To be sure, we still have work ahead of us. Despite the progress that we have made we still have many areas that we can continue to improve upon, and we are constantly looking for ways to do so. As we move ahead with the sense of urgency that our families expect and deserve, we cannot expect anything less than 100% of our students graduating from Marian on a path to college and career success that has a deep foundation in our Catholic faith.

Thank you for all that you do,

Andy Edmondson
Superintendent

Staffing Additions for 2015-16

We anticipate overall enrollment to be near 700 for the 2015-16 school year. Please welcome the following new staff to the Marian family.

Mrs. Janice Bannon, Athletic Department Secretary
Mr. Josh Binder, Development Director
Ms. Stephanie Carran, Mathematics
Ms. Betty Carbajal, Mathematics

Mrs. Sandra Chesman, Science
Mr. Mike Maloney, PE/Director of Admissions
Mrs. Alice Roby, Instructional Technology

Handbooks & School Calendars

The 2015-16 *Student Handbook* and *Athletic Handbook* are posted on the school web site. You can access them by clicking on *Forms and Handbooks* on the front page. 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. The 2015-16 abbreviated calendar which shows all of the early dismissals and school holidays can also be accessed from the front page of our website. Our calendar of non-athletic activities – co-curricular, academic, spiritual, etc. – that take place each day is accessible by clicking on the [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.



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. Once there, search by Landmarks and then select Marian Central Catholic. This bus service will begin on Wednesday, August 26th.

Marian has once again contracted with Durham School Bus Service to operate four 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 on Transportation on the front page of our website. 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 26th. Buses will operate on this day. Freshmen are reminded to dress according to the August uniform/dress code. 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 welcoming Freshman and transfer students to Marian. Students are assigned a Mentor to help ease the transition into high school and create positive and meaningful connections throughout the school year.

Welcome to Marian Central
Class of 2019!

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 26th 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.

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.

Freshman Health Examinations

The State of Illinois requires that all freshmen have a complete physical examination. Certain immunizations are also required. Marian 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. Freshmen participating in a fall sport may turn them in to the Athletic Director at the August parent/athlete meeting or to the school office at any time. All athletes, as well as cheerleaders, dance team, bass fishing, lacrosse and fencing team members are subject to this requirement. 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 1st 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. All students should have their examination forms, but, if not, the forms can be downloaded clicking on [Forms and Handbooks](#) on the front page of our website. The completed freshman health examination and immunizations form fulfills the sports physical exam requirement.

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. Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, we will begin using a new system for accessing this information. Details, including long-on information and instructions, will be coming soon to each family.



Remember to keep your student's 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. We use the phone numbers and email addresses you provided to us on the "Emergency Notification Form" you submitted at the time you made your tuition down payment.

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 the *Student Life* page of our website. We still have used texts available for sale in the school office. Students are expected to have their texts on the first day of classes. Students are 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. DeWane Studio will take school yearbook pictures and package pictures for purchase in September and October. Senior portraits will be taken here at the school on September 28th & 29th or can be scheduled at DeWane Studio by calling (815) 338-1880. Pictures for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be taken on October 22nd.

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, of that fact by August 31st and we will honor your directive. Mrs. DiSilvio can be reached at ext. 107 or via e-mail at disilvio@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 for each student you have enrolled.

Did you know....

Prior to October 15th and after April 15th, all students are required to wear the school uniform polo shirt. These shirts are available in red, white, and blue and have the Hurricane logo embroidered in the pocket area. For more information regarding uniforms, check out the student handbook.

Student Schedules/Course Changes

Schedules for the 2015-16 school year were sent to families by regular mail on Friday, August 14th. 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, the 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 freshmen and any other students new to Marian should have ordered and received their school uniform attire as well as physical education shirts and shorts from Dennis Uniform Company. You can access Dennis Uniform Company 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. Dennis Uniform Company is the exclusive school authorized provider of uniform apparel for our students.

Back to School Night

The Annual "Back-to-School Night" has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 22nd. The evening will begin at 7:00 PM in the main gymnasium. 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.

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



Mass is celebrated daily at 2:45 p.m. in the Chapel.
All students, faculty and parents are invited to attend.



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

All athletes, including cheerleading, dance, bass fishing, lacrosse and fencing members, must turn in a completed physical form, emergency form, insurance waiver/handbook agreement form, the IHSA steroid/drug testing consent form, and the IHSA concussion information form before they will be allowed to participate in their team's practices. Freshman physicals, which include the necessary immunizations information for enrollment, will also suffice for athletics.



Watch the Marian
website for upcoming
games and special
events.
www.marian.com



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 2015-16 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.

Calendar of Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug	24	Mon	Faculty Institute
	25	Tue	Faculty Institute
	26	Wed	Freshman Orientation; 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM Freshman Parent/Student Welcome Picnic; 6:00 PM
	27	Thu	First Full Day of Classes
Sep	1	Tue	Parent Organization Executive Board Mtg; 6:30 PM Parent Association Mtg; 7:00 PM Alumni Board Mtg; 7:00 PM
	3	Thu	All School Mass; 8:55 AM
	7	Mon	Labor Day; No School; Office Closed
	15	Tue	Senior Class Mass; 10:45 AM
	16	Wed	Junior Class Mass; 10:45 AM
	17	Thu	Sophomore Class Mass; 10:45 AM
	22	Tue	Half Day; Teacher Inservice; 12:00 PM Dismissal Back-to-School Night; 7:00 PM
	26	Sat	NHS Inductions; 7:00 PM
	28	Mon	Senior Girls Pictures
	29	Tue	Senior Boy Pictures Mid-Term Grades Posted
Oct	2	Fri	Freshmen Class Retreat
	5	Mon	Homecoming Week Fall Play Parent/Participant Meeting; 7:00 PM Fine Arts Booster Mtg; 7:30 PM
	9	Fri	All School Mass; 8:55 AM Alumni Board Mtg; 6:00 PM Homecoming Game v. St. Viator; 7:30 PM Hall of Fame Induction at Halftime
	10	Sat	Homecoming Dance; 7:30 PM
	12	Mon	Columbus Day; No School; Office Closed
	13	Tue	Teacher Institute; No Classes
	14	Wed	PSAT & Aspire Tests College Visit Day for Seniors
	17	Sat	Father's Club All-Night Bingo
	22	Thu	Underclassmen Pictures
	23	Fri	All School Mass; 8:55 AM; Grandparents Invited Fall Play; 7:00 PM
	24	Sat	Fall Play; 7:00 PM
	25	Sun	Fall Play Matinee; 2:00 PM
	26	Mon	Winter Sports Parent/Athlete Mtg; 7:00 PM
	29	Thu	Quarter Exams
	30	Fri	Quarter Exams; 10:40 AM Dismissal

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