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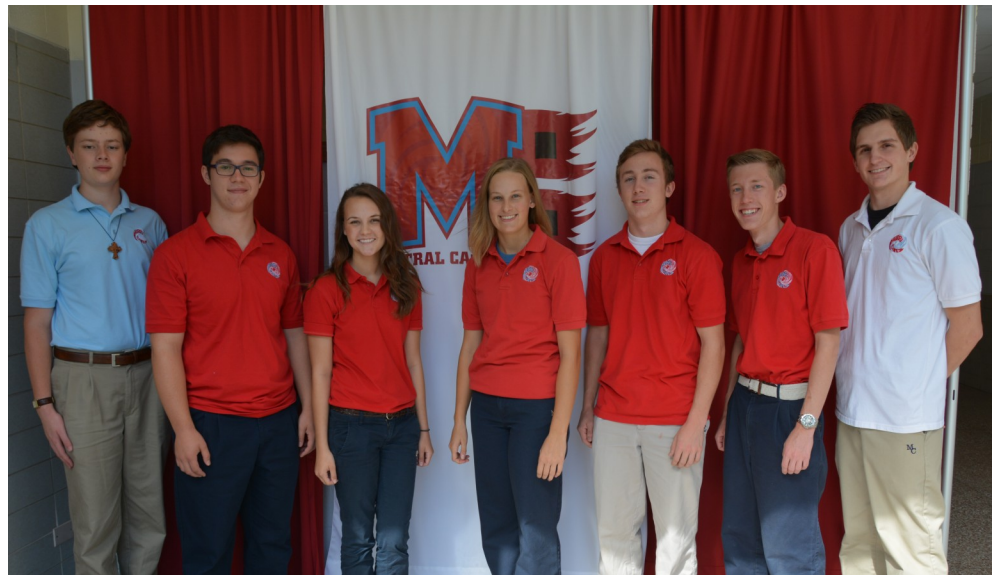


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National Merit Commended Students

Each year the juniors take the PSAT test during the month of October. The results from this test determine those students who qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Seven Marian students were recently named as Commended Students. To qualify for commended student recognition, students must have scored among the nation's top 5 percent of high school seniors.



Pictured are (from left to right): Nickolas Riedel, Shane Redman, Shannon Hoople, Hannah Gillespie, Payson Wilde, Cole Johnson, Lucas Dowell

New Gradebook Access

An email was recently sent to all parents providing login information for Marian's new Parent Portal for accessing grades. In addition, each student now has their own login and password which was sent by mail to their homes. Please contact the Marian office if you have not received this information. Grades can be viewed by clicking on "View Grades" on the home page of the Marian website. Thank you for your patience as we adjust to this new system and its benefits.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday and Tuesday, November 9th and 10th, are the dates on which Parent/Teacher conferences will be held. On Monday the 9th, conference times will be 12:00 until 4:00 PM and from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. On Tuesday the 10th, conference times are 3:00 until 7:00 PM. There are no classes scheduled on these two days. A link will soon be provided through our website that will allow parents to schedule conferences. Watch for a letter in the mail that will provide instructions.

1st Quarter Exams

First quarter exams will be administered on Thursday and Friday, October 29th and 30th. Students will take exams for classes scheduled during periods 1, 3, 7, & 9 on Thursday and periods 2, 4-6, & 8 on Friday. On Thursday, October 29th all classes will meet and school will be dismissed at the regular dismissal time of 2:30 PM. On Friday, October 30th there is an early dismissal at 10:40 AM following the last exam.

TRADITION

8th Grade Visit Day, Open House & Placement Test

On Friday, November 20th, we will bus all 8th graders from the county Catholic schools to Marian for the annual 8th grade visit day. **Eighth graders who currently attend other schools can participate on this day as well.** We ask parents of students who attend public and other private schools to call the school prior to the visit day so that we can plan for these students to be in attendance as well. The annual Open House for all prospective students and their parents is scheduled on Sunday, November 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The placement test for 8th graders who plan to attend Marian as freshmen in the fall of 2016 will be administered on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 8:15 AM. Please encourage prospective students to attend these events. Parents are among the best ambassadors the school has in encouraging other families to become a part of the Marian family.

Early Dismissal and School Vacation Days

Families are reminded of the following early dismissal and school vacation days: **October** – Monday, the 12th is Columbus Day – there will be no school; Tuesday, the 13th is a faculty institute day – no classes will be held on this day; Wednesday, the 14th we will be administering the EDS and PSAT standardized tests to the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors with an early dismissal following the conclusion of the tests. Freshmen and Sophomore testing will end at 11:40 AM; Juniors testing will end at 11:55 AM; Buses will depart at 12:10 PM; seniors will not be in attendance on this day as it has been designated as a college visit day for them; Friday, Oct 30th, is the end of the first quarter with dismissal after the last exam at 10:40 AM. **November** – Monday and Tuesday, the 9th and 10th we have parent/teacher conferences scheduled – no classes on these days; Friday, the 20th is the 8th grade visit day and institute, thus no classes; Wednesday, the 25th school will be dismissed one hour early – 1:30 PM; Thursday & Friday, the 26th and 27th there will be no school and the office will be closed for Thanksgiving vacation. **December** – there is no school Monday, the 21st through Friday, January 1st. **January** – school resumes on Monday, the 4th; semester exams are scheduled on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the 13th, 14th and 15th; school will be dismissed at 10:35 AM on the 14th; 11:50 AM on the 14th and 10:30 AM on the 15th. Monday, the 18th there is no school on Martin Luther King Day. Durham buses depart 10 minutes after dismissal time on all early dismissal days. PACE bus transportation is only available at 2:40 PM including early dismissal days.



Family Vacation Policy

With quarter exams scheduled later this month, please note the following statement from the Student Handbook relative to missing school for vacations and other trips. *“Regular daily attendance is important at Marian Central Catholic High School. Interruptions to the educational process are detrimental to a student’s academic progress. Marian Central does not advocate students missing school. However, a student who anticipates being absent for a vacation, trip or for family/personal purposes must present notification of that intent to the Director of Activities/Dean of Students. Such parent-written notice must be presented a minimum of one week in advance of the planned vacation/trip or family/personal purpose stating the days he/she will be missing school. The student bears the responsibility for all work missed during the time of his/her absence. All students are expected to be in attendance the weeks of quarter and semester exams. The school will excuse absences during these weeks for the following reasons only:*

- Illness on the part of the student
- Serious illness or death in the immediate family
- A major family event such as a wedding, graduation or some similar major event
- A request for absence approved by the Director of Activities/Dean of Students

In the event a student is excused from school the day(s) of quarter or semester exams, in no case will the student be allowed to take his/her exams prior to the scheduled administration of those exams.”

Requests for Early Dismissals/Late Arrivals



Please note the following policy as stated in the Student Handbook.

“Early dismissal permission may be obtained from the Director of Activities/Dean of Students upon written request from the parents. Anytime a student leaves school for any reason, he/she must receive permission from the Director of Activities/Dean of Students and sign out and sign in when he/she returns. Early dismissals are to be obtained in the morning before 8:00 a.m. Such excused absences will be recorded as a minimum of one-half day absent.”

In an effort to provide an uninterrupted learning environment, students who submit a written request to the office by 8:00 AM on the morning the early dismissal is needed will receive a pass to leave class. If the student does not provide the request before 8:00 AM, the office needs to locate and page the student, resulting in interrupted learning time. We understand circumstances arise that do not allow advance notice but when possible, please have your student bring a note to the office so that a pass can be obtained. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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Have you visited Marian Central's new and improved website? Stop by www.marian.com often to read the latest about upcoming events and exciting news! Don't forget to click on the calendar so you don't miss anything! Clicking on an event on the calendar will lead you to additional information about that event when available. You can also pay tuition, buy bus passes and add money to your student's lunch account through the website.

Marian Central is now on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter! You'll find links to these social network sites on the front page of our website. See you there!

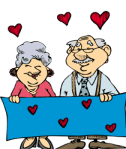


School Pictures



DeWane Studios will be at Marian on Thursday, October 22nd to take pictures of all underclassmen. These are the pictures that will appear in the yearbook and families can also purchase copies. Marian uniforms are to be worn. Picture order forms will be mailed to each home.

Grandparents Mass



Grandparents are invited to the all school mass on Friday, October 23rd at 8:55 AM in Landers Pavilion. Guests have the opportunity to visit with their grandchildren after Mass. A reception will be held in the commons area followed by a tour of the school.

Family Directory



Family Directories are at the printer and will be in the mail soon. In addition to family contact information, it contains the telephone extensions and email addresses of our staff members and of our various parent support group officers.

Fall Sports Awards



The Fall Sports Awards night is scheduled for Monday, November 30th, at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. This is a dress up occasions; jeans and shorts are not allowed. Athletes are required to attend.

Winter Sports

In accord with Illinois High School Association rules, the starting dates for the winter sports are as follows – girls basketball practice and fencing begin on Monday, November 2nd, boys basketball and wrestling practices begin on Monday, November 9th. Coaches will be informing the athletes of the times for their initial practices and the schedule of practice times will be posted on our athletic calendar. The Winter Sports Parent/Athlete meeting with the Athletic Director and the coaches is scheduled on Monday, October 26th at 7:00 PM in Landers Pavilion. Athletes who are not currently participating in a fall sport are reminded that if they have not already done so, they must bring to the meeting the completed physical form, emergency form, insurance waiver/handbook agreement form, the IHSA steroid/drug testing consent form, and the IHSA concussion information form as these must be turned in to the Athletic Director before they will be allowed to participate in their team's practices.



Marian Central Catholic High School
Presents
You Can't Take It With You
A Comedy in Three Acts
by MOSS HART and GEORGE S. KAUFMAN

October 23rd & 24th at 7 pm in the Auditorium
Box Office opens at 6:15 pm
\$8.00 adult; \$4.00 seniors/students

Please join us as our wonderfully talented cast and crew bring you this extraordinary theatre classic. "At first the Sycamores seem mad, but it is not long before we realize that if they are mad, the rest of the world is madder. In contrast to these delightful people are the unhappy Kirbys. The plot shows how Tony, attractive young son of the Kirbys, falls in love with Alice Sycamore and brings his parents to dine at the Sycamore home on the wrong evening. The shock sustained by the Kirbys, shows Alice that marriage with Tony is out of the question. The Sycamores, however, though sympathetic to Alice, find it hard to realize her point of view. Meantime, Tony, who knows the Sycamores are right and his own people wrong, will not give up on her...." Every character within this heart-warming comedy adds to the beautiful dysfunction of the stage, and delivers a timeless message of love, acceptance, and family.

A special invitation goes out to Marian alumni of this specific production, as the 1999 Marian Cast & Crew, as directed by Mrs. Boho & Mr. Brandon, are welcome to two complimentary tickets (available at the box office before the show) and will be recognized by the current cast and crew during the curtain call! Please spread the word and join us for this special Marian Theatre Homecoming!



Development/Fundraising

Marian's Council of Administration has specified that the school conducts only four major fund raising activities so that parents and other supporters of the school are not continuously badgered with financial appeals. The four approved activities include: a) the annual fund appeal; b) the dinner auction; c) the golf outing benefit; and d) the Fathers Club bingo program. Contributions to these efforts are tax deductible and help us keep our tuition and fee charges at reasonable levels.

Annual Fund

The following information pertains to the first two of this year's efforts: The 2015-16 Annual Fund appeal is currently well underway. This effort includes both a mail and a phone solicitation conducted by our Development Office. We thank all of the volunteers and donors who have participated thus far with this effort. Our goal for the Annual Fund is twofold: 1) to strive to achieve 100% participation by all Marian families; and 2) to reach our goal of \$135,000 by June 30, 2016. If you have not yet made a pledge to this appeal, we encourage you to do so soon. The phonathon portion of the effort is taking place the last two weeks of October. If you receive a call, please be receptive to our phone volunteers and as generous as your situation allows in your support of Marian. Any size gift is greatly appreciated. If you have already made your pledge and/or payment you will not be called, and we thank you for your gift.

Dinner Auction

This year's dinner auction will take place on Saturday, March 12, 2016. It is a casual event that will take place at the school. We hope to have 450 or more people in attendance at this fun-filled event. Our goal this year is to once again provide a very fun evening attended by as many of our parents and other friends as possible. The committee asks that you **"Save the Date"** and plan to attend. We thank our volunteers who are steering the effort this year. Within the next few weeks you will receive information regarding how your family can get involved. If you would like to get to know some of the other Marian parents and have some fun while working on this event, please contact the Development Office by email – jbinder@marian.com or by phone at (815) 441-2157.

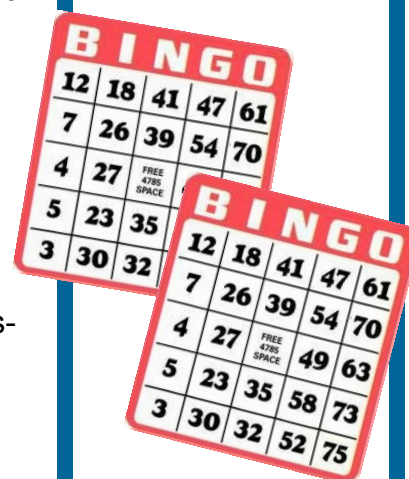
**Join us
Saturday,
October 17**

for

**Father's Club
All Night
Bingo**

**Early Session
begins at 7:30
PM. Late ses-
sion begins at
midnight.
Doors open at
5:00 PM!**

**\$35 for 36
sheet set!**



Calendar of Events

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**A full calendar can be found
on the school website.**

Oct	12	Mon	Columbus Day; No School; Office Closed
	13	Tue	Teacher Institute; No Classes
	14	Wed	PSAT & Aspire Testing; Dismissal at 11:45 AM Seniors – College Visit Day
	17	Sat	All Night Bingo
	20	Tue	Annual Fund Phonathon through the 22nd
	22	Thu	Underclassmen Pictures
	23	Fri	All School Mass; 8:55 AM; Grandparents invited
	23	Fri	Fall Play; 7:00 PM
	24	Sat	Fall Play; 7:00 PM
	26	Mon	Winter Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting; 7:00 PM
	27	Tue	Annual Fund Phoneathon through the 28th
	29	Thu	Q1 Exams in Periods 1, 3, 7, & 9; Full day of school
	30	Fri	Q1 Exams in Periods 2, 4-6, & 8; 10:40 AM Dismissal
Nov	02	Mon	Girls Basketball & Fencing Practice Begins
	03	Tue	Parents Association Meeting; 7:00 PM
	09	Mon	Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00 – 4:00 PM & 5:00 - 8:00 PM – No Classes
		Mon	Wrestling & Boys Basketball Practices Begin
	10	Tue	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00 – 7:00 PM; No Classes
	12	Thu	Tri-M Inductions; 7:00 PM
	16	Mon	Senior Overnight Retreat through the 17th Sophomore Girls Retreat at Holy Apostles
	17	Tue	Sophomore Boys Retreat at Holy Apostles
	18	Wed	Kairos Junior Retreat through the 20th
	18	Wed	Academic Breakfast; 7:15 AM
	20	Fri	8th Grade Visit Day; No Classes; Afternoon Inservice
	22	Sun	Open House; 1:00—3:00 PM
	24	Tue	All School Mass; 8:55 AM
	25	Wed	Early Dismissal; 1:30 PM
	26	Thu	Thanksgiving; No School; Office Closed
	27	Fri	Thanksgiving Break; No School; Office Closed
	30	Mon	Fall Sports Awards Night; 7:00 PM
Dec	02	Wed	Senior Day Retreat
		Wed	Junior Day Retreat
	04	Fri	Mid-Term Grades Posted
	08	Tue	All School Mass; 8:55 AM
	16	Wed	Christmas Music Concert; 7:00 PM
	17	Thu	Christmas Music Concert; 7:00 PM
	18	Fri	Last Day before Christmas Vacation
	21	Mon	Christmas Vacation through January 1st
Jan	04	Mon	School Resumes
	08	Fri	All School Mass; 8:55 AM
	09	Sat	Freshmen Placement Test; 8:15 AM
	13	Wed	Semester 1 Exams—Periods 8 & 9; 10:35 AM Dismissal
	14	Thu	Semester 1 Exams—Periods 3, 4-6 & 7; 10:35 AM Dismissal
	15	Fri	Semester 1 Exam—Periods 1 & 2; 10:35 AM Dismissal
	18	Mon	Martin Luther King Day; No School; Office Closed
	30	Sat	Winter Dance; 7:30—10:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE -- MARCH 12, 2016!!!

MARIAN CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION

We hope you'll join us for a casual evening at the school
like over 400 guests did last year.

Dinner, cash bar, live and silent auctions and other activities.

***Bring your friends!!
Invites will be mailed in January***

Individuals or businesses may participate in sponsorship opportunities,
underwriting, or donating auction items.

Check out these details:

**ONLY \$30 PER PERSON
\$40 for reserved seating (tables of 10)**

Auction Donation – Deadline February 6 to be included in program book.

Silent Items – themed basket ideas may include: spa, pasta, cooking, pets, coffee, reading, games, teen shopping gift cards, Irish, Easter, sports, dinners, or services. Don't worry about wrapping or presentation. We have a creative committee to pretty everything up.

Live Items – value at least \$700. Options include: sports packages, Chicago weekend, Lake Geneva weekend, vacation homes, dinner parties, etc.

Program Sponsorship – Deadline February 6 (prices the same as last year)

Gold Page - \$400 Full Page - \$300 ½ Page - \$200 ¼ Page - \$100

Other Sponsorship at: \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100

Volunteer – Contact the Development Office at ext. 125

Baskets/Containers – Think Green! Recycle empty containers and baskets.
Drop them off in the main office or the Annex.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Josh, Tracy, or Lori

815-338-4220 ext. 125

E-mail: jbinder@marian.com

Freshman

Freshmen are busy adjusting to their new lives in high school and how best to coordinate their studies for the greatest academic success. We would encourage your student to get involved in at least one extracurricular activity. There are a wide variety of activities available to them. This is a great way for them to get to know other students and can be beneficial to them later when they are applying for college admission. The freshmen will be taking the STS Educational Development Series (EDS) Test on Wednesday, October 14th. The EDS Test is a follow-up to the High School Placement Test. Please encourage your student to get a good night's sleep before the test and to relax and do their best on it. Freshmen will need two sharpened #2 pencils for the test. Calculators are not allowed for this test.

Sophomores

Sophomores should be continuing to focus on their grades, striving to do the best that they can, and continuing their involvement in extracurricular activities. They will be taking the EDS Test for sophomores on October 14th. Sophomores will need to bring two sharpened #2 pencils. Calculators are not allowed for this test.



Juniors

Juniors really need to be focusing on their grades this year. Their cumulative GPA's at the end of their junior year are what is used for applying to colleges next fall. Showing an upward trend in grades, especially if they have not done as well as they may have wished up until now, may be very beneficial to them when they apply to colleges. They also should be beginning to think about what they plan to do after graduation. Many colleges offer visit programs for juniors in the spring. Juniors will be taking the PSAT Test on October 14th. The PSAT Test helps students to prepare for the SAT Test and is a gateway to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions. Juniors will need to bring two #2 sharpened pencils (mechanical pencils may not score correctly), their calculator and their student ID for the test.

Seniors

Seniors need to be continuing their focus on their grades throughout the school year. All offers of college admission are subject to a review of a student's final senior transcript. Applications are currently being processed in Guidance. Some seniors have already received offers of admission for next year. Students need to be aware of both application and scholarship deadlines. Please encourage your student to make an appointment to meet with Mrs. Reed to discuss their plans for next year.



FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE . . .

The Guidance Office would like to welcome back our students and their families for the 2015/2016 school year. The Guidance Department staff includes: Rebecca Reed, Guidance Director, senior counselor; Kelly Hilton, Counselor, who works with the sophomores with last names beginning M through Z and the juniors; Tom Kruse, Counselor, who works with the freshmen and with the sophomores with last names beginning A through L; Chris Taylor who works with the Academic Resource Program; and Julie Diamond, Administrative Assistant. Feel free to phone us anytime or to email us with any questions or concerns that you may have. Our contact information can be found on the Guidance web page (click on the *Student Life* tab) on Marian's web site --- www.marian.com. Please encourage your students to set up an appointment to meet with their counselor if they have any questions or concerns.

The Guidance web pages of Marian's web site contain a variety of useful information. Among the resources listed includes Career Cruising (www.careercruising.com). This web site provides a program to match students' interests with possible careers, a career exploration area, and a college search section which includes financial aid and scholarship information. You will need to provide Marian's Username and Password, which can be obtained from Guidance. Another informative web site is the National Association of College Admission Counseling (www.nacacnet.org). It provides information for both high school students and their parents regarding the college process. These and many other web sites are listed on the Guidance web page. The web sites contain information that is beneficial to all grade levels in high school. There is also scholarship information and a job file available to students in the Guidance Office.

Seniors should send out their applications as soon as possible. Application Processing Forms, which give us permission to send out their official transcripts, can be obtained in Guidance or on the Guidance web site. Students need to allow **at least ten school days** for sufficient processing time. Students should pay particular attention to schools' application and scholarship deadlines. For example these schools have established priority application deadlines:

Illinois State University	11/15/15
Northern Illinois University	11/15/15
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	12/01/15
University of Illinois-Chicago	11/01/15
University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign	11/01/15
Marquette University	12/01/15
Loyola University Chicago	12/01/15



Did you know? College reps visit Marian throughout the school year.

College reps visit Marian throughout the school year. During the first semester, seniors may make appointments to see the reps through Mrs. Diamond. Second semester, both juniors and seniors are allowed to visit with the reps. Passes should be obtained at least a day ahead of time. These visits are a good way to obtain information about a school and to find out information specific to a particular student in a small group setting. Visits are posted on the Guidance web site, in the Daily Bulletin, and on a board in the Guidance Office.