



College Counseling

September 2022

Senior Parent Night

Thank you to all the Senior Parents who attended the Senior Parent Night Program on August 31st.

If you weren't able to attend - or if you did attend and want to review what was covered, click on the link to watch <https://youtu.be/X73S3Qh1OTc>

The handout for the program was the same handout that the seniors received when the college counselors met with them in English class: [Senior Expectations 2022 - 2023](#)

Financial Aid for College Program

Tuesday, September 20 - 6:30 in the Sr. Mary Paul McCaughey Leadership Center

A speaker from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) will talk about completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) along with other topics concerning paying for college.

FAFSA for the 2023 - 2024 school year opens on October 1st. More information about financial aid and FAFSA is available on the ISAC website - www.isac.org or the Federal Student Aid website - <https://studentaid.gov/>

College Fair at Marian Catholic

Monday, October 3 - College Fair at Marian - 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the East and West Gyms

While seniors may have already begun to apply to college, both seniors and parents are encouraged to attend this fair. Representatives from more than 125 colleges and universities are expected to be in attendance. A list of the colleges and universities attending the fair will be available shortly.

Students and parents are encouraged to register ahead of time at <https://app.strivescan.com/registration>. After registering, students and parents will receive a barcode that representatives will be able to scan at the fair.

Other Upcoming dates / events

Friday, September 26 - Registration deadline for ACT on October 22 (Marian IS NOT a test center). Register at www.act.org

Saturday October 1 - NACAC College Fair @ McCormick Place North Hall 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

More than 400 colleges and universities will attend the fair. To register and see the list of the schools that will be in attendance, go to [Attend NACAC College Fairs \(nacacattend.org\)](http://nacacattend.org)

Monday, October 3 - Transcript requests for Early Decision, Early Action, and Priority Deadlines turned in to counselors

Scholarships

For the first semester of senior year, the primary source for scholarships will be to submit applications by the college or university's deadline. The importance of knowing and meeting the deadline was stressed to the seniors when the college counselors met with them in the first week of school.

Most outside / private scholarships will have deadlines in second semester. Three websites that may be used to complete an online scholarships search for the scholarships are: [Fastweb](#) [Sallie Mae](#) [College Covered](#). In addition to having a scholarship search, all three websites have lots of additional information, covering topics such as college planning, financial aid, student loans, and student life in college. Information about area scholarships will be published in Marian's daily bulletin or emailed directly to the seniors.

Questions about any college related topic, please contact one of the college counselors

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