



## College Counseling Newsletter

August 2023

Senior Parent Night - Wednesday August 30th

6:30 PM Leadership Center

Dear Parents of a Senior,

All parents of a senior are encouraged to attend this program. The college counselors, Mr. Gerry O'Brien and Mr. Mike Rodewald, will explain Marian's procedures for the college application process.

Seniors **DO NOT** have to attend this program - the college counselors will meet with the seniors in their English class during the first week of school.

The presentation will be recorded for parents that are not able to attend Senior Parent Night. Watch for information about this in the September College Counseling Newsletter.

### Counselor Assignments for the Class of 2024

A - N Mr. Rodewald [mrodewald@marianchs.com](mailto:mrodewald@marianchs.com)

O - Z Mr. O'Brien [gobrien@marianchs.com](mailto:gobrien@marianchs.com)

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### Common App ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org))

The Common Application is used by more than 1,000 colleges and universities.

In Illinois, 50 colleges and universities use the Common App, including all 12 public universities. In Indiana, 35 colleges and universities use the Common App, including Ball State, Indiana State, Indiana University, and Purdue University use the Common App. All Big 10 and Ivy League universities use the Common App. Here are some of the colleges and universities that Marian seniors traditionally apply to that use the Common App - DePaul, Hampton, Howard, Illinois Wesleyan, Lewis, Loyola, Morehouse, Saint Xavier, Spelman, St. Mary's (IN), Tuskegee, U of Chicago, and U of Notre Dame.

## Common Black College Application

The Common Black College Application is accepted by 66 HBCUs. A complete list of all 66 colleges may be found at <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>. A student may apply to any number of the 66 for only \$20.

## Test Optional

According to Fair Test ([www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)), there are over 1,800 colleges and universities that do not require test scores for admission. However, it is important to check with individual schools because while a school may be test optional, test scores may be required for certain majors and/or scholarships.

## Information about ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)) / SAT ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org))

For more information and to register for either test, go to the websites listed above.

Marian is a test center for the ACT on September 10 - late registration ends **FRIDAY, August 18**.

There are two more ACT test dates in first semester - October 28 and December 9.

SAT test dates in first semester are October 7, November 4, and December 2.

## Self-Reporting Grades / Test Scores

Several universities do not require a student to submit a transcript and / or test scores. Students self-report their grades and / or test scores. If a student decides to attend the university, then they will need to submit official test scores later in March and a final transcript next summer after they have graduated.

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

This year, the date that families may begin to file FAFSA electronically will be delayed. The date for Marian's Financial Aid Night for College will be also delayed.

Watch for information about this program in upcoming newsletters.

## Mark your calendar for these upcoming programs:

NACAC Virtual College Fairs - Sunday, September 10 / Sunday, October 15 / Sunday, November 12  
For more information, go to <https://www.nacacnet.org/events/>

Saturday, September 30th - NACAC College Fair McCormick Place Lakeside Center, Hall D1 from 11 AM to 3 PM - for more information, click [here](#).

**Monday, October 9th - College Fair at Marian in the East and West Gyms from 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

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