



## College Counseling Newsletter

August 2024

Senior Parent Night - Wednesday August 28th

6:30 PM Leadership Center

Dear Parent of a Senior,

All parents of a senior are encouraged to attend this program. The college counselors, Mr. Gerry O'Brien, Mr. Danny O'Farrell, 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 during their English class during the first week of school to go over this.

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.

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### Counselor Assignments for the Class of 2025

A - E Mr. Rodewald [mrodewald@marianchs.com](mailto:mrodewald@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, 49 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. 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.

There will be workshops on **Thursday, August 8th and Monday, August 12th from 9 AM to Noon** to assist the seniors with the Common App. Seniors were emailed this information along with a reminder about the registration deadline for the September ACT.

## **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 as many of the 66 colleges as they want 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 the test, go to the websites listed above.

Marian is a test center for the ACT on September 14 - the registration deadline is **Friday August 9** / late registration ends **August 25**.

There are two more ACT test dates in first semester - October 26 and December 14.

SAT test dates in first semester are October 5, November 2, and December 7.

## **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. Seniors will learn more about this during their orientation.

## **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

There have been changes to FAFSA. Marian will host a Financial Aid Night for College later in the fall. Check the Marian newsletters and the College Counseling newsletters for the date and time of this program.

## **Mark your calendar for these upcoming programs**

[Colleges That Change Lives](#) - Monday, August 12 Click [here](#) for participating colleges and more information about the program.

Tuesday, October 1st - College Fair at Marian in the East and West Gyms from 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Saturday, October 5th - NACAC College Fair McCormick Place Lakeside Center, Hall D1 from 11 AM to 3 PM - for more information, click [here](#).

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