



Marian Catholic News

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MISSION OF MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Marian Catholic High School, rooted in the Dominican tradition, inspires students through prayer, study, community, and preaching to grow in faith, achieve academic excellence, and become compassionate, courageous leaders committed to Christian Service.

Welcome Back!

Important Reminders for the Start of the 2026-2027 School Year

Power has been restored to Marian Catholic and we are ready to begin the school year as scheduled! We hope all of our families - both students and staff - are safe and excited to be together again to begin the 2026-2027 school year together as one Marian Catholic High School Community! Please read on for some very important reminders as we get ready to head back to campus next week!

A Video Message from Dr. Zampillo



New Faces in Familiar Places!

With the start of the new school year, in addition to new students joining our school community, we have some new administrators, teachers, staff members, and athletic coaches joining our school community as well. Everyone is getting excited to begin the new school year next week!

First of all, we welcome our new Assistant Principal, **Mrs. Amaris Winters!** We also welcome back to Marian **Brian Iggins '08**, as Vice President of Advancement and Engagement.

Other alumni coming home to Marian are **Ahlia Garza '21**, as Director of Campus Ministry, and **Jimmie Lang '13**, joins our Science department!

In our Fine Arts department, we welcome **Alexis Sujka** as Assistant Band Director, and **Jennifer Corp**, as Choir Director and Assistant Campus Minister. Our Science

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department also welcomes **Kyel Alexander**, **Dr. Michael Bosscher**, and **Melva Jackson**. In our Academic Counseling Department, we also welcome **Kaelen Dundek**. We are also pleased to welcome **Kristine Riemen**, Reading/Language Arts Interventionist to our English Department.

Michelle Sanchez also joins us as our new Communications and Marketing Manager, and in our Athletics department, **Marc Lopez** joins us as the new head coach of our Women's Basketball team!

We are excited to welcome all of these talented and dedicated staff members to become part of our Marian Catholic High School community to Lead with Courage and Serve with Compassion!



Welcome Class of 2030

Freshman Orientation Days

We welcome the Class of 2030 on Monday, August 17, and Tuesday, August 18 for two days of orientation to help our students become familiar with the school campus and discover the skills needed to be a successful Marian Catholic student, both inside and outside of the classroom. Senior Ambassadors will be on hand to help guide our freshmen through the entire experience. Here are some important reminders:

- **Both days are mandatory and will begin at 7:40 a.m. Please plan to arrive by 7:30 a.m.** so students will have plenty of time to get to where they need to be.
- **On Monday, freshmen should be in full Marian dress code** (Marian polo shirt with Khaki pants/shorts/skirt). **Freshmen who have not yet been able to purchase their Marian Catholic polo shirts from our Spartan Shop due to the recent power outage, are allowed to wear a regular polo shirt (collared shirt with sleeves) with their Khaki pants/shorts/skirt.**
- **On Tuesday, freshmen are encouraged to wear their Class of 2030 t-shirt** (which they received when they picked up their schedule) with dress code **Khaki pants/shorts/skirt**. If students choose to not wear their class t-shirt, they would be in full Marian dress code.
- **Students should enter the building through the Circle Drive (Door 14), which is off of Joe Orr Road. ([Click here](#) for a brief video about drop-off and pick-up).**

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- Students should bring a pen, pencil, notebook, their fully-charged iPad, and class schedule with them on Monday. Teachers will let them know what supplies they will need for each class.
- **Lunch will be provided on Monday.**
- **Students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. on Monday** (like a regular school day). **Students will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday.**
- **When students are dismissed they should be picked up from the Joe Orr Road parking lot only.**

Please refer to the Freshman Orientation Day Itinerary which was attached to each freshman schedule for details about each day.



First Day of School for ALL Students is Wednesday, August 19th

We will welcome ALL students back to campus on **Wednesday, August 19** for the first day of school. We will be following our **Regular Class Schedule** (see below). Here are some important reminders for all students:

- **Please arrive at school no later than 7:40 a.m. and enter the school at Door 14 (Circle Drive) or Door 20 (Spartan Shop).**
- **Be in full regular Marian Catholic dress code** (Marian polo shirt with **Khaki** slacks/shorts/skirt).
- **Student should be in their first period class before the final 7:45 a.m. bell.**
- **Student should have their fully-charged iPad with them.** Students can access their schedule in PowerSchool or bring their printed copy with them.
- **Bring a notebook, pen and pencil.** Teachers will let students know what other supplies are needed during the first week of school. Students will receive their textbooks (physical books/downloaded books) in each class.
- **Students who did not have their ID picture taken in July will do so during their Study Hall on Thursday, August 20.** Students who had their picture taken in July will receive their ID during the first week of school.



Main Office Hours

Main Office Hours during the school year are 7:00am to 3:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Parents are encourage to call the school with any questions they may have.



Student ID Picture Make Up Day

Any students who did not have their ID picture taken on Schedule Pick Up Day will do so on **Thursday, August 20, during their Study Hall period.** Students should check in with their Study Hall teachers for attendance and receive permission to go to the West Gym Lobby for their picture.



Freshman Parent Meeting

All parents of freshmen students are invited and encouraged to attend a meeting

This is the Regular Class Schedule with dismissal at 2:20 p.m. Students must be picked up after school on the Joe Orr Road side of campus. [Click here](#) for a brief video about student drop off and pick up.

Regular Schedule

Period	Schedule
1	7:45 - 8:30
2	8:35 - 9:20
3	9:25 - 10:10
4	10:15 - 11:00
5	11:05 - 11:50
6	11:55 - 12:40
7	12:45 - 1:30
8	1:35 - 2:20



Attendance Reminders

Student Drop Off and Pick Up: All students should enter the school building through Door 14 (Circle Drive) or Door 20 (Spartan Shop), which are off of Joe Orr Road. Student should be dropped off by 7:30 a.m. so that they have plenty of time to be in their first period classroom before the first bell rings at 7:40 a.m. Students are to be in their first period classroom when the second bell sounds at 7:45 a.m.

Students are not to enter the school building through the Main Office (Door 5) prior to 8:00 a.m.

At dismissal time, all students should be picked up from the Joe Orr Road parking lot only. [Click here](#) for a link to view a brief video about the drop off and pick up process. When dropping off and picking up your student, please exercise patience and kindly follow the directions of our security personnel directing traffic.

Arrive to School on Time: Tardy to School: It is important for students to arrive to school on time so they have ample time to be in their first period classroom by the first bell at 7:40 a.m. and by the time the final bell rings at 7:45 a.m. Arriving late to school disrupts the learning process for both students and teachers.

on **Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Leadership Center. Please enter at Door 21.** You will have the opportunity to meet our Principal, Assistant Principal, and other key administrators to learn about the who's and what's and how's and why's of Marian to help you navigate through your child's first year of high school. We look forward to seeing you that evening!



Upcoming Dates

Monday, August 17: Freshman Orientation Day (7:30 a.m.-2:20 p.m.); Transfer Student Orientation Day

Tuesday, August 18: Freshman Orientation Day/Class Retreat (7:30 a.m. - Noon)

Wednesday, August 19: First Day of School for ALL Students (dismissal at 2:20 p.m.); Freshman Parent Meeting 7:00 p.m. Leadership Center

Thursday, August 20: ID Picture Make Up Day

Monday, August 24: 37th Annual Endowment Golf Classic

Wednesday, August 26: Counseling Senior Parent Night 6:30 p.m. Leadership Center

Thursday, September 3: Early Release Schedule (dismissal at 1:20 p.m.); Back to School Night 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 7: No School (Labor Day)

Disciplinary Consequences of Being Tardy to School: There are two types of tardies to school: excused or unexcused. An excused tardy to school must include a doctor's note or a parent phone call to the school. **Any tardy after the third tardy will be unexcused even if the parent calls the student in late.** Students with three unexcused tardies to school per semester will receive a detention. Please check pages 19-21 of the policy handbook for the complete Attendance policy.

Let's make this a great school year by being on time and in school every day!



Marian Catholic Dress Code Reminders

Marian Catholic dress code polo shirts, outerwear, and spirit wear items are available for purchase from the Spartan Shop. **Dress code Khaki pants, shorts, and skirts** may be purchased from any retail store as long as they meet the requirements below. The following dress code applies Monday through Thursday for each week of the school year. These are the primary dress code highlights for the 2026-2027 school year:

- **Shirts:** Students must wear a Marian Catholic logoed polo shirt. **NOT Permitted: T-shirts, tank tops, jerseys, crew neck sweatshirts, hooded shirts, and hooded sweatshirts.**
- **Pants/Shorts/Skirts:** Students must wear **Khaki** slacks (traditional classic cut or relaxed fit, chino-style or Dockers style, cotton-twill), knee length **Khaki** chino-style shorts, or knee-length **Khaki** skirts. **NOT permitted: yoga pants, leggings, jeggings, sweat pants, cargo pants, track pants, denim jeans, jean-style slacks of any color, biker shorts, cargo shorts, denim or jean-style shorts of any color.**
- **Outerwear Clothing:** Over their Marian polo shirt, students may wear either a Marian-approved jacket with the Marian "M" school logo only on the chest OR a Marian-approved quarter-zip pullover with the Marian "M" school logo only on the chest. Other writing, imagery, or logos may not appear on dress code outerwear clothing. Jackets or quarter-zip pullovers may be in the colors of black, white, or grey. **The collar of the Marian polo shirt must always be visible at the neck. NOT permitted: hooded sweatshirts, hooded shirts, crew neck sweatshirts, or non-Marian pullovers, fleeces, or jackets.**

**Tuesday, September 8-Friday, September 11:
Spirit Week!**

**Friday, September 11: Special Events Schedule;
Spirit Week Assembly; Homecoming Football
Game**

Saturday, September 12: Homecoming Dance



Morning Bus Transportation

Morning bus transportation for all students who are signed up will begin on Monday, August 17 (Freshman Orientation Days of August 17 & 18), and the first day for all students on August 19.

Please note that there is no bus transportation home after school, as many students are involved in extracurricular activities. Parents are responsible for after school transportation home for their students.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Mary Ann West at: mwest@marianchs.com.



- **Shoes:** Students must wear an enclosed dress shoe or athletic shoe. **NOT permitted: sandals, flip-flops, slides, Crocs or Yeezy-style shoes.**
- **Hair:** Haircuts are to be appropriate for school or a professional environment. Hair must be worn in such a way that the student's eyes and face are not covered. Primary hair color must be a naturally occurring hair color. Dyed/colored highlights should be appropriate for a professional environment.
- **Facial Hair:** Facial hair must be neatly groomed and kept to no longer than one inch in length.
- **Jewelry:** Students may wear earrings, finger rings, bracelets, and necklaces. Students may wear small/modest earrings in the ear or nose; other piercings are not allowed. **NOT permitted: Extreme jewelry is not allowed. Jewelry with spikes, studs or inappropriate images, gauges are not allowed.**
- **Student IDs:** Students must wear their current school issued photo ID around the neck on a school-issued lanyard. IDs must be visible at all times while in the school building. IDs will be distributed during the first week of school.
- **Spirit Days:** Fridays are "Spirit Days" and students may wear any Marian Catholic apparel with dress code **Khaki** slacks, shorts, or skirts on the bottom.

To purchase Marian polo shirts, spirit wear, or outerwear items from the Spartan Shop during the summer, please email Beth Fleming at: bfleming@marianchs.com to schedule an appointment. During the school year, the Spartan Shop is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 7:00-10:00 AM & 1:00-3:00 PM (closed on Wednesday). The complete 2026-2027 Dress Code can be found on pages 25-28 of the handbook, is posted on the Student page of the Marian Catholic website, or please [click here](#) to view.



Cell Phones, Listening Devices, and Smart Glasses

- **Cell Phones:** Upon entering a classroom, students are to place their cell phone in the cell phone pouch located at the front of each classroom, as cell phones are not to be used during academic instructional time. This has been the policy at Marian Catholic for the past couple of years, and in order to be in compliance with the new state law that goes into effect for the 2027-2028 school year, we will be strictly enforcing the policy this school year. **This means that students are not allowed to use their cell phones in classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, or locker rooms during class periods.** Students who do so are subject to discipline consequences.

My MealTime Accounts

To make purchases in the Leadership Center (cafeteria), student must have a My MealTime account. Once the account has been created, food purchases may be made using the student's bar-coded photo ID card. MealTime software allows parents to monitor how much their student spends each day and what food choices they are making.

In line with a trend adopted by most companies, MealTime has added a fee for processing credit card deposits this year (Marian Catholic has no control over these fees). A cashier station in the cafeteria will accept cash; however, any change due will be directly deposited to the student's [My MealTime](#) account.

Please [click here](#) for instructions on how to set up your student's MealTime account.

Students must have a positive balance in their MealTime account and their student ID to make food purchases in the Leadership Center.

Students may also bring their lunch from home; there are two microwaves available for student use in the cafeteria (please make sure food is in microwave safe containers).

If you experience problems with MealTime online, please call their help line at: 1-800-755-0904.



Parent Contact Information Updates

Parents/guardians are reminded that if they have any changes to their contact information (telephone numbers, address, email addresses, or emergency

- **Listening Devices (headphones, earbuds, etc.):** Unless given explicit teacher permission, **no headphones, earbuds, or audio devices may be used during the school day.**
- **Smart Glasses (Meta, Google, etc.) including prescription Smart Glasses, and VR/AR headsets are prohibited in the school building.**

Please review the Technology Responsible Use Policy on page 31-33 of the policy handbook.



Spirit Week & Homecoming Dance!

Spirit Week is early this year, **Tuesday, September 8th through Friday, September 11th.** Our football **Homecoming Game is on Friday, September 11** (vs. De La Salle), followed by our **Homecoming Dance the evening of Saturday, September 12th.**

Spirit Week themes will be determined soon and will be shared with students via Schoology once school gets underway, as well as details about Homecoming Dance tickets. However, we would like to remind students and parents about Homecoming Dance policies.

- All Marian Catholic students may attend the Homecoming Dance.
- Students are expected to be in school for the entire day of school on Friday (the day before the dance).
- Be sure to review pages 22-23 of the Marian policy handbook for Dances and Informal Activities.
- If students have questions about dresses or outfits meeting dance dress code guidelines, they should contact Ms. Glomb (Assistant Dean) or Mr. Crossley (Dean).
- More information will be shared with students later this month.

contacts), to please notify the Main Office at 708-755-7565 as soon as possible.

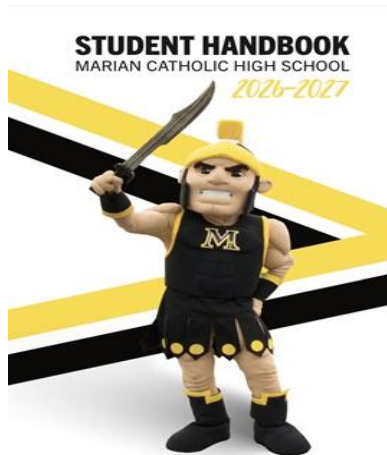
It is vital that we have the most up-to-date contact information for our families, especially for important notifications and communications from the school, and in the event of an emergency with your child.



After School Supervision

After school supervision is provided in the Leadership Center from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. for students who need to wait for their ride home or for their athletic or Fine Arts practices to begin. A study hall atmosphere is maintained so that students may work on homework, and snacks are available for purchase.

This service will begin on Wednesday, August 19th. It is also available on Early Release Thursdays, but is not available on Half Day Schedule days.



Required Parent/Student Policy Handbook Acknowledgement Process

Thank you to the parents who have already completed the Marian Catholic Policy Handbook Review/Acknowledgment process! Our goal is to get to 100% compliance with this process, so if you have not yet done so, please take some time to review the 2026-2027 Marian Catholic Policy Handbook and submit your acknowledgement that you have reviewed and understand its content. Please [click here](#) to view and/or download the handbook. The policies and procedures outlined in our policy book are a vital component to student success at Marian Catholic, and are in place to ensure student safety and to help them develop and grow into young adults of fine character.

Please [click here](#) to review the Marian Catholic Policy Handbook and submit your acknowledgement that you have viewed and understand its content. Failure to complete the acknowledgment form by the start of the school year may cause you to lose access to PowerSchool. You may also [click here](#) for the Policy Handbook Acknowledgement newsletter which contains both of the links mentioned above. Thank you very much for your cooperation!



Important Reminders from the School Nurse

Medical Authorization Forms



Parent Volunteers Needed!

Marian Catholic Parents! Do you have a couple of hours during the school day or after school to be a parent volunteer? We are in need of some parents to assist with our Leadership Center supervision during lunch periods as well as our after school supervision program!

Lunch supervision would be in the Leadership Center from 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM to help maintain a fun yet respectful atmosphere for students.

After school supervision hours in the Leadership Center are 2:25-5:00 PM. A quiet, study hall atmosphere is maintained as students are waiting for their ride home or for their Athletic or Fine Arts practices to begin.

Spots are available Monday through Friday. Volunteer one, two, or all five days! If you can help out, please contact Mrs. Bonnie Pressler, at: bpressler@marianchs.com or 708-755-7565, ext. 1407, or Ms. Mary Ann West, at: mwest@marianchs.com or 708-755-7565, ext. 4649.



Counseling Senior Parent Night

If your student needs to take medication during the school day, we require a Medical Authorization Form to be completed and kept on file with the school. A new form must be completed every school year.

No medication, including non-prescription (over-the-counter) may be administered in the school unless both the student's physician and parent/guardian have completed and signed the form. Please [click here](#) for the **Medication Procedures information**. All medication needs to be brought to the school nurse in the original container with the student's name clearly marked. Please [click here](#) to download and print the **Medication Authorization Form** (these forms were included in your yellow registration folder), or visit the [Parents portal](#) of the Marian website to download any other necessary forms. Complete medical information can be found on pages 16-17 of the policy handbook.

Senior Proof of MCV Vaccine

Senior parents are reminded that as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, all students entering the 12th grade must show proof of recent meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4). If you have not yet done so, please turn in proof of the vaccine to the Main Office as soon as possible. Thank you!

Freshman Physicals, Dental & Vision Exams

A reminder that all freshman parents that the state required physical (immunizations), dental, and vision exam forms are due to the school as soon as possible, and no later than August 30th. Please make sure the required general physical form contains the original signature of the physician and a parent, and that the parent has answered the box of the "yes" and "no" questions on the back of the form. The dental and vision exam forms must also contain the signature of the respective medical professional (eye exam is for Indiana residents only). Thank you!



Marian Catholic Tuition Policy Reminder

Thank you to all of our families who are in full participation with the FACTS system and are current with their tuition payments. As a reminder, during the school year, if any family misses three payments or is not in full participation with the FACTS system, the student will be disenrolled from Marian Catholic High School. This means that the student will not be allowed in class nor will they be able to participate in any extracurricular activities. If a family is behind in tuition payments or not in full participation with FACTS, and they are receiving a scholarship or tuition assistance, in addition to the late payment fee any scholarship and/or tuition assistance they are receiving will be reduced by 1/10th for each monthly payment that is missed. This means that the amount owed to Marian Catholic will increase. Please make sure your FACTS account is set up and your tuition payments are current. Beginning September 1, 2025, the fee for credit/debit card transactions increased to 3.05%. An alternate payment method such as SCH is available at no additional cost. If you need assistance, please contact Mrs. Harrison, our business manager, at: mharrison@marianchs.com so she may assist you.

All Marian parents of seniors are invited and encouraged to attend **Counseling Senior Parent Night on Wednesday, August 26th beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Leadership Center.**



Save the Date for Back to School Night

All parents are invited to join us for **Back to School Night** the evening of **Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 p.m.**

You will have the opportunity to follow your student's schedule for 5-minute classes, meet their teachers, and learn about classroom and course expectations. The evening should conclude by 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!



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