



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.

Parent Resource Guide for 2026-2027

Hello Parents!

We are so happy to welcome our students and families back to Marian Catholic for the 2026-2027 school year! This newsletter is intended to serve as a quick reference guide to many frequently asked questions and be a companion to our policy handbook. Please save this newsletter for easy reference throughout the school year. We hope you find this information helpful!



Marian Catholic Back to School Night Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 PM

All Marian Catholic parents are invited to join us this evening to follow your student's schedule for 5-minute classes. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, hear about academic goals and classroom expectations, and experience Marian Catholic High School from your child's perspective!

Please note that we have moved the start time for the evening to 6:00 p.m. Please arrive at school by 5:45 p.m. so that you have plenty of time to be in your student's first period classroom by 6:00 p.m., and be sure to bring a copy of their class schedule with you (or access it on your smartphone through the PowerSchool app). The evening will conclude by 7:30 p.m.

We look forward to seeing many of you here for this informative evening! We ask that you please park in the parking lots off of Joe Orr Road and enter the building through either Door 14 (Circle Drive) or Door 20 (Spartan Shop). Please note that the parking lot on Ashland Avenue is reserved for faculty and staff.

Important Resources

Marian Catholic Website

An excellent resource for all things Marian Catholic is our school website! This is the place to visit for the latest news and upcoming events. In the Parents portal you will find links to our Daily Bulletin, Parent Newsletters, health and medical forms, as well as the cafeteria lunch menu. There are also links to PowerSchool, FACTS Tuition, My MealTime, and our Parents Club. You can also find the [School Calendar](#), policy handbook, and Curriculum Guide.

Major announcements and alerts will also be posted on the website in pop-up boxes which will contain the important information and news you need to know. We hope you will visit www.marianchs.com often, as it's an important "go-to" resource!

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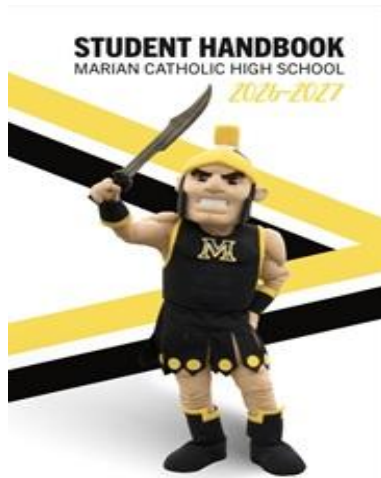
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Marian Catholic Policy Handbook

As you may know, all parents/guardians are required to review a digital copy of the Marian Catholic policy handbook. Every student received a hard copy of the handbook/planner along with their class schedule. Parents and students are responsible for being aware of all of the information contained in the handbook. Please [click here](#) for the Newsletter that was emailed to all parents on July 7, 2026, which contains a link to download a copy of the [handbook](#), and the link to submit your [acknowledgement](#) that you have viewed and understand its content. By their enrollment in Marian Catholic, students and parents agree to abide by the policies of the school and the spirit of its philosophy. The school reserves the right to require withdrawal of any student who fails to meet Marian's standards of conduct at any time whether on or off campus. Failure to complete the acknowledgment form by the September 18th may cause you to lose access to PowerSchool and receiving your student's report cards. Thank you very much for your cooperation!



Communication with the School

Parent communication with the school as well as our teachers and staff with our families is vital. It is always important for Marian Catholic to have the most up-to-date contact information for our families (phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses, emergency contacts, etc.), especially if it becomes necessary to contact a parent/guardian in an emergency situation.

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Please call the Main Office at (708) 755-7565 to:

- Report your student late to school
- Report a student absence
- Update contact information (phone, email, address, emergency contacts, etc.)
- General questions are always welcome!

Automated Phone and Email Messages

It is also important to listen to messages from the school when automated calls are sent out. Please take a moment to listen to the message and only call the school if clarification about the message is needed. It is also important to read all email messages, parent newsletters, and to view all video messages that are shared with our families from the school, as these are the primary means of communication used by the school administration to inform parents of important news and information.

Communication with Teachers

If you have questions or concerns regarding your student's progress in a particular class, the first step is to reach out to the teacher. The best way to do so is through email, as teachers are not always available by telephone during the course of the school day. Please allow teachers 24 hours on school days to respond to your email, which may be a reply email or a telephone call home. Teachers will determine if they are able to assist you or if they need to consult with their department chairperson, your student's academic counselor, or ask for the assistance of an administrator. The [Staff Directory](#), which contains a link to send an email message to individual staff members can be found on the Marian website under [About Marian](#).

Communication with Academic Counselors

If your student is having difficulty in multiple courses, or if you feel they may need further intervention or academic assistance, you may want to contact their academic counselor. Our academic counselors meet with students on an individual basis several times during the course of the school year, as well as assist students with course selection for the next school year at the time of registration during second semester. [Click here](#) for the list of academic counselors and the students assigned to them (by first letter of last name). The [2026-2027 Curriculum Guide](#), which lists all course offerings at Marian Catholic, can be found on the Academics page of the website and is updated every February.

We also have on staff two school social workers to provide counseling support services, and references for students who may be struggling with social, emotional, or behavioral issues that may be interfering with their school work or impacting peer and family relationships. [Click here](#) for information about social work services.

Parent Newsletters, Daily Bulletins, and Schoology Posts

[Parent Newsletters](#), such as this one, are emailed to parents every two weeks (usually on Thursday afternoons) during the course of the school year. If you are not receiving the newsletters, please check your spam email to make sure they are not being delivered there, and that you are not blocking email communications from Marian Catholic High School. The [Daily Bulletin](#) is published every school day and can be accessed through PowerSchool; it is also posted on the Parents and Students pages of the website. Important announcements and updates are also posted in [Schoology](#) for students and parents to see.

Main Office Hours

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Monday-Friday

708-755-7565



Upcoming Events

September 3: Early Release Schedule 1:20 pm

Dismissal; Back to School Night 6:00 PM

September 7: NO SCHOOL Labor Day

September 8: Spirit Week!

September 9: Spirit Week!

September 10: Spirit Week!

September 11: Spirit Week! Special Events

Schedule; Homecoming Football Game

September 12: Homecoming Dance at Lincoln

Way North High School, Frankfort

September 14: ID/Yearbook Picture Re-Take Day

September 15: Liturgy Schedule for Mass of the

Holy Spirit

September 18: Mid-Quarter

September 22: First Day of Autumn

**September 23: Spartan Gold Raffle Distribution
Day**

September 24: Early Release Schedule

September 29: Spartan Gold Raffle Collection



Day-to-Day Operations

Attendance

If your student is going to be absent from school, a parent or guardian must telephone the Main Office at (708) 755-7565 after 7:00 AM and before 10:00 AM, giving the reason for the absence. If a call is not received by 10:00 AM you will receive a call from the attendance administrator. A phone call from the parent/guardian serves as verification of the absence if made on or before the day of the absence. If a student is absent without a phone call, the student is responsible for bringing a signed note from their parent/guardian the day they return to school. If you have questions about attendance, please contact Mrs. Angela Ware at 708-756-9777.

All students should enter the school building on the Joe Orr Road side of campus: Door 14 (Circle Drive) or Door 20 (Spartan Shop). Students are encouraged to arrive at school by 7:30 a.m. and no later than 7:40 a.m. and report directly to their first period classroom. Students are to be in their first period classroom when the second bell sounds at 7:45 a.m. Students who arrive to first period after 7:45 a.m. will be marked tardy to school.

There are two types of tardy to school: excused or unexcused. An excused tardy to school must include a doctor's note or a parent phone call. **Any tardy after the third (3rd) tardy will be unexcused even if the parent calls the student in late.** Students with three unexcused tardies to school will receive a detention. Please refer to pages 19-21 of the policy handbook for the complete attendance policies.

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Students begin arriving at Marian as early as 6:00 a.m. for supervised practices. From 6:00 to 7:00 a.m., the only access for students to enter the building will be through Door 21 in the Leadership Center. Students will be required to remain in the Leadership Center until 7:00 a.m. or until a coach or moderator comes to get them. To ensure that all students are in a protected area, if a student leaves a supervised area before 7:00 a.m., they must be accompanied by the adult responsible for them.

At 7:00 a.m., Door 20 (next to the Spartan Shop), and Door 14 (Circle Drive) will be unlocked. Doors 20 and 14 are the only two authorized points of entry for students. Both of these doors will be monitored by security personnel and administrators. Door 21 (Leadership Center) will be locked at 7:00 a.m.

At the end of the school day, students must exit the building on the Joe Orr Road side of campus (where they were dropped off in the morning). The safety of our students is a priority. Please [click here](#) for a brief video about the morning and afternoon traffic routine. We thank you for your cooperation in following the directions of our traffic safety officers in the morning and afternoon!

After School Supervision

Day

September 30: Half-Day Schedule; Sophomore
Class Retreat



Join the Marian Catholic Parents Club!

We extend an invitation to all Marian parents to build friendships and community with other Marian families by becoming a member of the Parents Club!

Membership in the Marian Parents Club is free. However, we encourage families who are able to consider making a suggested \$30 donation. Your support helps the Parents Club provide events, activities, and programs for Marian students and the greater school community throughout the year. [Click here](#) to join now!

As a thank-you for your donation, you will receive a Marian Parents Club T-shirt for you and your spouse. Please provide the appropriate shirt sizes when completing the form. While donations are not required, they help us continue the many activities and experiences the Parents Club has supported for the Marian community over the years.

For questions, please contact us at parentsclubs@marianchs.com

For students who need to wait for their ride home, after school supervision is available in the Leadership Center from 2:30-5:00 p.m. Students should make sure they have their student ID when going to the Leadership Center as they check-in when they enter. A study hall atmosphere is maintained and students should be picked up at Door 21 (Leadership Center). Once a student exits the Leadership Center they will not be allowed to reenter the building. Please refer to Dismissal Time on page 8 of the handbook for this policy.

Health Services

If your student is not feeling well during the school day, they may see the school nurse in the clinic. Students must notify their teacher if they are not feeling well before reporting to the school clinic (located in first hall near the Main Office). **Students should not call/text their parent to come to school to pick them up, but rather see the nurse in the clinic where they will be evaluated by the school nurse and parental contact will be made.** If the student is to be sent home by the school nurse, the student should be picked up as soon as possible. Please see pages 16-17 of the policy handbook for this complete policy.

If your student needs to take medication during the course of the school day, they must have a parent/guardian signed [Medical Authorization Form](#) and licensed prescriber's order form on file with the school. This form must be renewed every school year. All medication (prescription and non-prescription) is kept in the school approved secure location during the school day. Students are not permitted to carry medications with them (prescription and non-prescription). Student who need to carry medications for self-administration require a 504 Plan and IEP to be in place. Please click here for the [Medication Procedures Information](#) and see pages 16-17 of the policy handbook for complete detailed Medical Policies and Procedures.

MealTime Accounts and Cafeteria Policies

Once a MealTime account has been established, food purchases are made using the student's bar-coded Student ID card. Students must have a positive balance in their MealTime account to be able to purchase food in the Leadership Center (cafeteria). You may continue to use MealTime to add funds to your student's account online, view your student's account balance, and monitor their cafeteria purchases as you have in previous years. **New this school year:** Students can now add funds directly to their MealTime cafeteria account at the cafeteria register before school or during their lunch period using any of the following payment methods: Cash, Check (made payable to Country House Kitchen Co.), Credit or Debit Card, or Apple Pay. Payments made with credit cards (online or at the register) will incur a credit card processing fee. Funds must be deposited to accounts prior to 9:00 a.m. to appear in the account that day. All payments made at the cafeteria register will be applied directly to your student's MealTime account, giving your family even more flexibility and convenience.

Students may also bring their lunch from home if they choose to not purchase cafeteria food. There are two microwaves in the cafeteria for student use; please make sure any food is in a microwave-safe container. Students who use the microwaves should take the responsibility of cleaning up any splatters or spills; paper towels are located nearby. If you experience any problems with MealTime on-line, please call their help number at: 1 800-755-0904. [Click here](#) for instructions on how to set up your MealTime account.



Student Reminders

Dress Code

The following dress code applies Monday through Thursday for each week of the school year. Fridays are "Spirit Days" and students may wear any Marian Catholic apparel on top along with dress code **Khaki** slacks, shorts, or skirts.

[Click here](#) for a handy **Fall** dress code flyer.

[Click here](#) for a handy **Winter** dress code flyer.

Shirts: Marian Catholic logoed polo shirt.

Pants/Skirts/Shorts: Must wear **Khaki** slacks (traditional, classic cut or relaxed fit, chino style, cotton-twill), knee-length **Khaki** chino style shorts, or knee-length **Khaki** skirt.

Outerwear Clothing: Over their Marian polo shirt, students may wear a Marian-approved light jacket with the Marian "M" logo OR a Marian-approved quarter-zip pullover with the Marian "M" logo. The collar of their Marian polo must be visible at the neck.

Shoes may be a dress shoe, casual shoe, or athletic shoe.

Hair: Haircuts are to be appropriate for school or a professional environment and 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.

Jewelry: Students may wear earrings, finger rights, bracelets, and necklaces. Small/modest earrings in the ear or nose are permitted.

Student IDs: Students must wear their current year school-issued photo ID around the neck on their school-issued lanyard so that it is visible at all times while in the school building.

The complete dress code may be found on pages 25-27 of the policy handbook.



Technology Reminders

PowerSchool

All new families received instructions for creating their [PowerSchool account](#) to have access to their student's attendance and grades. Discipline records can also be checked. If you need to create an account or reset your password, please contact our Technology department at: powerschool@marianchs.com.

Schoology

When you log in to your [PowerSchool account](#), on the left side of the screen you will find your parent Schoology code, along with a link to set up a Schoology account (if you have not already done so). In Schoology you will be able to check your student's homework assignments. If you need assistance, please contact our Technology department at: technology@marianchs.com

Emergency Closings

In the event of the school campus needing to be closed due to severe weather or emergency conditions, families will receive a telephone message and email announcing the closing. Information will also be posted on the school website by 5:45 a.m. Please check the policy on page 9 of the policy handbook.

eLearning Policy

In the event the Marian Catholic needs to be closed (due to inclement weather, public health related government directives, power outage, or other emergency), we will conduct eLearning Instructional Days. Because we are a 1:1 learning environment, we have the ability to engage students in lessons whether they are at home or at school. This policy should allow us to eliminate the need to add instructional days to the end of the school year. Please see page 12 of the policy handbook for more information.



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

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 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.

Listening Devices & Smart Glasses

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.

Student IDs

Student photo IDs are a part of the Marian Catholic dress code and are a safety protocol for our school community. Students must wear their current year school-issued photo ID around the neck on their school-issued lanyard so that it is visible at all times while in the school building.

Students also use their bar-coded ID to purchase food in the cafeteria, check out library materials, and IDs are required for admittance to school-sponsored functions such as dances and athletic contests.

If a student loses their ID, they must report it to the Main Office or School Activities Office (Room 213)

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. **Please note there is a 3.05% credit/debit card transaction fee. An alternate payment method such as ACH, 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.

so that a replacement ID can be ordered. The replacement cost for an ID or lanyard is \$5.00.

iPads

Along with iPad technology comes the responsibility for our students to care for their electronic devices both on and off campus. While on campus students are expected to keep their iPad with them at all times. While off campus, students are responsible for charging their device at home so that they come to school with it fully charged to get through the school day.

Drop Offs for Students

Because of the disruption to the academic setting, deliveries and drop offs for students will not be accepted for delivery to students. This includes: lunches, school assignments, flowers, gifts, Door Dash, Uber Eats, etc. This encourages student self-responsibility!

Parking Permits

Student parking applications are available for [download](#) from the Students portal of the Marian website for sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a valid driver's license. Students must retain a good driving record to park in the Marian student parking lot. Students are prohibited from parking in the faculty parking lot or any numbered or assigned spaces.

The application form, signed by a parent and the students, along with the \$80 fee and a copy of the current license plate registration card containing the VIN and license plate number, are to be turned in to the Main Office. Please see page 8-9 of the policy handbook for complete details.



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