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.

MARIAN CATHOLIC DAILY BULLETIN – MONDAY – AUGUST 31, 2026

Parents

- **This Week:**
- **Thursday, September 3: Early Release Schedule; Back to School Night 6:00 PM**

- **Early Release Schedule: Thursday, September 3:** Next Thursday, September 3rd will be our first Early Release Schedule of the year, with student dismissal at 1:20 PM. After school supervision will be available in the Leadership Center as usual, beginning at 1:30 PM, for students who need to wait for their ride home or practice as they do on regular class schedule days. All After School Supervision guidelines apply in the Leadership Center on Early Release Thursdays.

- **Back to School Night: Thursday, September 3 at 6:00 PM** All parents are invited to join us the evening of Thursday, September 3rd for Back to School Night! You will have the opportunity to follow your student's schedule for 5-minute classes, meet their teachers, learn about classroom and course expectations, and experience Marian Catholic from your child's perspective. Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. so you have plenty of time to get to your student's first period classroom. You can bring a copy of your student's schedule or access it on your phone through PowerSchool. We ask that you please park in the parking lots off of Joe Orr Road and enter the building through Door 14 or Door 20. Please note that the parking lot on Ashland Avenue is reserved for faculty. The evening should conclude by 7:30 p.m. We hope to see many of our parents here!

- **Student Drop Off in the Morning:** A reminder to parents and students, that in the morning, students should be dropped off on the Joe Orr Road side of campus (Door 20-Spartan Shop or Door 14-Circle Drive). Students should not be dropped off at the Main Office entrance before 8:00 a.m. Please **click here** for a brief video about student drop off and pick up. Thank you for your cooperation!

- **Required Parent/Student Policy Handbook Information Review:** All parents/guardians are required to review a digital copy of the Marian Catholic policy handbook prior to the first day of school. Students will receive 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 start of the 2026-2027 school year may cause you to lose access to PowerSchool and receiving your student's report cards. Thank you very much for your cooperation!

- **MealTime Accounts:** 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, or Carla Rosales at Country House at: carlaprf24@gmail.com or 708-528-4638.**Click here** for instructions on how to set up your MealTime account.

- **Dress Code Reminder:** A reminder to parents and students that the Marian Catholic Dress Code has changed to **Khaki only** pants, shorts, and skirts. Dress code Khaki pants must be the traditional cut or relaxed fit chino-style or Dockers-style, cotton twill, knee-length Khaki chino-style shorts, or knee-length Khaki skirts. Please **click here** for the 2026-2027 Marian Catholic Dress Code. Thank you for your cooperation!

Students

- **Women's Club:** Women's Club empowers students (especially the young women of Marian Catholic) to make a positive difference in our school and community through leadership, service, and meaningful outreach. Women's Club will be having its first meeting next Monday, August 31st at 2:30pm in Sra. Soto's classroom (201). ALL students who are interested in learning more about our club are welcome to attend! Don't forget to donate to our Back-to-School Drive!

- **Back-to-School Supply Drive:** The Marian Catholic Women's Club is hosting a Back-to-School Supply Drive to support elementary school students in our community who may have been impacted by the recent storms and lost access to school supplies. We are collecting notebooks, pencils, crayons, backpacks, and other school supplies through September 4th—donations can be dropped off in Sra. Soto's Room #201 or in the donation box by the front office. Thank you for helping us support our community and making sure students in the area have the supplies they need for a successful school year!

- **Esports:** If you would like to compete in the Fall season of Esports, please fill out the registration form using **this link**. Registration closes on Tuesday, September 1st @ 2:20pm. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Carlson in the Computer Lab.

- **Are you interested in being part of creating our school yearbook *The Mariner*?** If so, the Yearbook team is meeting in the library tomorrow, Tuesday, September 1 directly after school. Are you interested but not sure what it entails? Our first meeting will be a discussion on the moving parts of creating the yearbook and how you can take part! Come find out if this is something you would enjoy!

- **Black Student Union (BSU)** will be meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd at 2:45 pm in the Choir Room (339). Please plan to attend and be on time!

- **Library Book Club:** The first meeting of the Library Book Club **has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 10th from 2:30pm to 3:15pm** in the Library. Check out the main Library bulletin board to see the books we're reading this year and then come to our meeting to learn more. Refreshments will be served!

- **Fall Play Auditions for the production of *These Shining Lives* will take place this Thursday, September 3rd at 3:00 p.m. in the Theatre!** Audition slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis: **sign up** here. **Click here** for important audition information. Not interested in being on stage but want to work behind the scenes? More information is coming soon for stage managers, costume crew, props, painters, light board operators, sound & mics and much more! **Before you audition:** Theatre is a team effort. Every person on stage affects everyone else, so we need students who are ready to make a commitment to the production. Please keep in mind that roles are limited, attendance matters, school expectations apply, and tech week and performances are non-negotiable. **Most importantly:** Come audition! You do not have to be the most experienced actor in the room. You do not have to know exactly what role you want. You simply have to be willing to take a risk, tell a story, and see what happens. We are incredibly excited to introduce this beautiful play to our Marian community and even more excited to see who will become part of it. Let's make something worth remembering! For complete information, read the Fall Play Auditions post on Schoology.

- **Homecoming Dance Announcement:** We are excited to share important updates about this year's Homecoming Dance. With our main gym currently out of commission, we have secured a new location so you all can still enjoy a memorable evening. **Date:** Saturday, September 12 **Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. **Location:** Lincoln-Way North High School, 19933 South Edinburgh Lane, Frankfort, IL. **Ticket Price: $40 per person** The ticket includes admission to the dance, a food ticket for the food truck, ice cream, a DJ, a photo booth, and the opportunity to have a great time, meet new friends, and kick off an exciting new school year! **Tickets will be on sale this week, from Monday, August 31 through Friday, September 4.** Additional details on how to purchase tickets will be shared before the end of this week.

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Browne in Room 404 or Ms. Rzab in the Counseling Office.

- **Cell Phone Reminder:** Students, just a reminder that all cell phones should be placed in the cell phone pouch in each classroom at the beginning of each class period. **Cell phones are not to be used during instructional/class time. If you leave the classroom at any time during class (e.g. have a Smart Pass to go to the washroom), you are to leave your cell phone in the classroom pouch.** You are allowed to use your cell phone at lunch time in the cafeteria. Thank you for your cooperation!

- **After School Tutoring:** is available today from 2:30-3:15 p.m. in the Bracha Center (in Dominican Way). After school tutoring is available from 2:30-3:15 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. If you have any questions, please see Ms. West in Counseling.

- **Lunch in the Leadership Center:** Here are some reminders about lunch in the Leadership Center. You must have your student ID to purchase food in the cafeteria. If you do not have your ID yet, you should show your ID through PowerSchool or SmartPass. You must have a positive balance in your MealTime account to purchase food. Students can now add funds directly to their MealTime cafeteria account at the cafeteria register before school or during your 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 MealTime account. **Any food purchased in the Leadership Center must be consumed while in the Leadership Center. All students must eat lunch in the Leadership Center and are not permitted to eat lunch in any other area of the school (Library, Band Room, etc.) or any classroom. You will not be permitted to take food out of the Leadership Center. Thank you for your cooperation.** Students, you may also bring your lunch from home if you 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 are responsible for cleaning up any splatters or spills; paper towels are located nearby. Please also take a minute when you are finished with lunch to clear your table and dispose of any trash in the proper trash/recycle receptacle. Please place any plastic trays on the carts that are provided near the trash cans (please do NOT throw the trays away). Thank you!

- **Student Parking Application** can be found in the Students portal of the Marian Catholic website for sophomore, junior, and senior students with a valid driver's license. Students must retain a good driving record to park in the Marian student parking lot. The application form, signed by a parent and the student, along with the $80 fee, and a copy of the current license plate registration card containing the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and license plate number, are to be tuned in to the Main Office. **Click here** to download and print the form.

Counseling: College Visits, Scholarship & Job Opportunities

- **College & University Representatives:** Representatives from various colleges and universities will be visiting Marian Catholic over the next few months to meet with students who are interested in attending their educational institutions. If you are interested in meeting with a representative, please obtain a SmartPass from the Counseling Office at least one day in advance. You may log in to **Naviance** for more information.

- Wednesday, **September 9:** 2nd Period: **University of St. Francis**; 3rd Period: **Holy Cross College**
- Thursday, **September 10:** 2nd Period: **Marquette University**; 4th Period: **University of Illinois Chicago**
- Wednesday, **September 16:** 2nd Period: **University of Cincinnati**
- Thursday, **September 17:** 4th Period: **Lake Forest College**; 7th Period: **Valparaiso University**
- Friday, **September 18:** 2nd Period: **University of Southern California**
- Tuesday, **September 22:** 3rd Period: **Northwestern University**; 4th Period: **University of Notre Dame**
- Wednesday, **September 23:** 2nd Period: **Loyola University Chicago**' 3rd Period: **Xavier University**; 7th Period: **Marian University (Indianapolis Campus)**
- Thursday, **September 24:** 2nd Period: **Gonzaga University**
- Tuesday, **September 29:** 2nd Period: **University of Arkansas;** 7th Period: **Columbia University**
- Wednesday, **September 30:** 3rd Period: **Case Western Reserve**; 5th Period: **Wabash College**
- Wednesday, **October 7:** 3rd Period: **Eastern Illinois University**; 4th Period: **Saint Xavier University**; 7th Period: **Dominican University**

- Thursday, **October 8:** 2nd Period: **Indiana University Bloomington**; 4th Period: **Indiana University-Indianapolis**; 7th Period: **University of Dayton**
- Tuesday, **October 13:** 3rd Period: **University of Scranton**; 4th Period: **Milikin University**; 7th Period: **Butler University**
- Tuesday, **October 20:** 4th Period: **Drake University**
- Wednesday, **October 21:** 2nd Period: **University of Chicago**
- Thursday, **October 22:** 4th Period: **Saint Louis Universityi**
- Wednesday, **October 28:** 3rd Period: **Western Michigan University;** 4th Period: **Michigan State University**; 5th Period: **University of Missouri**
- Thursday, **October 29:** 4th Period: **Lewis University**
- Tuesday, **November 3:** 4th Period: **University of Memphis**
- Wednesday, **November 4:** 2nd Period: **Illinois Wesleyan University**

IHSA Events & Results

- **Cross Country:** At Saturday's Andrew Invite, our Lady Spartans finished 8th out of 8 complete teams and 8th out of 10 schools over-all. Top finishers and posting a faster time than Wednesday's meet were **Natalia Watson** (32nd), **Elisabeth Seese** (33rd), and **Victoria Valadez** (48th). At Saturday's Normal West Invite, our Spartan Men finished 17th out of 17 complete teams and 17th out of 19 schools over-all. All six Marian varsity runners posted faster times than the previous meet, with **Shawn Walton** leading the way with a time of 19:12, finishing 149th out of 305.

- **Please check the Marian Catholic Athletics Fall Sports page for team contest information or Bound/Marian Catholic Sports for any changes or cancellations.**

- **M Soccer:** At Nazareth: V 6:00 pm

Campus Ministry

- **Prayer Intentions!** If you would like our school community to pray for any special intentions you may have, please fill out this **Prayer Request** form. Campus Ministry will personally pray for your intentions and they will be printed out and brought forward with the gifts at Offertory during our all school Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 15th. Please note that you may remain anonymous when submitting your prayer requests.

- **Student Chapel Use:** The student chapel is open and available to you! Please send a SmartPass to "Campus Ministry" if you would like to come to the chapel to pray. Come spend time with your Savior!

- **The Dominican Blessing:** We begin every school day with a morning prayer, and conclude each day with the Dominican Blessing: *May God. Creator, bless us. May God, Redeemer, heal us. May the Holy Spirit enlighten us and give us all we need: eyes to see with, ears to hear with, hands to do the work of God; feet for walking, mouths for speaking words of saving power. May the angel of peace watch over us and lead us, by God's grace, to the kingdom. Amen.*

Everyday Items

- **Main Office Hours During the School Year:** Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please feel free to call the office with any questions you may have at any time.
- **Student Drop Off and Pick Up:** All students should enter the building through Door 14 (Circle Drive), or Door 20 (Spartan Shop) which are off of Joe Orr Road. Students 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 second bell rings 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, 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.
- **Spartan Shop Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:00 - 10:00am and 1:00 - 3:00pm. The Spartan Shop is closed on Wednesdays. Please enter at Door 20 (Joe Orr Road).
- **MealTime Accounts:** 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.

- **Tuition Policy:** 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. **On September 1, 2025, the fee for credit/debit card transactions increased to 3.05%. 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.
- **After School Supervision:** All students not leaving school at 2:20 PM and not a part of a club or athletic team, must wait for their ride in the Leadership Center. A study hall atmosphere is maintained, and the concession stand is open until 3:30 PM if students want to purchase snacks or beverages. If students are with a team or club after 2:45 PM, and need to come to the LC to wait for their ride, they must obtain pass from the coach or moderator in order to enter the Leadership Center. After 2:45 PM, students should inform their parent/guardian to pick them up at Door 21 (Leadership Center ONLY). Once students leave the Leadership Center they are not permitted to wander around the school or reenter the building. **After School Supervision is also available on Early Release Thursdays and all of the above-mentioned policies apply on early release Thursdays.**