

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 – THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Parents

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

Early Release Schedule: September 3, 2026	
Period	Time
1 st Period	7:45 – 8:20
2 nd Period	8:25 – 9:00
3 rd Period	9:05 – 9:40
4 th Period	9:45 – 10:20
7 th Period	10:25 – 11:00
5 th Period *	11:05 – 11:50
6 th Period *	11:55 – 12:40
8 th Period	12:45 – 1:20

- **Early Release Schedule: Thursday, September 3 is 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!
- **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!



Marian Catholic Homecoming 2026: Glow Wild!

- **Spirit Week: Tuesday, September 8th - Friday, September 11th**
This year's Homecoming theme is: GLOW WILD! The following are the "costumes" for the days for Spirit Week:
- **Tuesday, September 8:** Soccer Mom vs. BBQ Dad
- **Wednesday, September 9:** Meme Day
- **Thursday, September 10:** Dress Your Grade: Freshman: Toddlers; Sophomores: Teens; Juniors: Adults; Seniors: Senior Citizens
- **Friday, September 11:** Class Color: Freshman: Neon Yellow; Sophomores: Neon Orange; Juniors: Neon Green; Seniors: Neon Pink
- **On any Spirit Week Day, students may opt to wear jeans and this year's Homecoming T-shirt** instead of the costume of the day. Please note that jeans must be in good condition (i.e. no cuts, tears, rips, etc.).
- **Homecoming T-Shirts are on sale during all lunch periods in the Leadership Center this week & next for \$20 each and are available in all sizes.**
- **For all days/costumes:** Shorts must be knee-length. All tops must have sleeves and must overlap the top of pants. All apparel must be in appropriate and good taste. No midriffs. No profanity on any clothing. Jeans must follow dress down day guidelines, so no cut or ripped jeans. No weapons or anything resembling a weapon. No full face masks. Hats, if worn, must be appropriate to the costume of the day and removed in the classroom at the request of the teacher.
- **Each Spirit Day is contingent on the success/cooperation of the previous day.** Students who do not follow the guidelines of any given day during Spirit Week will have to be in full regular dress code for all remaining days of Spirit Week.
- **If students are in doubt regarding a "costume"** please see Mrs. Lamb in Room 213, Ms. Rzab in Counseling, Ms. Browne in Room 404, Dean Crossley or Dean Glomb. If not participating in the costume of the day, then students must be in full regular Marian dress code.

Homecoming Dance: Saturday, September 12th

- Homecoming Dance Tickets are on sale now through this Friday, September 4th!
- The Homecoming Dance is Saturday, September 12 from 7:00 - 10:00 PM at Lincoln Way North High School in Frankfort (19933 S. Edinburgh Ln, Frankfort, IL). The ticket price is \$40/person and 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!
- **Only Marian Catholic Students are allowed at the dance.** The dance contract needs to be completed (signed by student and a parent) and uploaded into the ticket portal in order to complete the ticket purchase! Anyone without a signed dance contract on file will NOT be able to attend the dance. By purchasing a Homecoming ticket, all participants must adhere to all Marian Catholic policies. **Please also be aware that if students are attending the Homecoming Dance, they are expected to be in school for the entire day on Friday, September 11th.**
- Download the **Dance Contract**. Purchase **Dance Ticket** If students have any questions, they can see Ms. Rzab in Counseling or Ms. Browne in Room 204.
- **Dance Attire** All dance attire must be modest, Homecoming attire. If students are wearing a dress, NO cut-outs, mesh, or two-piece dresses are allowed. Dress must be cut ABOVE the breast line in front and ABOVE the waist line in back. Skirts must be loose-fitting and no higher than three inches above the top of the knee.
- Students wearing a suit, dress shirt and tie, and dress shoes and socks, may remove the jacket and tie during the evening but everything else must remain on. Gym shoes will be permitted. Gentlemen should have facial hair trimmed to no longer than one inch in length.
- If students have questions about dresses meeting the guidelines, they should contact Mrs. Lamb or Ms. Glomb and show them a photo of the dress. Gentlemen may see Mr. Crossley regarding their attire.

School Policies

- ALL school policies are in effect before, during, and after the dance. Marian Catholic students assume full responsibility for their actions/conduct. Smoking is prohibited; alcohol and other drug use are prohibited by law before, during, or after the event. Students who sell/distribute or in any way serve as the source of alcohol or any other illegal substance to others at school sponsored events (home or away) are automatically expelled. Marian Catholic conducts random

breathalyzer tests. Disrespectful behavior may be cause for additional disciplinary measures. Be sure to review pages 22-23 of the policy handbook for the all of the policies for Dances and Informal Activities.

Students

- **Freshman Men's Basketball open gym is cancelled for today.**
- **Friday Night Lights!** Tomorrow night our Spartans take on the St. Patrick Shamrocks for the home opener football game! Marian Catholic students receive free admission to the game with their current school ID! Tickets are available on **Bound** and are also available with cash at the gate: \$8.00 Adults; \$5.00 Senior Citizens & K-8 students. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Only Marian Catholic and St. Patrick high school students will be admitted to the game. Frosh-Soph kick-off is at 5:00 p.m. followed by Varsity at 7:30 p.m. No one will be admitted after the second quarter.
- **Campus Ministry News!** Are you interested in helping with Mass? Our first all school Mass is quickly approaching! If you have experience, or are interested in becoming an Altar Server, Lector, Usher, or Gift-bearer for Marian this school year, please fill out this **Liturgy Committee** form! **Campus Ministry wants to pray for you and all of your intentions!** Whether it be personal life, academic work, sports related, or for a friend, fill out this **Prayer Intentions** form to send in a prayer request! These prayer intentions will be brought forward with the gifts during our first all school Mass!
- **The Spartan Newspaper Survey:** The Spartan Star is collecting responses from students for an upcoming article exploring the freshman experience, including how joining extracurricular activities can help students connect with others and become more involved in the school community. **Click here** to take the survey now (it takes less than 5 minutes)! Thanks for your participation!
- **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!
- **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.
- **Fright Fest!** We will be going to Six Flags for Fright Fest on **Saturday, October 10th!** We will leave a 10:00 am sharp and return to school around 1:00 AM on Sunday. Ticket prices are \$45, Mega Meal is \$25, Haunted Houses are \$30, and Bus is \$15. **Sign up deadline is end of school day on Monday, September 21st-no exceptions as we need to order tickets.** If you have a season pass, make sure Fright Fest is included. Field Trip permission forms are available in the library. Please bring signed form with cash or check to Ms. Keller in the library. Check out the post in Schoology for complete details!
- **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 turned 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** and **University of Kansas**
- 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**; 4th Period: **Howard University**; 7th Period: **Marian University (Indianapolis Campus)**
- Thursday, **September 24:** 2nd Period: **Gonzaga University**; 3rd Period: **Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville**
- Tuesday, **September 29:** 2nd Period: **University of Arkansas**; 7th Period: **Columbia University**
- Wednesday, **September 30:** 3rd Period: **Case Western Reserve**; 4th Period: **Spring Hill College**; 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 University**
- Tuesday, **October 27:** 2nd Period: **Marian University Wisconsin**
- 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**
- Thursday, **November 5:** 3rd Period: **Ball State University**

IHSA Events & Results

- **Women's Volleyball:** Marian Catholic opened the Evergreen Park Tournament on Wednesday, September 2, with a 2-1 record. The Spartans defeated Walter Payton Prep in two sets, 26-24 and 25-17. **Nyla Williams** led the team with 17 digs, while **Zoe Crawford** and **Mikaela Fraser** each recorded four kills. **Liz Barlow** led the Spartans in assists. The Spartans fell to Evergreen Park, 16-25 and 16-25. **Williams and Crawford** led the team in serve receive, with **Williams** also leading the Spartans in serving. The Spartans finished the day with a two-set victory over Thornton Fractional North, winning 25-19 and 25-20.

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

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: 7:30 - 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 online, 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.**