



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.

A Message from Dr. Zampillo

Hello Parents and Guardians!

This has been a busy, exciting, and fun week here at Marian Catholic as we are in the midst of Spirit Week! Students and staff alike are showing their Spartan Spirit by participating in dressing up for the different themed days of the week, and many are looking forward to the Homecoming football games on Friday evening, and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening. Please remember that students who are attending the dance on Saturday are expected to be in school for the full day tomorrow. We are looking forward to an enjoyable evening of food, fun, and friends and are grateful that we were able to secure the venue at Lincoln Way North High School to enable us to go ahead with the dance this year.

We are making progress on the repairs to our West Gymnasium, and our athletics department is working closely with other area schools to allow our student athletes to be able to continue to hold practices and rearrange contest locations when necessary so that our fall and winter seasons can go on as scheduled. We will keep you posted as we inch closer to returning everything to normal on campus.

In the meantime, it has been a great start to the school year-students are enthusiastic and engaged in learning, and the spirit of building community can be felt in the hallways, in classrooms, and at extracurricular activities. Thank you for supporting your students, and continue to encourage them to do their very best as they navigate their way through this first quarter of the school year! Go Spartans!

Sincerely,
Dr. Joe Zampillo '89
Principal

Important Reminders for Parents!



Health Forms for Freshmen & Seniors!

A reminder to our freshman and senior parents that if you have not yet turned in your student's required medical forms, the **absolute deadline for submitting these documents is Monday, September 28, 2026**. Reminders have been sent home with your student over the past few weeks if we are missing any of these documents. If you cannot have the forms completed by this date, you must contact our school nurse with the date of the medical and/or dental appointment. *Failure to meet this deadline will result in your child being excluded from school beginning on Thursday, October 1, 2026.*

- **Freshmen:** Health Physical (with immunizations), Dental Exam, Eye Exam (Indiana residents only for eye exam).
- **Seniors:** Proof of MCV Vaccine

Please make sure documents contain the signature of a parent/guardian as well as the designated medical professional. Forms can be turned into the Main Office during regular business hours (7:00am-3:00pm) or scanned and emailed to our school nurse: kmckinney@marianchs.com. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Ms. Kathy McKinney, at [708-755-7565](tel:708-755-7565), ext. 1779, or email her.

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Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the health of your child and our school, as the health and well-being of our students is of the utmost importance.



Marian Catholic Required Policy Handbook Acknowledgement

Thank you to all of the parents who have completed the online policy handbook acknowledgement process! Parents and students are responsible for being aware of all of the information contained in the handbook which is available to parents/guardians in a PDF digital format in both the [Parents](#) and [Students](#) portals of the Marian [website](#). (If you wish to download and/or print the 2026-2027 Marian Catholic Policy Handbook, please [click here](#).) Every student received a hard copy of the Marian Catholic Student Handbook/Planner when they received their schedule, either on Schedule Pick Up Day in July or during the first week of school.

The policies and procedures outlined in our policy book are a vital component to student success at Marian Catholic. From our Mission Statement (above) and Student Honor Code, to attendance, discipline, cellphone, and dress code, many policies and guidelines are in place to ensure student safety and to help them develop and grow into young adults of fine character.

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.

Please [click here](#) once you have reviewed the Marian Catholic Policy Handbook to submit your acknowledgement that you have viewed and understand its content. **Failure to complete the acknowledgement form by Friday, September 18th may cause you to lose access to PowerSchool as well as receiving your student's report cards.**

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MealTime Accounts

A reminder that once a student's MealTime account has been established, food purchases are made using the student's bar-coded Student ID card. 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: Deposits for MealTime accounts are no longer accepted in the Main Office. Students can now add funds directly to their MealTime 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 must have a positive balance in their MealTime account to be able to purchase food in the Leadership Center (cafeteria).**

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



ID/Yearbook Picture Retake Day

On **Monday, September 14**, photographers from [Visual Image Photography](#) (VIP) will be at Marian for any students who want to have their picture retaken (their ID picture is also their yearbook picture) or who have not yet had their ID picture taken. **Students should be wearing a Marian Catholic polo shirt if they are having their picture retaken this day.** Students should check in with their Study Hall teacher before going to the East Gym Lobby for their picture.



Fright Fest at Six Flags!

We will be going to Six Flags for Fright Fest on **Saturday, October 10th!** We will leave Marian Catholic at 10:00 am sharp and return to school around 1:00 AM on Sunday. Ticket prices are \$45; add-ons are: 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 students have a Six Flags season pass, make sure Fright Fest is included. Field Trip permission forms are available in the library or [click here](#) to download and print the permission slip. Students should drop off signed forms along with their payment (cash or check made payable to Marian Catholic High School) to Ms. Keller in the library.

Students do not need to dress in Marian gear, but need to remember they are representing our school community and dress accordingly. Students must also bring their current school ID and keep it in a safe place on their person as security at Six Flags or any one of our chaperones can ask for it at any time (this is a high school student event only).

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](tel:18007550904). Or you may contact Carla Rosales at Country House at: carlaprf24@gmail.com or [708-528-4638](tel:7085284638). **Click here** for instructions on how to set up your MealTime account.



Athletic Booster Club Back to School BINGO Night!

The **Marian Catholic Athletic Booster Club** is excited to invite you to our first **Bingo Night** of the academic year. Back to School Bingo Night is coming! Mark your calendars for **Friday, September 25th**, and join us for an evening filled with fun, prizes, and school spirit, all while supporting Marian Catholic High School's Athletic Program.

Bring your favorite snacks and beverages and join friends and family for a night of laughter, friendly competition, and cash prizes. Doors open at 6:30pm and games begin at 7:00! Tables fill up fast, so reserve your spot today for early bird pricing.



Marian Catholic Women's Club

Over the summer the Marian Catholic Women's Club had the opportunity to put their mission of service, compassion, and community into action. Inspired by 2026 Women's Club President **Brook Rouse '26**, the club organized and donated Women Care Gift Bags to the Women's Care Center in Flossmoor, Illinois. Each bag was thoughtfully filled with essential personal-care items, including toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, socks, and other hygiene products.

Brook spearheaded this meaningful initiative and helped deliver the completed gift bags at the end of the school year. Current co-presidents **Stephanie Solomon '27** and **Sofia Herrarte '27**, along with other Women's Club members, spent an afternoon preparing and filling each bag with care.

As members of the Marian Catholic community, Women's Club continues to look for opportunities to show what it means to care for others and to be a community that serves beyond the walls of our school. Through acts of kindness like this, our students and members are reminded that even the smallest gestures can make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. We are incredibly proud of the compassion and generosity demonstrated by the members of Women's Club and grateful for the opportunity to serve our local community.



Spartan Fencing Academy

This is a 21+ event. [Click here](#) to reserve your spot now!



Upcoming Events

September 11: Special Events Schedule; Homecoming Spirit Week Assembly; Homecoming Football Game; *Patriot Day*

September 12: Homecoming Dance 7:00 p.m. Lincoln Way North High School

September 14: ID/Yearbook Picture Re-Take Day

September 15: Liturgy Schedule for Mass of the Holy Spirit

September 18: Mid-Quarter

September 19: ACT at MCHS; Band at Plainfield South Marching Invitational

September 22: *First Day of Autumn*

September 23: Spartan Gold Raffle Ticket Distribution Day

September 24: Early Release Schedule with dismissal at 1:20 p.m.

September 26: Marching Band at Andrew/NIU Red & Black Classic

September 29: Spartan Gold Raffle Collection Day

September 30: Half-Day Schedule; Sophomore Class Retreat

Spartan Fencing Academy is offering free "Introduction to Fencing" sessions for Marian Catholic students interested in trying out for the Fencing Team. We have three sessions scheduled on the following Sunday afternoons from 2:30-4:30 pm in the East Gym: September 20, September 27, & October 4. These sessions are also open to current Homewood-Flossmoor High School students interested in joining their school fencing team, and the general public. Spartan Fencing Academy members will be demonstrating all three fencing disciplines. Sessions are FREE for Marian and H-F students (current school ID needed), \$5.00 for other members of the Marian community, and \$10.00 for the general public (ages 10+). Questions? Contact Coach Jones (ajones@marianchs.com) or come see her in the Library.



Parents Club News

Marian Catholic Parents Club Needs YOU!

Our Marian Catholic community is stronger when parents are connected, engaged, and involved. The Marian Catholic Parents Club works to **bridge the gap between our students, parents, and school community** through exciting new initiatives, family programming, special events, and opportunities that strengthen the Marian experience.

But we can't do it without you! To continue bringing meaningful programs and experiences to our students and families, **we need more parents to join our team, volunteer, share ideas, and get involved.** Whether you can give a few hours or take on a larger role, every parent can make a difference.

Join us for our first meeting of this school year on Monday, September 21st at 7:00 PM in the Leadership Center! Come meet other Marian parents, hear what we have planned, and discover how you can get involved. Not a Marian Catholic Parents Club member yet? Come and join the team. Bring your ideas, your energy, and your support! [Click here](#) to join now! **Together, we can make this an amazing year for our students and families!**

October 3: Marching Band at Downers Grove South Music Bowl

October 5: Open House for Prospective Families 6:00-8:00 p.m.

October 6: Pre-ACT/ACT Testing Day with dismissal at 11:45 a.m.; No School for Seniors

October 7: Spartan Gold Raffle Collection Day

October 12: School in Session! 8th Grade Super Shadow Day; Columbus Day observed

October 13: End of 1st Quarter; Spartan Gold Raffle Collection Day

October 14: No School; Parent-Teacher Conferences;

October 15: No School

October 16: No School



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



Becky's Warriors Family Fest

Marian Catholic families are invited to join Becky's Warriors as we say goodbye to Summer and hello to Fall during their inaugural Family Fest fundraiser! There is something for everyone at this event, including a Bake-Off, live music, food and desserts, mocktails, bounce houses, face painting, caricaturist, vendors, raffles and so much more! It's an event like no other and we want you to be there!

Join us on **Saturday, September 26th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at [20712 Western Avenue B, Olympia Fields](#). Come celebrate with us, whether you're 1 or 100. It's a time for us all to be together in support of our mission. **[Click here](#)** for complete information and to register now!

Founded in 2014, Becky's Warriors is a nonprofit organization devoted to helping Marian Catholic families facing the challenges of cancer. Named in memory of Becky Eaton Lopez '95, and what started as a heartfelt gesture between friends, has become a lasting mission, deeply rooted in the values and friendships formed at Marian Catholic in the '90s. Over the past 11 years, we've helped more than 50 families—and we're just getting started. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we've raised over \$221,000. More than half of that—over \$110,000—has gone directly to students in the form of tuition assistance. These are students whose parents have bravely battled cancer or, in some heartbreaking cases, lost that fight.

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.



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