

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 24, 2026

Parents

- **This Week:**
- **Wednesday, September 23:** Spartan Gold Raffle Ticket Distribution (in Emmaus)
- **Thursday, September 24: Early Release Schedule**
- **Friday, September 25:** Drive-In Movie Night 6:00 p.m. Stadium; Athletic Boosters BINGO Night 6:30 pm Leadership Center
- **Early Release Schedule Thursday, September 24:** We will be following our Early Release Schedule this Thursday, with student dismissal at 1:20 p.m. Students who need to wait for their ride home or for extracurricular activities to begin, may do so in the Leadership Center. **Students who are waiting after school in the Leadership Center will be participating in an anti-bullying presentation from 1:30-2:15 p.m. sponsored by our Counseling Department, Deans, and Black Student Union.**

Early Release Schedule: Thursday, September 24	
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

- **Coming Up Next Week:**
- **Tuesday, September 29: Spartan Gold Raffle Collection Day**
- **Wednesday, September 30: Half-Day Schedule; Sophomore Class Retreat**
- **Spartan Gold Raffle:** Today is the kick-off of our annual Spartan Gold Raffle! Each ticket is \$25, each student is required to sell ten (10) tickets for a total of \$250. Ticket stubs and payments will be collected during Emmaus classes on the dates listed below. We accept cash, money orders, and checks payable to Marian Catholic High School. The six-week fundraiser concludes on Wednesday, November 3, and the grand prize raffle drawing will take place on Friday, November 13 at 3:00 p.m. via livestream on Facebook. The student who sells the winning top-tier ticket will receive one semester of paid tuition. Collection days: Tuesday, September 29, Wednesday, October 7, and the following Tuesdays: October 13, October 20, October 27, and November 3, 2026. Students who sell more than 10 tickets will have their names entered into a weekly drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card (students may only win once, but will be entered in the drawing each of the six weeks). Please be sure to read over the information that will be given to your child with their Spartan Gold Raffle tickets this Wednesday. We greatly appreciate your participation in making this year's Spartan Gold Raffle a success! Go Spartans!
- **Marian Catholic Drive-In Movie Night!** Join us on **Friday, September 25th at 6:00 PM** for a showing of *The Michael Jackson Movie*. This is a FREE event for all Marian Catholic students and parents! We will be in the stadium for the movie - gates open at 6:00 PM and the movie will begin promptly at 6:30 PM. Bring your own blankets, lawn chairs, and school spirit! Concessions will be provided - get your tickets at the concession stand for popcorn, nachos, and soft drinks! Hosted by Marian Catholic Parents Club & Black Student Union. Hope to see you there!
- **Athletic Booster Club BINGO Night!** The Marian Catholic Athletic Booster Club is excited to invite you to our first Bingo Night of the academic year. Mark your calendars for Friday, September 25th, for Back to School Bingo 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. **This is a 21+ event. Click here** to reserve your spot now!
- **Spain Summer 2027 Student Trip Information Meeting:** Families are invited to learn more about an unforgettable EF Educational Tours adventure to Barcelona and Madrid in Summer 2027, led by teachers Miss Grauvogl and Ms. O'Brien from our World Language Department. All students are invited to participate whether they are actively in language classes or will be taking a World Language next year. Students will explore Spain's art, architecture, language, and culture, including the Picasso and Prado museums, a flamenco dance lesson and show, and more! There will be an

informational meeting for parents and students on **Tuesday, September 29th at 7:00 pm in the Study Hall** (enter Door 5, Main Office entrance on Ashland Avenue). Learn more about the itinerary, academic opportunities, trip cost, limited spots, and how to save \$500 through early enrollment. Families who RSVP may also qualify for additional trip scholarships! **Click here** to RSVP to the information meeting!

- **Financial Aid for College: Tuesday, September 29: 6:30 p.m. Leadership Center:** Parents of juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend this presentation by Yvette M. McGhee, Assistant Dean of Financial Aid at Prairie State College. She will talk about financial aid for college and completing the Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). We hope to see many parents here for this presentation!
- **Required Student Health Forms for Freshmen and 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 and mailed home 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, ext. 1779, or email her. 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.
- **Tardiness to School** We have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving late to school in the morning. Please be sure to leave early enough so that when students arrive on campus they have ample time to be in their first period class before the final bell rings at 7:45 a.m. When students arrive late to class, whether to first period or any other class during the day, it is disruptive to their classmates, teachers, and the learning environment. After a third tardy to school per semester, disciplinary consequences are imposed. **Tardy to School:** Students are to be in the school building by 7:40 a.m. and report directly to their first period class. Students are to be in their first period classroom when the second bell sounds at 7:45 a.m. **Disciplinary Consequences of Tardiness 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. **Any tardy after the 3rd tardy will be unexcused even if the parent calls the student in late. Students with three (3) unexcused tardies to school per semester will receive a detention.** For unexcused tardies from four (4) to seven (7), students will receive a Saturday work detention which includes a \$25 fine. A student who receives eight (8) unexcused tardies in a semester will be placed on an Attendance Probation contract. Students on Attendance Probation may be withheld from participating in field trips, dances, and/or extracurricular activities for the remainder of the semester. Continued tardiness will require the student to meet before the Discipline Board. **Tardiness to Class:** Students are to be in the classroom when the bell sounds. A tardy to class in excess of ten minutes will be considered an unexcused absence. Whenever a student is tardy to class, the teacher records the tardy. A general detention is issued upon the fourth tardy to class per semester. A student who continues to be tardy may be placed on an Attendance Contract and/or may be referred to the Discipline Board. Complete policies can be found on page 20-21 of the policy handbook.
- **Drop-Offs for Students:** Parents are reminded that items dropped off for students during the school day are highly discouraged and will only be accepted for emergency situations such as eyewear, cell phones (if they will need it to contact home after school/practice), iPads, and IDs. These items must be left with the security officer at the Main Office entrance for distribution to the student. Deliveries and drop offs for students during the school day such as headphones, earbuds, lunches, food, school assignments, flowers, gifts, DoorDash, Uber Eats, etc. will not be accepted. This will encourage student self-responsibility. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!
- **Dropping Off Students at School 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 Friday, September 18 may cause you to lose access to PowerSchool and receiving your student's report cards.** Thank you very much for your cooperation!

Students

- **New IDs:** If you had your ID picture retaken a couple of weeks ago, you can pick up your new ID in Room 213 today!

- **Attention Students Who Drive to School: Parking Permit Security Check:** Our Security Team will begin checking the student parking lot on Monday to make sure all students vehicles have this year's parking permit displayed. **If you have not purchased a parking permit this year you need to do so as soon as possible.** 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. Automobiles without this year's parking permit will be subject to receiving a ticket. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Helping Hands** will be meeting next Tuesday the 29th! We will be voting on board member positions, talking about our first fundraiser, and brainstorming/planning our first volunteer event. Please join us after school at 2:30 in room 318. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Yamira Thomas or Ms. Kostrzewa. Hope to see you then!
- **The Spartan Star:** Check out Ayomide's latest article on time management and sleep improving the quality of your school experience on the **Spartan Star** website. As usual, if interested in contributing to the Star, see Mr. Dickey (314) on Tuesdays for meetings and article assignments!
- **Robotics Club!** If you are interested in robotics and like to compete, come to our informational meeting on Friday, September 25th at 2:30 pm in the Computer Lab. Any questions, see Mr. Carlson in the Computer Lab.
- **Set Building & Painting for the Fall Play!** Help us bring our fall play to life! Students, parents, staff, and members of the Marian community are invited to join us for our upcoming set build days. No previous construction or theatre experience is necessary...we have projects for every skill level. Whether you can stay for the entire session or lend a hand for an hour, every bit of help makes a difference. **Dates are the following Saturdays: September 26, October 3, and October 10 from 9:00am-Noon, 1:00-4:00pm, and 3:00-6:00pm.** Sign up by **clicking here!**
- **Luv'n' Paws invites you to Brookfield Zoo!** Join us on Saturday, October 24 for Boo! at the Zoo! We'll meet in front of the Leadership Center at 9:30 a.m. and return to Marian at 4:00 p.m. Please see Ms. Keller in the Library for permission slips. The fee is \$55 and the permission slips and payment **deadline is 2:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19th. Please complete the permission slip legibly, and make sure both you and a parent sign the form.**
- **Very Important Technology Update for Students!** Starting today, the Technology department will block any devices on the student network that are not iPads or iPads that are not named correctly. Your iPads should be named in the following format: STU-XXXXX-AAAAAA, where XXXXX is your student ID number and AAAAAA is your last name. This can be done on your iPad by going to Settings > General > About, click in the Name field. Also, any students attempting to use or run a VPN on our network will receive an automatic detention. If this becomes a repeated violation, it will result in a referral, and further action will be determined by the Deans and Mr. Carlson. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Fall Play: Stage Techs Needed!** Seeking all stage tech positions for our fall play, *These Shining Lives*. Positions include prop building, lighting and sound, costume crew, hair and makeup, stage manager, prop crew, and social media/marketing! View the jobs, descriptions, and schedules **here** and apply to join crew **here!**
- **Academic Counselors will be meeting with freshmen, sophomores, and juniors** during your Study Hall period over the next few weeks. Your counselor will send you a SmartPass to meet with them in the counseling office, so be sure to check your email every day before your Study Hall to see if you received a Smart Pass. **If your last name begins with letters A through K, your counselor is Mr. O'Farrell; if your last name begins with the letters L through Z, your counselor is Ms. Dundek.**
- **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 Fairs:**
- **NACAC College Fair at Navy Pier: Saturday, September 26 from 11:00am to 3:00pm:** Students from all years are welcome to attend. Over 250 colleges and universities are scheduled to participate at this fair. Students and parents planning to attend are encouraged to register beforehand at **Strive Fair**. For more information, to register, and for a list of participating college and universities, please **click here**.
- **College Fair at Homewood-Flossmoor High School: Monday, October 19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Marian Catholic will participate in this college fair and students from all years are encouraged to attend. Save time by registering ahead of the fair at **Strive Fair**. After registering, a barcode will be emailed to you. The college reps will scan it to send more information to you about their schools. Strive Fair is free and saves you time!
- **Other College Fairs** in the area during the upcoming weeks can be found in the **Fall College Counseling Newsletter**.
- **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 register in Naviance no later than the day before the visit and inform your teacher for that period that you will be visiting with a college representative. Counseling will send you a SmartPass either the night before or morning of the visit. **Please check in with your teacher for attendance before coming to the College Room to meet with the representative.** Please log in to **Naviance** for more information.
- Thursday, **September 24:** 2nd Period: **Gonzaga University** 3rd Period: **Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville;** 4th Period: **Valparaiso University**
- Tuesday, **September 29:** 2nd Period: **University of Arkansas;** 3rd Period: **Oakland University;** 7th Period: **Columbia University**
- Wednesday, **September 30:** 3rd Period: **Case Western Reserve;** 4th Period: **Spring Hill College;** 5th Period: **Wabash College**
- Thursday, **October 1:** 2nd Period: **University of Notre Dame**
- Wednesday, **October 7:** 3rd Period: **Eastern Illinois University;** 4th Period: **Saint Xavier University;** 7th Period: **United States Marine Corp**
- Thursday, **October 8:** 2nd Period: **Indiana University Bloomington;** 4th Period: **Indiana University-Indianapolis;** 7th Period: **University of Dayton**
- Tuesday, **October 13:** 2nd Period: **Mount Saint Mary's University;** 3rd Period: **University of Scranton;** 4th Period: **Milikin University;** 7th Period: **Butler University**
- Tuesday, **October 20:** 3rd Period: **Loyola University New Orleans;** 4th Period: **Drake University;** 7th Period: **Saint Mary's College**
- Wednesday, **October 21:** 2nd Period: **University of Chicago;** 7th Period: **Dominican University**
- Thursday, **October 22:** 4th Period: **Saint Louis University**
- Tuesday, **October 27:** 2nd Period: **Marian University Wisconsin** 3rd Period: **Western Illinois University**
- 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:** 3rd Period: **Iowa State University of Science & Technology;** 4th Period: **University of Memphis**
- Wednesday, **November 4:** 2nd Period: **Illinois Wesleyan University**
- Thursday, **November 5:** 3rd Period: **Ball State University**

IHSA Events & Results

- **Please check the Marian Catholic Athletics Fall Sports page for team contest information or Bound/Marian Catholic Sports for any changes or cancellations.**
- **W Tennis:** Host Trinity High School: JV/V 4:30 pm
- **W Golf:** At GCAC Division Tourney: V 8:00 am

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. 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!
- **Grace Before Meals:** At the start of every lunch period, our Dominican Preachers lead students in Grace: *Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen. Bless those who prepared our meals and those who will go without. Amen.*
- **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.
- **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!
- **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 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.**