



Marian Catholic News

October 8, 2026

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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 Marian Parents & Guardians,

As we near the end of the first quarter of this school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you give your children in helping them to be successful students, both academically and in helping them navigate their way through their teen years.

Next Wednesday we will be having our annual Parent-Teacher Conferences, which once again will be held virtually, via Google Meet. This

allows many of our parents and guardians who are working during the day to meet with teachers while not having to travel to the school for these brief check-in meetings.

Next week we will also enjoy a well-earned mini fall break (no school Wednesday through Friday). These days may be a good opportunity to get in a college campus visit or two for juniors and seniors, and a great few days for everyone to rest and recharge for a strong finish of the first semester.

I also would like to thank all of our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors for their excellent attendance and effort put forth in taking their Pre-ACT and practice ACT tests this week. Results will be shared with you and your students in the coming weeks. I also want to encourage our families to attend the annual College Fair which is being hosted by Homewood-Flossmoor High School this year since our West Gym is out of commission. This is an excellent opportunity for students and parents to obtain information from the many colleges and universities that will be represented at the fair the evening of Monday, October 19th.

And if you have a chance, our Choirs are presenting their Fall Choral Showcase this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel!

I hope everyone has a good weekend and that your students enjoy our fall break at the end of next week!

Sincerely,
Dr. Joe Zampillo '89
Principal



Tuition Assistance for 2027-2028 School Year

The tuition assistance application for the 2027-2028 school year is now open! Every family is encouraged to complete the FACTS application to ensure full consideration for available support. Using the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment platform will give families convenient online access, along with tools to complete and track both tuition assistance applications and payment plans.

Please [click here](#) for the link to access the application. **The deadline for current Marian families to apply for tuition assistance is November 20, 2026.**

Please follow these simple steps to enroll in a payment plan and apply for financial aid:

1. If you have an existing FACTS user name and password, select "Sign In." If you are a new FACTS user please select "Create username and password" to begin.
2. Then click on the Set Up a Payment Plan link or Start Application for Financial Aid.
3. Select the appropriate school year (2027-2028)

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4. Complete the steps as prompted.
5. For technical issues using the FACTS tax form integration tool or submitting your applications, please contact FACTS at: [866-315-9262](tel:866-315-9262) or visit [FACTS Help and Support](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Sue Brown in the Admissions Office at: sbrown@marianchs.com.



Cognia Family Survey

During the week of October 19, during EMMAUS, your child will be asked to complete a survey that will help us gather data on our progress in the area of student engagement in the classroom and student life around school. The survey we are using was developed by the Cognia Learning Community, a professional learning organization that grants Marian Catholic accreditation every five years. The data gathered from this survey will help Marian Catholic's administration, faculty and staff determine how we are doing in meeting the needs of our students as well as any adjustments that need to be made as a school community. The administration, faculty, and staff of Marian Catholic High School value student voice in ensuring we are meeting their needs to the best of our ability, which is another reason we are administering this survey.

Additionally, we value your voice as well. **We kindly request that, when you have a moment, you complete an accompanying family survey, which can be accessed via [this link](#).** This survey was also developed by the Cognia Learning Community. The information we gather from the family survey will help us assess how we are doing in forming the critical partnerships with parents and guardians that are necessary for facilitating student learning and growth. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the family survey.

Feel free to reach out anytime if you have any questions regarding either the student or family survey.

Marian Catholic Tuition Policy

Reminder

Fall Choral Showcase - Tonight!

Spartan Football Game Time Change

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall Break

College Fair

Spartan Gold Raffle!

Upcoming Dates



Fall Choral Showcase

Join us tonight at 6:30 PM in the Student Chapel for our Choral Fall Showcase! You do not want to miss this concert to get you into the autumn spirit! Admission is Free! Please enter at Door 2 (on Ashland Avenue, under the cross on top of the building). Hope to see you there!



Marian Catholic Theatre Presents: *These Shining Lives*

Based on the true story of the women who worked for the Radium Dial Company in Ottawa, Illinois, the play follows Catherine Donohue and her coworkers as they discover that the glowing paint that made their jobs so desirable is slowly poisoning them. Faced with a powerful corporation determined to silence them, the women find the courage to fight for justice--for themselves, their families, and generations of workers to come.

Beautiful, heartbreaking, and ultimately inspiring, *These Shining Lives* celebrates friendship, resilience, and the extraordinary impact of ordinary women who refused to disappear quietly. Join us for a moving evening of theatre and help us honor the women whose bravery changed American labor history!

Showtimes: [Click here to purchase your tickets now!](#)

Friday, October 23 @ 7 PM

Saturday, October 24 @ 7 PM

Sunday, October 25 @ 2 PM

Parents Club News



Spartan Football Time Change!

The start time for this Friday's Varsity Football game at Providence High School has been changed to 7:00 PM. The Frosh-Soph game on Saturday morning at Providence remains at 9:30 AM.



Parent-Teacher Conferences Wednesday, October 14, 2026

For our families' convenience, we will be holding our Parent-Teacher Conferences remotely this year, using Google Meet. A benefit of having virtual conferences is so parents who are working during the day do not have to travel to school for the conferences. The conversations will still be fact-to-face, just not in the same physical location. Conferences are intended to be a brief check-in between faculty and families so that everyone has a clear understanding of what the student needs to do to be successful. Students are welcome and encouraged to attend conferences with a parent, as they are the most important factor in their own success.



First Annual Bubble Run!

Marian Catholic Parents Club and Black Student Union invite everyone to their **1st Annual Bubble Run on Saturday, October 17 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at Spartan Stadium to help support Marian families facing financial hardships while also recognizing **Cancer Awareness Month**. It's a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together, have some fun, and support a meaningful cause.

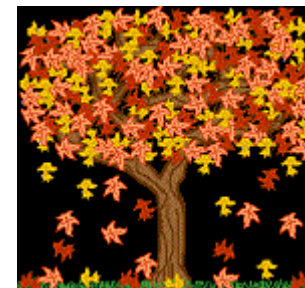
Here's how it works: **Register to participate by [clicking here](https://forms.gle/DtUSanJxye2f91dA7)**. Set your fundraising goals. Ask your family, friends, and neighbors to pledge a donation for every mile you run, walk, or jog (e.g., \$5/mile). Run, walk, or jog on event day and enjoy the bubbles! All are welcome—students, families, faculty, alumni, and friends! This is a family-friendly, non-competitive event. You choose your distance to run, walk, or jog on a marked course. And bubbles are part of the fun! Wear appropriate athletic clothing—white shirts look extra cool with bubbles! Hope to see you there!

Student Life

Conferences will take place on Wednesday, October 14 during three time blocks:

11:00am-1:00pm
2:00pm-5:00pm
6:00pm-8:00pm

Parents will schedule their conferences with the students' teachers through the electronic scheduling program Pick-A-Time. A separate [Parent-Teacher Conferences Newsletter](#) was emailed to parents yesterday which contains information about the conferences, instructions on how to schedule your conferences, and the link to the Pick-A-Time portal to schedule your conferences. The portal will close at 11:59 pm on Sunday.



Fall Break Wednesday, October 14 - Friday, October 16

A reminder that we will have our mini Fall Break next week! There is no school on Wednesday, October 14 (Parent-Teacher Conferences), Thursday, October 15, and Friday, October 16.





Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Marian Catholic has been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month in a variety of ways! Our Art Club painted the Main Hall windows last week (see above), our Dominican Blessing has been recited in Spanish at the end of each day, the Hispanic Student Coalition hosted a viewing of the movie *The Book of Life* after school yesterday, and several more activities and recognitions are in the works!

HELPING WOMEN'S SHELTERS

Sponsored by Black Student Union

Asking **ALL** Marian students and faculty to donate at least one **brand new** item

WHEN DOES IT START?
October 1st through November 9th
Drop items off in the bin by the main office!

Packing day is **November 12th** and distribution day is **November 19th**

Scan to sign up for packing party

Please help out and thank you for the support!!

LOOKING FOR

- Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
- Soap / Body Wash
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Lotion
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- New Socks
- Hand Sanitizer
- Wipes
- Washcloths
- Combs / Brushes
- Razors
- Travel-Size Toiletries
- And more!!

ONLY looking for toiletries

Annual College Fair!

Marian Catholic will be participating in the college fair at **Homewood-Flossmoor High School (North Fieldhouse)** on **Monday, October 19 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** and students from all years are encouraged to attend!

[Click here](#) for a list of colleges and universities who will be participating in this year's college fair.

You can save time by registering ahead of time at [Strive Scan](#). Once you register a barcode will be emailed to you. The college reps will scan the code to send you more information to you about their schools. Strive Scan is free and saves you time.

We hope to see many Marian Catholic students at the Homewood-Flossmoor college fair!

SPARTAN GOLD RAFFLE

Ticket price: **\$25**

WIN!

1st prize: \$5,000
2nd prize: \$2,500
3rd prize: \$1,500
4th prize: \$250 (for winners)

DRAWING DATE: November 13, 2026
at 3:00 pm on a Facebook live stream

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Winner need not be present. Winner is responsible for all taxes.

Spartan Gold Raffle!

The Spartan Gold Raffle is entering it's third week! The following Tuesday collection days remain:

- October 13
- October 20
- October 27
- November 3

Ticket stubs and money will be collected in Emmaus class on the above dates, and if a student sells more than their mandatory ten (10) tickets, they are entered in a weekly drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card!

Black Student Union: Help Support Women's Shelters

Black Student Union is collecting personal hygiene items for distribution to local women's shelters until November 9th. Please consider donating at least one item from the following list:

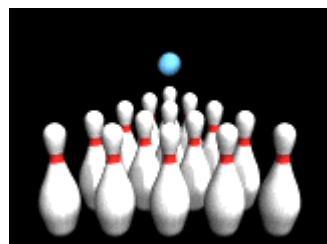
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Soap / Body Wash / Shampoo / Conditioner
- Deodorant / Lotion / Hand Sanitizer / Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Travel Size Items
- Brushes / Combs / Razors
- Washcloths / New Socks

There are bins outside of the Main Office for donations of the above items! Packing day is November 12th - students can sign-up for the Packing Party with the QR code on the flyers posted around school, and distribution day is November 19th. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support!



BOO! at the Zoo!

We're going to **Brookfield Zoo on Saturday, October 24th for Boo! in the Zoo!** The fee is \$55 and permission slips are available in the library. We'll meet outside the Leadership Center and leave at 9:30 a.m. and return to Marian at 4:00 p.m. **The deadline to submit signed permission slips and payment 2:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19th!** Don't wait until the last minute to sign up and turn in the completed and signed permission slip (must be signed by the student and a parent). Please make sure the form is filled out neatly! Thank you for your cooperation!



The grand prize drawing will take place on Friday, November 13th at 3:00 p.m. live on the Marian Catholic Facebook page! The student who sells the top prize ticket will receive one semester paid Marian Catholic tuition!



Upcoming Events

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

October 17: Band at Illinois State Marching Band Competition

October 19: College Fair at Homewood-Flossmoor High School 6:30-8:00 p.m.

October 20: Spartan Gold Raffle Collection Day

October 22: Early Release Schedule

Bowling Team Tryouts!

There will be an informational meeting in the Study Hall this Friday at 2:45 p.m. for all students interested in joining the Bowling Team!

Men's Bowling Tryouts will be on Monday, October 26th & Friday, October 30th

Girls Bowling Tryouts will be on Monday, November 16th & Friday, November 20th

All students must have an [athletic physical](#) on file with the Athletics Office prior to trying out for any sport.

Tryouts will take place at Lynwood Bowl Students must secure their own ride home after tryouts by 5:00 p.m.

Tryout Participants **MUST** register by filling out the Bowling [Google Form](#):

Questions? Contact Coach Cathryn at cclinecasillas@marianmchs.com or Coach Lachcik at tlachcik@marianchs.com



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 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.

October 23: Bands of America Super Regionals in St. Louis, MO; **Marian Catholic Theatre Presents: *These Shining Lives* 7:00 p.m.**

October 24: Bands of America Super Regionals in St. Louis, MO; **Marian Catholic Theatre Presents: *These Shining Lives* 7:00 p.m.**

October 25: Marian Catholic Theatre Presents: ***These Shining Lives* 2:00 p.m.**

October 27: Spartan Gold Raffle Collection Day

October 28: Half-Day Schedule; Junior Class Retreat

October 29: *Academic Award Breakfast 7:30 a.m. Leadership Center*

October 31: **Happy Halloween!**

November 3: Spartan Gold Raffle Collection Day

November 7: *Eisenhower Early Bird Speech Tournament; ILMEA District 1 Festival*

November 10: **4Marian Catholic 2026**

November 11: **School in Session! Veterans Day**

November 12: **Early Release Schedule;** Bands of America Grand Nationals, Indianapolis, IN

November 13: Mid-Quarter; Bands of American Grand Nationals, Indianapolis, IN; **Spartan Gold Raffle Grand Prize Drawing**

November 14: Marian Catholic Speech Classic;
Bands of America Grand Nationals, Indianapolis, IN



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