MARIAN CATHOLIC DAILY BULLETIN – MONDAY – NOVEMBER 2, 2026

Parents

- **This Week:**
- **Tuesday, November 3: Final Spartan Gold Raffle Collection Day!** *Election Day*
- **Thursday, November 5: Regular Class Schedule**
- **Saturday, November 7:** *Eisenhower Early Bird Speech Tourney; ILMEA District 1 Festival*



- **Our Annual Spartan Gold Raffle is Underway!** Each ticket is $25, and every 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 Tuesday, 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. Only one collection day remains: Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Sold ticket stubs and money can also be placed in the secure dop box inside the Main Office. Please make sure the student's name, ID number, and Emmaus teacher's name appears on the outside of the sealed envelope. 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). We greatly appreciate your participation in making this year's Spartan Gold Raffle a success! Go Spartans!

- **Counseling Junior Parent Night: Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM in the Leadership Center:** All parents of current Juniors are invited to join us for this meeting which will focus on the Practice ACT test & Analyze Ed, taking the ACT during the school day, changes to the ACT, general questions about testing, and what juniors can do this year to prepare for senior year. On Tuesday, October 6, all juniors took a practice ACT. Based on the student's performance on this practice ACT, Analyze Ed will provide each junior with an individualized report on what areas to focus on to prepare for the School Day ACT that all juniors will take on Tuesday, March 9, 2027. Details about Analyze Ed will be presented at this meeting, and academic counselors will talk about testing in general, the changes to the ACT, and what juniors and families may do in the second semester to get ready for senior year. We hope to see many parents at this meeting!



- **Cognia Family Survey:** During the week of October 19, during EMMAUS, students completed 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, developed by the Cognia Learning Community, is 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 our parents voices 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. **The survey will close to responses on Monday, November 9th.** 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.

- **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) 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 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.

- **Attention Parents of Juniors and Seniors: Kairos Retreat Registration Is Open!** Kairos offers students time to step away from daily pressures, reflect on their lives, and deepen their faith. Through shared experiences and meaningful conversations, your son or daughter can build stronger friendships, develop greater self-awareness, and find a deeper sense of belonging. Registration is open for all Kairos retreats. The regular cost for retreat is $285 which includes students room and board at the retreat center for 4 days/3 nights and all retreat materials. *There is a special price of $260 for registration in the first men's or women's retreat. This amount is billed to your son or daughter's FACTS account. The first retreat of the school year is a men's retreat, December 1–4, with registration available on a first-come, first-served basis through November 16. Your son or daughter can register for the retreat of their choosing via the link on Schoology or their email. Cost should never prevent a student from participating. If finances are a concern, please contact Miss Grauvogl (sgrauvogl@marianchs.com) so we can help make attendance possible.

Students

- **Sophomores & Juniors: Are you interested in starting to prepare to take the ACT?** Mrs. Lamb will offer a math workshop this Friday after school in room 215 from 2:30 to 3:15pm. We'll work on 10 practice multiple choice questions that will focus on Algebra. To participate you must have completed Algebra 1. Please pick up the questions from room 215 before Thursday. You can try them yourself and then check them on Friday. Mrs. Lamb will explain the answers and help you with topics you aren't sure about. **Click here** to register for this Friday's workshop. This workshop DOES NOT replace the intensive ACT Class we will offer in the spring. Keep your eye out for information about that class!

- **Join us for our first Anime Club Meeting!** This Thursday in room 320 (the art room) from 2:30–4:00 PM. Explore Anime. Discover Japanese Culture. Meet Fellow Fans! Do you love anime? Curious about Japanese culture, animation, or just want to discover something new? Come join Anime Club! Whether you're a longtime anime fan or have only a slight interest in learning more about anime and Japanese culture, everyone is welcome! You don't have to be an anime expert to join! Whether you're curious, just starting out, or already obsessed with anime, there's a place for you here. Come hang out, explore something new, and enjoy all things anime! We hope to see you there!

- **Art Club** will meet this Thursday from 2:30-4:00 p.m. for an Open Studio Day!

- **Black Student Union (BSU)** will be meeting this Wednesday, November 4th at 2:45 pm in the Choir Room (339). Please plan to attend and be on time!

- **Hispanic Student Coalition is sponsoring a Pan Dulce & Hot Chocolate Sale** today and tomorrow before school and during all lunch periods. Conchas are $3, Pan de Muerto are $4 and Hot Chocolate is $3. Let's celebrate Dia de Muertos together!

- **Mental Health Club** is sponsoring a bake sale this Wednesday, November 4th for International Stress Awareness Day. Treat yourself to something sweet! Cash & card will be accepted.

- **The Spartan Star:** This week the Spartan Star features articles from Gianmarco Pia and Ayomide Adesina, about their investigative piece into the story of the controversial black pants ban, and Gianmarco's breakdown of the upcoming election with a focus on some key Senate races. Show them your support and give them a good read! Remember, "Democracy Dies in Darkness."

- **The Library's Annual Fall Colors Photo Contest** is now accepting entries! Come to the Library to scan the QR code for submissions and see examples of entries for previous years, or go to **this link** to enter. Entry deadline is November 6th. There will be prizes!

- **Helping Women's Shelters** Black Student Union is collecting personal hygiene items for distribution to local women's shelters from October 1st until November 9th. There is a bin outside of the Main Office for your contributions. Please consider donating at least one item from the following list: Toothbrush/Toothpaste / Soap/Body Wash / Shampoo / Conditioner /Deodorant / Lotion / Feminine Hygiene Products / Hand Sanitizer / Wipes / Travel Size Items / Razors / Washcloths / New Socks / Brushes/Combs. Thank you for your support and for contributing! Packing day is November 12th (sign up for the Packing Party with the QR code on the flyers around school) and distribution day is November 19th.

- **After School Tutoring:** is available in the Bracha Center (in Dominican Way)from 2:30-3:15 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. If you have any questions, please see Ms. West in Counseling.
- **Bathroom Pass Limits:** A reminder that students are only permitted two bathroom passes per day. These two passes do not count against other passes such as to Counseling, Campus Ministry, or teachers.
- **An Important Reminder from Dr. Zampillo:** The number of bathroom passes a student can make during the school day is 2 passes.* Thank you for following this new bathroom pass procedure which should once again meet your needs during the school day, and at the same time make sure you are in class during the school day as much as possible. Two bathroom passes do not count toward passes for other things like passes to Counseling, Campus Ministry, or to a teacher. *After reviewing SMART Pass data from the 1st quarter, which provides us the total number of bathroom passes that have been made, we have decided that 2 bathroom passes a day should be enough to meet student needs, while at the same time making sure students are in class during the school day as much as possible. Of course, in true emergency situations, students will be allowed to use the restroom if they need to after using their 2 bathroom passes for the day.
- **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!
- **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 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.

- Tuesday, **November 3:** 2nd Period: **Savannah College of Art & Design**; 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

- **Fencing:** A small squad of Spartans got the season off to a good start at the LVH-VH Open at Vernon Hills HS on Saturday, October 31st. Varsity epee fencers **Brian Patterson** and **Daniel Becerra** both had solid finishes. Patterson came close to scoring an major upset, losing to the eventual winner in the round of 32 with a score of 15-12. Becerra made it into the round of 16, losing to the eventual 3rd place finisher, a frequent training partner from the Northwest Indiana Fencing Club. In a field of 52, Becerra placed 14th and Patterson 29th. Three novice Spartans, **Thomas Meeks** (foil), **Jaya Reeves** (foil), and **Jerome Hawthorne** (sabre), competing for the first time at this event all scored some solid touches. Hawthorne won one of his pool bouts (and lost another 5-4), and Reaves won her first Direct Elimination bout, a 15-touch endurance challenge, before losing to the eventual winner in Women's Foil.
- **Speech Team:** Our Marian novices took on the H-F Halloween Novice Classic on Saturday, bringing home four individual placements: **Alexis Hayden**: 3rd in Humorous Interpretation, **Jackson Hawkins**: 3rd in Poetry Reading, **Gabriella Dixon**: 4th in Special Occasion Speaking, **Alyssa Porter**: 6th in Original Oratory. Here's to growing, taking chances, and cheering each other on all season!

- **Upcoming Tryouts:**

- **All student athletes must have an IHSA Physical on file with the Athletic Office PRIOR to trying out for any sport. Click here** to download and print the form.

- **Girl's Basketball Tryouts:** Monday, November 2: JV 5:00-6:30 pm; Varsity 6:30-8:30 pm (East Gym) and Tuesday, November 3: JV 2:30-4:00 pm; Varsity 4:30-6:30 pm(East Gym) Coach Marc Lopez (mlopez@marianchs.com)

- **Boy's Basketball Tryouts:** Monday, November 9: Freshman 2:30-4:00 pm; Sophomores 7:00-8:30 pm; Varsity 5:45-7:15 AM (East Gym) and Tuesday, November 10: Freshman 2:30-4:00 pm; Sophomores 7:00-8:30 pm; Varsity 5:45-7:15 AM (East Gym) Coach John Oliver (joliver@marianchs.com)

- **Wrestling Tryouts:** Monday, November 9: 2:45-5:30 pm (Wrestling Room) and Tuesday, November 10: 2:45-5:30 pm (Wrestling Room) Coach Dan Jordan (dj1096@comcast.net)

- **Fencing:** By appointment during regularly scheduled practices. Contact Coach Jones: ajones@marianchs.com

- **Cheerleading:** Contact Coach Stubbs for further information: jstubbs@marianchs.com

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!
- **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!
- **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.
- **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 end of the day on Monday, October 5 will cause you to lose access to PowerSchool and receiving your student's report cards.** Thank you very much for your cooperation!
- **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. After School Supervision is not available on Half-Day Schedule days.