

Marist Catholic High School

Return to School Update

August 25, 2020

Dear Marist Families,

Greetings and thank you for your patience since our last update on August 7th. Over the past three weeks we have continued to prepare for delivering a hybrid learning program allowing students back on campus to learn and be together. This is a goal the whole administration shares and a clear desire of our family and staff based on our survey in July.

Unfortunately, based on the state and county metrics that came out today, Marist will need to begin the school year in Remote Learning. We will continue to monitor the metrics from the Oregon Health Authority and our hope is that the state test positivity rate will shift downward in the coming weeks so we can move to Hybrid Learning in the first week of October.

For greater detail on how Marist has prepared for the reopen of the year, we encourage you to view our [Return to School Plan](#) which has been submitted to the Archdiocesan Department of Catholic Schools, Oregon Department of Education, and Lane County Public Health.

The health and safety of our students and staff is a priority and we continue to work with the ODE to get as much clarity as possible about the allowable size and make-up of student cohorts to ensure that all guidelines are followed. We will release a Hybrid Learning schedule and cohorts descriptions in mid-September and also share more detailed information about how campus will operate with students on-site.

Remote Learning

We will be following the same [remote learning schedule](#) that was utilized for the 4th quarter of last year. Online learning is, by nature, more independent and self-paced. This schedule, which is not a bell schedule, works to balance the need for predictability and structure with the need for flexibility...and some grace.

In the schedule below, the designated time slot for each class period indicates when teachers:

- 1) will be available to check-in with students,
- 2) can expect students to be available for activities related to the course, and/or
- 3) when teachers can host synchronous learning via Zoom.

Final class schedules will be available via Schoology on September 4.

For more detailed information, view our [Learning Plan for 20-21](#).

First Week of School - September 8-11th

Teachers will be returning from summer break on August 31 and we will be adjusting the first week of school to provide teachers with two additional training days for COVID-19 safety protocols.

September 8:

- Freshman Orientation Part 1: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on campus (Marist merchandise will be available for purchase)
- Additional planning and preparation for teachers.

September 9:

- Freshman Orientation Part 2: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on campus (Marist merchandise will be available for purchase)
- Transfer Student Orientation: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. on campus (Marist merchandise will be available for purchase)
- Additional planning and preparation for teachers.

September 10 & 11:

First day of contact time for students, **attendance is required**. Teachers will use these two days to welcome students to their class and start building community and creating remote environment expectations. This will also provide time to work out any technology/connectivity issues for both students and teachers.

September 14:

Remote Learning begins. Teachers will post the learning plan for the week and begin teaching content and assigning classwork.

Student Access to Campus

One of the biggest differences between last spring and the beginning of this school year is that students will be able to have limited access to campus even though the school year will begin online.

We know that an important aspect of healthy teen emotional and social development is being together. For that reason, we will be offering different opportunities for students to connect with

each other and with their teachers. The Spartan Schedule will provide opportunities for students:

- To access their teachers in person,
- To attend Mass,
- To participate in club meetings.

We are still working on these opportunities and look forward to providing more detailed information about campus access during Remote Learning as we get closer to the start of classes (September 14).

Student athletes will also be able continue their participation in athletic workouts. There will be additional updates and guidance on athletics from both the OSAA and OHA which will be posted on the Marist Athletic website once finalized.

Welcome Back Day

Welcome Back Day is traditionally the first day for students to come together again after summer. This fall we will need to break the students up into their individual classes when returning. During their orientation, freshman students will get their yearbook picture taken, receive their school ID, and receive their final schedule.

For upperclassmen, they will come to campus on “Picture Day” on the following dates and times to take their picture and pick up their yearbooks (if ordered):

Seniors: September 16 from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Juniors: September 23 from 9:30-11:00a.m.

Sophomores: September 23 from 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Freshmen: September 8 and 9 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Family Requests

If you would like to request remote learning for the semester/year (instead of hybrid/in-person learning) or a reduced schedule for your student please fill out this [SURVEY](#).

Online Enrollment Forms

All of the necessary back to school forms are completed and submitted electronically through your SchoolAdmin account. Enrollment emails will be sent this week with the steps to accessing your account.

Thank you again for your patience and collaboration during this unprecedented time in our history. We will continue to keep you aware of any changes that may impact our plans going forward and look forward to providing our students the most comprehensive and safe education possible.

Blessings,

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