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**Remote Learning Plan Continues for  
Marist Catholic High School through End of School Year**

*Students will end the school year on time; seniors to receive graded transcripts.*

**Eugene, Oregon** - Following Governor Kate Brown's announcement yesterday afternoon that all public and private schools would remain closed for the remainder of the school year, Marist Principal Stacey Baker communicated to staff, students and families the school's plan for continued remote learning through the end of this academic year.

"Our teachers are working hard to ensure that our students finish the year strong. They are doing a tremendous job moving student learning and progress forward during this stressful and unprecedented time. Our students are going to be stronger and more resilient because of this pandemic. They are learning skills that will last them a lifetime. Students are remaining engaged with their teachers and their learning. We want to honor their work and set them up for the best situation for their futures. Students are doing the work and they will continue to earn grades and have a full transcript of classes that reflect their work," wrote Principal Baker. Seniors will continue with classes through the end of the school year, including preparation for AP exams and earning College Now credit.

Continuity of instruction, relationship and community are critical components to helping the school educate the whole student - mind, body and spirit - and it provides some sense of "normalcy" in a time that is certainly not normal, especially for students. In addition to ongoing teaching and learning, Marist faculty and administrators have remained connected with students through personal outreach and online community-building activities. Counselors have daily office hours and teachers are accessible to students throughout the day.

In 2015, Marist adopted the 1:1 iPads for Learning Program: Every student has a school-owned and issued personal iPad to improve opportunities for learning through increased access to information and increased engagement. Marist believed that the integration of technology in the classroom would provide new opportunities for teaching and learning, as well as help students learn to be good digital citizens. Since 2018, Marist has instituted the regular practice of Digital Learning Days in preparation for an extended school closure due to inclement weather and to mitigate potential lost class time. That preparation helped ensure a quick transition to a Remote Learning Plan that began March 16.

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