

MARCH 2021

THE NEWSLINE

Official Newsletter of Marist Catholic High School



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Marist Families,

Our first two weeks of Hybrid Learning have gone well. It has been amazing to have students back in the classroom bringing life and joy to campus. They have been doing a good job adapting to all of the new procedures. The one area we will continue to focus on, remind, and practice is physical distancing. Physical distancing is an important factor in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 especially as we get ready to transition to full days and add lunch.

When we opened for Hybrid Learning on February 16 the COVID case counts per 100,000 over the previous two weeks had dropped to 194.3. This week, case counts dropped to 133. Since the case count is below 200 and O'Hara and St. Paul are open for all grades, we are operating within the advisory metrics. We hope that case counts continue to drop so that we can continue to bring more students back to campus for longer periods of time. The next step will be to move to full days. Our target date to start full days is March 15.

Spring break is right around the corner. For families who travel during spring break, we request that you follow the current OHA travel guidelines. New updates came out this week. We will post updates as they happen to the COVID-19 [Student Safety and Wellness](#) page of our website.

Fall sports officially kicked off their season on February 22. As you can imagine, there are a lot of new procedures including how many people are able to be at a contest. We sent out an athletic update on Friday, February 26, sharing how Marist will be approaching athletic contests which includes spectator information.

On Wednesday, February 17th we celebrated Ash Wednesday. In the Roman Catholic Church, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Our morning prayers during Lent will focus on accepting God's invitation to change our hearts and ways and turn again toward Him. During this Holy season of Lent, let us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Stacey Baker
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 3	Junior College Planning Night for Parents and Students
March 8	Applications Due
March 15	Tuition Contracts Mailed Home (and award letter if applicable)
March 22-26	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 2	Deadline for signed Tuition contracts (with registration fee)
April 2	NO SCHOOL - Good Friday

AROUND CAMPUS



NHS organizes food drive for Catholic Community Services

The National Honor Society is hosting a food drive now through March 5 to benefit our neighbors in need through Catholic Community Services. If you are able, please help out with a donation of hearty, nonperishable foods like peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken, chili, beans, heavier soups, ravioli and the like.

NHS members may earn service hours for this project, but anyone can live the gospel to help feed the hungry. See Mrs. Boyd or any of the NHS officers (Kate Carson, Laina Chavez, Sami Hussein, Katie Rule, and Derek Saxman) for details.



JAM hosts virtual screenings

The Justice Action at Marist club is offering two streaming opportunities for students this month! March 5 is the last day to view *Black Girl in Suburbia*! To view the film online you can visit [this page on our website](#) and use the password, **MaristJAM_2021** to enter the website.

On March 10 from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., JAM will be hosting the viewing of a staged reading of *We Are Neighbors*. *We Are Neighbors* is an original play telling the true stories of courage, hopefulness and resilience of immigrants living in Lane County. It will be presented by the Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC), in partnership with Minority Voices Theatre (MVT). Viewing of the recorded stage play will be followed by a small group discussion led by CALC.

Zoom Information for the viewing:

Meeting ID: 889 0347 3195

Passcode: 293511

ALL STUDENTS:

Don't forget to stop by the office and pick up your Fall or Retake photos!

SENIORS:

If you purchased any Senior SWAG from Miners you can pick it up in the front office.

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ADVANCEMENT



AnnualFUND

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We're making great progress on the AnnualFUND which supports all our Spartans. AnnualFUND is the cornerstone of our fundraising efforts and all gifts, whether large or small, impact all facets of student life this current academic year. As part of your Lenten journey, please consider making a gift- whether financial support, prayers or service- if you have not already done so. If you've already made a donation to this year's AnnualFUND, thank you!

[Help us reach 100% by making a tax deductible gift today.](#)

[Donate Today!](#)

Still time for "Signs" of Spring

It's **Spring Sign Season** at Marist and a great time to gain exposure for your business since students have returned to campus!

Complete the [Sign Sponsorship](#) form and show your support for Marist athletics.

For more information, please call 541-284-7505. Thank you!



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Retreats

Sophomore Girls: Due to our unfortunate postponement, the SOPHOMORE GIRLS JOURNEY RETREAT will be rescheduled. We will notify students directly as soon as the retreat is set. We apologize for any inconvenience. Contact Mrs. Ferrari if you have any questions.

Freshmen: we look forward to your participation in the fullness of Marist retreats next school year. We can't wait to get you on your sophomore retreat and share the heart of Marist with us. For this year, along with increasing our general presence on campus, we will seek additional ways to join together, build community, and build family!

Liturgy

We will continue this year's practice of Spartan Day Masses at 10:45. All students are encouraged to come to campus or join virtually – links for sign-up and Zoom are posted in Schoology. Make this your Lenten practice! Lift your spirit in community prayer and worship.

Holy Week this year we will be joining in a special service through Theology classes so that all students may take part.

2021-22 Retreat Team & Christian Leadership Class Application

It is that annual time when once again we look toward the coming year and begin the process of forming our Retreat Team and Christian Leadership Class. Before Spring Break, we will orient our sophomores and juniors to the application process for next year's team and class.

Like all extra-curricular activities, RETREAT TEAM requires a commitment to the work of the team, stretching from next September on into April of 2022. We will be looking for about 20 present juniors and 10 present sophomores to fill out our team. We will be working toward retreats conducted in the usual (pre-pandemic) fashion, although ready to pivot if necessary!

For those who had a positive experience this year on retreat and would like to help create that kind of experience next year, this is for you, and we encourage you to apply. Many retreat team members will name this experience as one of their top ones in their Marist career. Be sure to ask this year's team for their thoughts.

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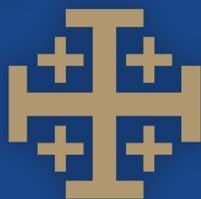
2021-22 Retreat Team & Christian Leadership Class Application

Along with other course considerations, current sophomores are invited to think about applying to be a part of CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CLASS next year. This class satisfies the theology requirement for students and allows them to focus their spiritual work in the area of leadership and service. This unique class combines study with project work in which students actively carry out leadership and service tasks in the school and in the community.

One recent grad had this to say about her experience in Christian Leadership over the two semesters: "I remember on my first day of CLC, as we all started to take our seats we looked at one another. We didn't know it then, but we would all learn, laugh, struggle, and grow as a team. We would support and compete with each other as we learned, without really realizing what we were learning. As I look back on my experience in my training, I have realized how much the class has done for me, especially in preparing me to lead and serve those around me. It has helped me to be a leader, rather than a follower, and to know how to help people in a way that allows them to help themselves."

Everyone has something to gain from this unique Marist offering... The application is available to present sophomores only. Please consider! Once all the information regarding these two programs is published we will make a general announcement regarding deadlines and other details. Contact Dr. Martin for further information.

Lenten Blessings
from Campus Ministry!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

FAMILIES OF FRESHMEN

- Called to Protect will take place in April.
- Freshmen will take the PSAT9 on April 27th testing day
- Naviance Presentation will take place in April or May

FAMILIES OF SOPHOMORES

- Students can continue to make individual. appointments with their counselor via a Schoology message.
- Students will be introduced to Naviance on Wednesday, March 31st at 1:30 p.m.
- A zoom link will be provided in the class of 2023 Schoology group.
- All sophomores should attend.
- Sophomores will take the PSAT10 on April 27th testing day

FAMILIES OF JUNIORS

Junior College Planning Night

- If you could not attend the College Planning Night for Parents and Junior students, you can access the recording and presentation on our college counseling website.
- Counselors are continuing individual college planning meetings with each junior
 - Prior to the meeting, your student should have completed the Post High School Planning Survey for the Class of 2022. [Click here for the Survey.](#)
- Most will be virtual meetings up until Spring Vacation.



ECMC College Night Sponsored by Willamette High School

- There will be a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship for 9th - 12th grade students who attend.
- [Zoom Meeting Link](#)
 - Meeting ID: 840 9285 9491 Passcode: 0trfQr

Testing Information

- Juniors will take the SAT here at Marist on Tuesday, April 27th
- All juniors have been signed up for this by Marist.
- Please note that for any other ACT or SAT test date, students register, select a testing location, and pay directly on the test agency's website, either www.sat.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org.
- Fee waivers are available to eligible students based on family income- see your counselor for more info.

Naviance Tasks

- Juniors should already be using Naviance and started creating their college list.
- Naviance is a crucial tool in the application process, as it is how every Marist student alerts us to the colleges they are applying to, and requests the appropriate school forms (transcripts, letters of rec, etc.).
- We encourage students to check it out now and over the summer before the rush of application deadlines hits in the fall.

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FAMILIES OF SENIORS

College Applications

- Students should have their admissions responses back from 4-year colleges by April 1 as well as the financial aid offers
- Students and parents have the month of April to review all the information, perhaps squeeze in a last-minute college visit or two, and make their college choice, factoring in the various costs of attendance at schools the student has been admitted to.
- May 1 is the national deadline day for students to make a deposit at their chosen college without risk of losing their spot.

For students planning to attend LCC or other community colleges

- The enrollment process has begun.
- Final deadlines are months away
- Begin the initial registration steps now if you have not.
- Students interested in Lane should apply for scholarships thru the Lane Foundation by their March 7 deadline.

Scholarship Season

- Private scholarships out there with deadlines in March, April and beyond.
- Counselors post upcoming scholarships in your Schoology group
- Students should check out the Scholarship List in Naviance and organize it by "deadlines" to review scholarships that they may be eligible for.

Separation Preparation (for parents)

April 7th 7 p.m.

Virtual or possibly in-person even for parents' location TBA if in-person

- Assisting parents of seniors with the transition to college.
- Cora Bennett, Director of Student Orientation at the University of Oregon, who has a wealth of experience speaking to parents at college orientation events, will be our guest presenter.

Separation Preparation (for seniors)

Tuesday, April 27th Bob Devereaux Theatre (Still to be Determined)

- While younger grades are testing, seniors will attend a 3-hour event on Wednesday morning.
- There are several different components to this, including tying up loose ends of senior year (class photo, picking up graduation items, etc.), the U of O, whose focus is on helping equip our seniors with tools to making healthy choices, and ease the transition to college and life after high school.
- More details will follow soon, but for now, seniors need to know that this is not a free day for them (but it is a free afternoon!)

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