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THE NEWSLINE

Official Newsletter of Marist Catholic High School



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Marist Families,

We are so excited to welcome all students back to campus on September 7! We are eagerly anticipating teaching and learning in a more conventional manner than in the past 16 months! It is clear to us now that a pandemic follows its own timeline, but with your prayers and partnership, we are ready to meet whatever challenges are placed in front of us. We may be “cast down but we are not defeated”! Below are some important reminders and updates to help ensure that things go smoothly as we welcome everyone back.

It is also clear that while this public health crisis is not yet over, things are different from last year. COVID-19 is still a novel and evolving virus, but we now have an approved vaccine that is effective and widely available. We believe and are confident that fidelity to our safety and cleaning procedures last year helped contribute to the lack of spread in our school community. As we navigate any future challenges, we will continue to follow the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Education, and the Department of Catholic Schools for guidance. From the beginning, we have had two priorities, to keep our students, staff, and school community safe and get students on campus with each other as much as possible. Those continue to be our priorities.

Schedule

There are a few minor adjustments to our daily bell schedule, but we plan on following a schedule similar to that of the 2019-20 school year, which was our first year of a 9:00 a.m. start time. The school calendar is the best place to go for up-to-date information about what bell schedule we are following on any day. Click this link for a copy of the different bell schedules.

The campus is actively supervised by Marist staff members from 8:00-3:45 p.m. Outside of those hours, hallways are locked and Marist staff may not be available.

New Staff

There will be several new faces on campus this year. When you get a chance, please take a moment to greet or introduce yourself to the following new staff members:

- Jo Montoya: Theology
- Alice Meyer: Theology
- Sheela Hadjivassiliou: World Language (French/Spanish)
- McCall Sherrod: Visual Arts
- Maclain O’Leary (‘16): Attendance Officer and Campus Monitor

Fatima Mora Flores is still with us but will be serving in a new role as Front Office Coordinator, Latino Family Liaison, and Testing Coordinator.

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Lunch

We are happy to share that 4J will continue to include Marist in the free lunch program through the USDA currently offered because of the pandemic. To assist 4J with the number of meals needed, we ask students to order lunch on Sunday for the following week. The Google order form will post to Schoology on Friday for the following week.

Students will be encouraged to eat lunch outside, weather permitting, and should dress accordingly. We will have indoor spaces available for students and, in case of inclement weather, we will accommodate all students inside if necessary. We will continue to monitor and encourage physical distancing when eating, especially when eating indoors. Since students will not be wearing masks, distancing is essential for contact tracing and will prevent them from quarantining if someone in their lunch group becomes ill with COVID-19.

COVID Protocols

Stacey Baker and Mari Gibson head our COVID-19 task force and are excellent sources of Covid specific information related to health, safety, and requirements at Marist. All questions related to COVID-19 health and safety practices should go to covidhealth@marisths.org. Stacey Baker and Mari Gibson are the only employees who monitor and read this email account to ensure privacy and confidentiality.

The following is a list of measures and standards we will be following to protect students and staff from the spread of COVID-19. This list is continually reviewed and evaluated in light of information we receive from the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Department of Education and the Department of Catholic Schools:

- 3 feet of physical distance inside, including classrooms
- At lunch, 6 feet of physical distance is expected.
- Adults are also expected to remain 6 feet from students and each other at all times
- No congregating in hallways (hallway lockers will not be used this school year, although students will have access to one in locker rooms for athletics and PE)
- Students should be properly masked at all times while inside. Proper masking will be one of the factors that determine whether or not a student will have to quarantine should there be a positive case on campus
- All Marist staff members (incl. non-teaching staff, coaches, and volunteers) are required to be fully vaccinated
- While Marist students are not required to be vaccinated to participate in co-curricular activities, attendance at school-sponsored overnight trips or large school gatherings will require proof of a negative COVID-19 test. In addition, vaccination status may also be asked for contact tracing purposes

Athletic Spectators

We are following the OHA guidelines for all spectators attending athletic events at Marist. These include:

- Spectators (5 years or older) must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, at indoor practices and competitions.
- Spectators (5 years or older) must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status, at outdoor practices and competitions when 6' of physical distance cannot be maintained.

At this time, capacity limits are not mandated for indoor or outdoor events. Still, increased physical distancing and ventilation can help limit the possibility of spread, especially when case counts are high. Food and Drink will be prohibited for spectators at Marist Indoor events. Please remember that other schools may have more restrictive policies for spectators. We ask that you please follow any expectations required at away contests, even if they differ from Marist's.

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Behavioral Expectations

With the return to a more conventional school environment, we will need your help in reinforcing and reminding students about our attendance, dress code, and behavioral expectations. Please take time to review the family handbook (pg. 34-57) with your student. It is important that students know and understand Marist's expectations of them.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support for all of our efforts. The past year has presented many challenges but has also been an opportunity to witness and be inspired by the resilience and ingenuity of our entire school community.

God Bless,



Andrew Oldham
Interim Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 6	NO SCHOOL Labor Day
September 7	First Day of School Picture Day, Freshmen Orientation & Welcome Back
September 14	Welcome Week Kissing of the "M"
September 15	Senior College Planning Parents and Students
September 17	Mass of the Holy Spirit
September 18 - 20	Formation Retreat
September 22	Back to School Night

Add the official Marist calendar to your Google Calendar to keep up to date on all future events!

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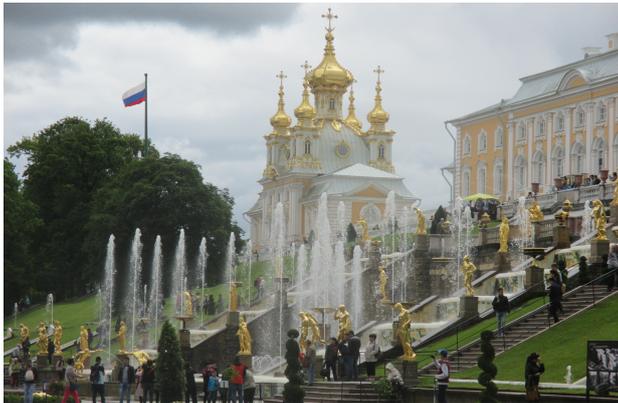
NEWS AROUND CAMPUS

Admissions Timeline Updates

All incoming **AND** returning students must complete the enrollment/re-enrollment forms by this Friday, September 3.

[Log in to your SchoolAdmin account](#) in order to fill out the majority of the necessary start-of-school paperwork online.

If you have any questions please contact David Vander Haeghen (dvanderhaeghen@marisths.org). Families were sent an email the week of August 5 explaining how to set up or update their online enrollment account.



Россия 2022! Russia 2022!

Learn about Marist's planned Russia trip in 2022! History teacher Jon Nuxoll and World Strides are organizing a trip to Moscow and St. Petersburg, June 23 to July 4, 2022.

An informational meeting will take place Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7:30p in Room 205. Trip details are at: www.EducationalTravel.com/Nuxoll-2022.

The meeting will also be available via Zoom; for Zoom link or other information, contact Mr. Nuxoll at jnuxoll@marisths.org.



Genesis Summer Reading Academy supports students over the summer

This summer, over 80 children attended the Genesis Summer Reading Academy held on campus at Marist. Genesis is an educational program that serves McKinney-Vento and Title 1 students from Bethel, 4J and Springfield.

"It's great to see students so happy to be back in school," said Marist English teacher Bill Ferrari, the program administrator.

For four years, Marist and the University of Oregon's College of Education have been providing instruction to local elementary school kids who need the extra support to be more successful during the school year.

With a permanent staff of 20, plus over 50 Marist student volunteers, the program can often offer 1:1 reading support, which is what many of these kids need.

Genesis also provided art, music, yoga and other enrichment activities for students during the six weeks they were on campus.



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ADVANCEMENT



SAVE THE DATE

Athletic Hall of Fame

Friday, October 8, 2021

Please mark your calendar and make plans to honor the second class of
Marist Athletic Hall of Fame inductees:

1996 Girls Basketball State Champions

1997-2003 Girls Basketball:

100 Sky-Em League Win Streak

Casey (Evans) Carlson '00

Bernie Conklin '69 †

Dr. Thomas Kerns †

Bill Nugent '78

Larry Nugent '74

More information at athletics.marisths.org

† = Awarded posthumously



Go Spartans!

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[Get more information](#) or call Rebecca Larson,
Advancement 541-914-8180.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

ALL FAMILIES

Counseling Caseload Updates

- Guidance Counselor, 9th grade, Last names A-L: 10-12th grade, Last names A-KI, Shari Pimental (spimental@marisths.org)
- Guidance Counselor, 9th grade, Last names M-Z; 10-12th grade, Last names Km-Z, Jake Copley (jcopley@marisths.org)

Naviance

- Students in grades 10-12 can visit their Naviance account to do college and career research.
- If you have forgotten your password, or have questions, please contact your counselor.
- New transfer students to Marist, your counselor will check in with you early in the school year and will include an overview of Naviance as part of this meeting, especially for our new seniors.

Credit Recovery

- If your student completed a credit recovery class this summer, please make sure to have an official transcript sent to Marist so that it can be put on their MCHS transcript. If you have any questions, please contact your student's counselor.

JUNIOR FAMILIES

Use Naviance Student to search for prospective colleges.

- Research colleges using criteria that are important to you – major, location, campus environment, diversity, opportunities, etc.
- Add prospective colleges to the Colleges I'm Thinking about List
- Use the Compare Me and Scattergram tools to compare your GPA to Marist Catholic students who have applied and been admitted in the past.
- Research careers
- Complete the Super Match and the Do What You Are in Naviance student if you did not last spring
- If you do not remember your password, please contact your counselor
- College visits will be posted in Naviance as well as Schoology. Please make sure your student is checking their Schoology group for their perspective class.

SOPHOMORE FAMILIES

All sophomores were introduced to Naviance last spring

- If your student missed the presentation, it is located on our College Planning site under counseling
- Start and/or Create your College Planning Folder
- Your student Should have completed Strengths Explorer in Naviance

FRESHMEN FAMILIES

Freshmen Parent Night

- Monday Oct 4th at 7pm in the Main Gym.
- The evening will cover our counseling services, common questions and concerns about transitioning to high school, and tips to help your student adjust academically and socially.

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College Planning Night for Seniors and Parents/Guardians

- Seniors and parents are encouraged to attend College Planning Night for Seniors on Wednesday, September 15th at 7:00 PM in Main Gym.
- This will review some of the basics of a thorough college search, but then go more in-depth on the various steps to the application process.
- School and area events related to the college search will be shared as well.
- Some financial aid information will be covered as well, but that is such an important topic that we have a separate College Financial Aid Night dedicated to it- Wednesday, October 6th, with a presentation by a college financial aid officer. Location to be Announced

College Planning Presentation for Seniors

- During the week of September 13th, we will meet with seniors to give an overview of college and post-high school planning and timeline, encouraging students to take an active role in shaping their plans for next year (and beyond).
- We are also available for individual meetings with seniors during their free periods. During these meetings we can discuss post high school plans, college applications, letters of recommendation (if needed), financial aid and more, and of course try to answer whatever questions they may have.
- Students are encouraged to reach out to their counselor if they need to schedule a meeting.

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College Applications - Common Application

- Create a Common Application account and start working on activities, family information, etc...
 - www.commonapp.org
- A step-by-step guide for first-year application is provided at
 - <https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-time-students>
- Almost 900 (mostly private, but not entirely) colleges and universities will use the Common Application this year (www.commonapp.org), including those often applied to by Marist students (including Seattle U, Gonzaga, Santa Clara, U of Portland, University of Oregon, and Oregon State).
- A college's website is the best place to start to get details of their application options and instructions.

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SENIOR FAMILIES

College visits

- Between now and early December, approximately 35-40 Admissions reps will be visiting Marist to present information, and answer questions, about their colleges.
- These meetings typically last about 30 minutes and are a great way to help inform you on the type of college that is right for you. Private, public, big research universities and small liberal arts colleges, in-state and out-of-state colleges will all be paying us a visit.
- Juniors and Seniors can sign up in Naviance for those that interest them, and parents can also check out the list from their Naviance account.

Letters of recommendation

Prepare for Letters of Recommendation - Naviance

Chances are that students will need a letter of recommendation from their counselor and at least one academic teacher (Science, Math, English, History, or World Language). We ask students to provide the following information:

- Resume—Use Naviance Student to complete a resume (students can also use this if they are applying for a summer job!).
- Complete the Teacher/ Counselor Letter of Recommendation Survey in Naviance Student > About me > My surveys > Surveys not started > Teacher/Counselor Letter of Recommendation Survey.
- Teachers Letters of Recommendation are requested in Naviance and not the Common App/Coalition or if student is applying direct to the institution.
 - A student should ask a teacher in person prior to making the request in Naviance.
 - This happens in early September
- Oregon public universities usually DO NOT require letters of recommendation.
- Many colleges often require one teacher and one counselor letter. Some request two teacher letters.
- Submitting more than the requested letters of recommendation can harm your application, and Marist policy limits it to two teacher's letters, except in the rare case where a college requires a third letter.
- Each college's website will specify exactly what they require. If a letter of recommendation is needed, students should check out the welcome message on their Naviance homepage, which explains the 4 steps to the process of requesting letters.

Naviance Tasks

- All seniors should have completed the following tasks in Naviance this summer
 - Do What You Are
 - College Super Match
 - Creating a College List – Colleges I'm Thinking About
- Please update your college list to Colleges I'm Applying to tab. This list is your application list ONLY. Complete by September 15th.

Visit counseling.marisths.org for more important resources from the counseling department!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

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FATHER THEO LANGE - CHAPLIN

Liturgy

On September 17, the **MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT** will be celebrated by the Marist chaplain, Fr. Theo Lange. Please join us to pray for the Spirit to guide us throughout the school year. This Mass will take place in the Gym and will start at about 10:20 a.m.

Student Retreats

The retreat program is one of the most important and most enjoyable aspects of a Marist education. There are retreat opportunities for each grade level during each year.

The **FRESHMEN LOCK-IN** is set for Saturday, October 2. Due to covid precautions, this year the event will begin in the early afternoon and conclude in the evening (exact time TBA). This is a community-building event that should not be missed! Students report that it kick-starts their year, helping them to get to know each other, and experience more of the spiritual and communal life of the school. Information and registration forms will be sent home with students in mid-September. Contact Mr. DePaoli if you have questions.

For your planning...

All this year's retreats are currently listed on the main school calendar. At this time, retreats are intended to be run overnight at camp or at school (subject to change). All students who wish to attend are required to submit either: 1) a vaccination card with required shots completed two or more weeks prior to the start of the retreat, OR 2) a negative covid test result completed within three days of the first day of the retreats.

For your convenience and advanced planning, retreats are listed here, in order of year level, and subject to change.

Freshman Lock-In October 2

- Cost for Lock-In: TBA

Sophomore Journey Retreats begin in December

- Girls: Dec. 4-5. Information will go out in November
- Boys: Feb. 5-6. Information will go out in early January
- Cost for Journey Retreat: \$35
- For more information, contact: Mrs. Ferrari (girls) or Dr. Martin (boys)

Junior Encounter Retreats begin in October

- Men: October 23-25 or February 12-14. Information will go out in late September
- Women: November 20-22 or February 26-28. Information will go out in late October
- Cost for Encounter: \$150
- Note: Seniors who have not attended the Encounter are encouraged to attend this year
- For more information, contact: Mr. Oldham or Mr. Moser (men) or Mrs. Baker (women)

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Student Retreats cont.

Senior Metanoia Retreats begin in January

- Co-Ed: January 14-16, or February 18-20. Information will go out in early December, with sign-up and payments due at that time
- Cost for Metanoia: \$135
- Note: Seniors who have not attended the Encounter are encouraged to attend this year
- For more information, contact: Mr. Ferrari or Mrs. Boyd

Christian Service

Class of 2022: Verification of 30 hours of service and the 7 corresponding journal entries are due to Mrs. Ferrari on or before Wednesday, September 22. The final Christian Service Experience requirements will be handled in senior theology. Contact Julie Ferrari with questions. If your student is not going to meet this deadline, he or she must meet with Mrs. Ferrari before September 22 to discuss an extension and avoid losing off-campus privileges. The final CSE requirements will be handled in Senior Theology. Thank you for supporting your student in her or his service.

Class of 2023: Service hours 6-15 are due November 3 (1st quarter grade) and Journal Entries #2 & #3 are due November 8 (2ndquarter grade). Service determines 10% of the theology grade. All service must be pre-approved if not listed in the service manual. Thank you for supporting your student in her or his service.

Classes of 2024 and 2025: Theology teachers will be introducing the service project in class later this semester.

Please contact Mrs. Julie Ferrari at jferrari@marisths.org with any service-related questions or inquiries.

Upcoming Events

September 17	Mass of the Holy Spirit (10:20 a.m. - Main Gym)
September 18-20	Formation Retreat (for Retreat Team members)
October 2	Freshman Lock-In
October 23-25	Mens Encounter #1

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