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THE NEWSLINE

Official Newsletter of Marist Catholic High School



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Marist Families,

Well, we are on our way! After a particularly busy summer at Marist, we were finally able to welcome our students back to campus on September 5th. Our amazing ASB Officers took the lead in welcoming our new freshmen to campus (the class of 2027). We are all looking forward to an exciting and enriching Fall semester. I hope to see you at one of our events soon!

For those new to the Marist Newsline, this is a monthly communication intended to keep you informed of all things Marist. Below are some important reminders and updates to help ensure that things go smoothly as we welcome everyone back.

Bell Schedule

There are a few minor adjustments to our daily bell schedules. The school calendar is the best place to go for up-to-date information about what bell schedule we are following on any given day. [Click this link for a copy of the different schedules.](#) Remember that the campus is actively supervised by Marist staff members from 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. Outside of those hours, hallways are locked and Marist staff may not be available.

Behavioral Expectations

You received an email before the start of school regarding some new policies regarding cell phone use and seniors' attendance on C Day schedules with study halls. Please review these policies with your students. If you have not already, please take time to review the [family handbook](#) with your student.

Student Access to Parking Lot

Please note that our new security gates will limit student access to the parking lot throughout the school day. Make sure your student is aware that they should be storing their materials in their backpack or locker, not in their car.

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New Staff

There are a few new faces on campus this year! If you get the chance, please take the time to welcome and introduce yourself to the following new staff members:

- Claire Burand - World Language Department (French)
- Johnathan Fechtel - Science
- Rick Gardner - Athletic Director
- Chris Huber - History
- Ann Shaheen Huber - English
- Claire Kepple - World Language Department (Spanish)
- Jack Kiesewetter - Theology
- Jenny Kiesewetter - Mathematics & Physical Education
- Charlie Landgraf - Physical Education
- Carlos Santana - Custodian
- Cynthia Saras - Dean of Students

Back to School Night

Each fall, we host this event to build community and foster partnerships with families and our faculty by allowing parents and guardians to experience a condensed day in the life of a Marist student. This year, it will take place on **Wednesday, September 20**.

I pray that the transition back to school will be pleasant for you and your family. As always, I want to thank you for your continued support of Marist Catholic High School, and may God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,



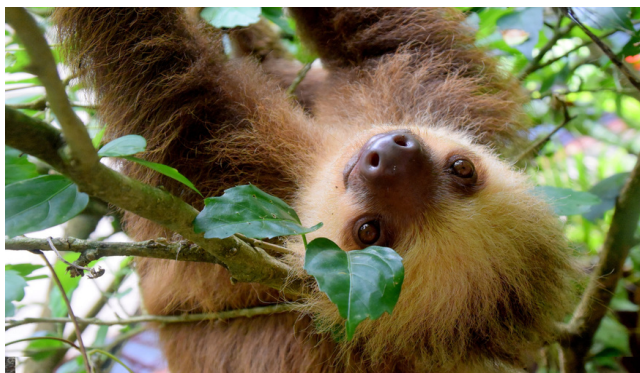
Bob Fraley
Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 15	Mass of the Holy Spirit
September 16-18	Formation Retreat
September 20	Back to School Night
September 30	Freshman Lock-In
October 13	No School: Teacher Inservice
October 14	Homecoming Dance

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

NEWS AROUND CAMPUS



Costa Rica Trip 2024

If you signed up for Marist's Costa Rica trip, please check your passport status. **Passports must be valid through at least December 2024.** If you need a new passport or to renew your passport, complete the process as soon as possible. The current processing time for new passports and renewals is 13+ weeks. A few spots are still available! If you would like to join the trip, contact Sahra Nielsen or Nicole Mombell.



Annual Enrollment Forms

If you have not yet done so, please [login to the admissions/enrollment portal](#) as soon as possible and navigate to your student's checklist. The information you provide is critical for Marist to provide the best service and communication to your student and his/her/their family all year long! Please contact Alice Meyer, Director of Admissions & Outreach, at 541-681-5464 or ameyer@marisths.org with questions.

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Athletic Hall of Fame

Friday, October 20, 2023

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

Judge Tom Coffin

Julie (Wells) Keller '98

April (Trupp) Morris '85

Adriana Quirke '03

Logan Silver '11

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1998 Girls Golf State Championship Team

More information at athletics.marisths.org



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

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

ALL FAMILIES

Counseling Caseload Updates

- Shari Pimental (spimental@marisths.org)
 - Guidance Counselor, 9th - 10th grade, Last names A-L: 11th -12th grade, Last names A-KI
- Jacob Copley (jcopley@marisths.org)
 - Guidance Counselor, 9th - 10th grade, Last names M-Z; 11th -12th grade, Last names Km-Z

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 enter 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 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

- Start or Create your College Planning Folder
- Your student Should have completed Strengths Explorer in Naviance
- This year college visits are open to Sophomore students. College visits will be listed in the schoology announcements.

FRESHMAN FAMILIES

Freshman Parent Night

- Monday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Theatre.
- 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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FRESHMAN FAMILIES

Freshmen Check-in Meeting

- The counselors will be checking in with all freshmen in early October.
- Counselor meeting suggestions include:
 - How are you doing, and how are classes going?
 - What activities do you enjoy, and what are you involved in?
 - Do you have a goal for yourself as a student?
 - How are things going socially? Meeting people? Do you have a group to hang out with?
 - Any Tech Issues/Schoology/Do you have all your books and supplies you need for school?
 - Take advantage of office hours – teachers post them in schoology.
 - Read and reread your syllabi for each class so you know each teacher's homework policy
 - We want to get to know each of you, so please make sure you reach out to us.
 - If you need to message a teacher, make sure you use proper etiquette, such as
 - Ms. P, I would like to set up a time to meet with you. Put your first and last name.
 - If you are having a tech issue, do you know how to send a help ticket – help@marisths.org

SENIOR FAMILIES

College Planning Night for Seniors and Parents/Guardians

- Seniors and parents are encouraged to attend **College Planning Night for Seniors** on Wednesday, **September 13 at 7:00 p.m.** in Theatre.
- This will review some of the basics of a thorough college search but then go more in-depth on the various steps of the application process.

Financial aid information will also be covered, but that is such an important topic that we have a separate **College Financial Aid Night. The date is October 9th.** Nathan Icenhower from Bushnell University will be joining us for the in-person event.

- This event is intended for seniors and their parents. It will include helpful information no matter what type of school the student plans to attend- public, private, a 4-year school or a community college.
- Topics include the FAFSA, student and parent loans, scholarship tips, the CSS Profile, Oregon Promise, and more.
- We hope you can make it to this event! Please contact your counselor if you have any questions.

College Planning Presentation for Seniors

- During the week of September 11, 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 should reach out to their counselor if they need to schedule a meeting.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

SENIOR FAMILIES

College visits

- Between now and early December, 35-40 Admissions reps will visit 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 about the type of college that is right for you. Private, public, big research universities, small liberal arts colleges and in-state and out-of-state colleges will all visit us.
- 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.

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-year-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.

Naviance Tasks

- All seniors should have completed the following tasks in Naviance this summer:
- Creating a College List – Colleges I'm Thinking About
- **Please update your college list in the Colleges I'm Applying To tab. This list is your application list ONLY. Complete by September 22.**

Letters of recommendation

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. Please see your counselor if you have any questions regarding your username and password.
- **Resume**—Use Naviance Student to complete a resume (students can also use this if they apply for a summer job!).
- Complete the **Teacher/ Counselor Letter of Recommendation Survey** in *Naviance Student > About me > Surveys from my School > Teacher/Counselor Letter of Recommendation Survey*. Once the survey is completed, students should request in Naviance.
- Teachers' Letters of Recommendation are requested in Naviance and not the Common App/Coalition or if the student applies directly to the institution.
 - A student should ask a teacher in person before requesting 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. 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 four steps to the process of requesting letters.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

DR. RICK MARTIN - DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY & FORMATION

JULIE FERRARI - ASSISTANT CAMPUS MINISTER

Liturgy

On September 15 at 10:25 a.m., the Marist community will come together for the **MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**. It is a tradition for Catholic schools to celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit to pray for the Spirit's guidance throughout the academic year. Please pray for all of our students and staff and the success of our school year.

Student Retreats

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

The **WE ARE MARIST FRESHMEN EVENT** is an in-school event set for Monday, September 11. It will last the length of the school day. This is an important orientation and community-building event for our new freshmen, intended to help them understand what Marist is all about and to know that they are Marist! Upperclassmen attended a week-long training and prep leadership event last July in New York to build this special gift for our freshmen. Dress will be relaxed dress code, and lunch and snacks will be provided. Contact Dr. Martin or Mrs. Baker if you have questions.

The **FRESHMEN LOCK-IN** is set for Saturday, September 30, afternoon and evening. This is a further community-building event that should not be missed! Students report that it kick-starts their year, helping them to get to know each other even more and experience more of the spiritual and communal life of the school. Information and registration forms will be sent home with students mid-September. Contact Dr. Martin or Mrs. Ferrari if you have questions.

For your planning...

All this year's retreats are currently listed on the main school calendar. Please plan now for attendance! For your convenience and advanced planning, retreats are listed here, in order of year level, and subject to change.

We Are Marist Freshman Event September 11

- Cost: TBA

Freshman Lock-In Saturday, September 30

- Cost: TBA
- Time (tentative): 3:00-10:00 p.m.

Sophomore Journey Retreats begin in December

- Girls: Dec. 2-3, and Feb. 10-11. Information will go out in November
- Boys: Feb. 3-4. 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: Oct. 21-23.
- Women: Nov. 18-20.
- Note: additional weekends are reserved at St. Benedict in February. Assignment of additional Encounters and/or Metanoias will be determined soon.
- Final dates and registration information will come in later September.
- 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 (co-ed) Retreats begin in January

- Due to planning issues, Metanoia dates are not established yet. They will take place on two of the following three weekends: Jan. 12-14, Jan. 26-28, or Feb. 16-18.
- 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
- For more information, contact: Mrs. Boyd

Christian Service

Class of 2023: Verification of 50 hours of service and the 10 corresponding journal entries are due to Mrs. Ferrari on or before Monday, September 26. If your student is not going to meet this deadline, he or she must meet with Mrs. Ferrari before September 26 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 2024: Service hours 1-10 and Journal Entries #1 & #2 are due November 2. The hours count as 10% of the First Quarter grade, and the reflection journals count as 10% of the Second Quarter 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 2025 and 2026: 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.

Marist USA Events

During the last few years Marist has been checking out a variety of national high school gatherings with other Marist schools. Students and adults alike have found them to be very enjoyable and meaningful, and contributing to their sense of connection with the larger Marist family.

Opportunities for Sophomores:

- Marist Mission Conference, 3-day conference in Florida or New York
- Marist Youth Leadership Camp, 5-day camp in Esopus, New York during the summer following sophomore year

Opportunities for Juniors:

- Marist Youth Gathering: 3-day conference during Memorial Day Weekend at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY

More information will be shared in upcoming months

Important Dates at a Glance

September 11	We Are Marist Freshman Event
September 15	Mass of the Holy Spirit (10:25 a.m. - Main Gym)
September 16-18	Formation Retreat (for Retreat Team Members)
September 25	Service Hours & Journals due for seniors
September 30	Freshman Lock-In
October 18	Peace & Justice Day

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