



Dear Parent/Guardian:

A COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

To all of you who are familiar with our monthly newsletter, "Welcome back!", and "Greetings!" to those of you who are reading a Marist Family Newsletter for the first time! Although you are receiving this newsletter in the mail, you will find this and subsequent publications posted on our website when you login as a parent. The "parent portal" will allow you access to your child's schedule and grades and a myriad of parent-centric information to keep you "in the know."

**Parent log-ins** to the Parent Portal will be made available to you at the **mandatory parent meetings** scheduled for early September. These meetings will be held at **6:00 p.m.** in the cafeteria. Please enter the cafeteria through the side parking lot. Refer to the website calendar or the listing of dates in this mailing for your son's/daughter's designated year-level evening. We encourage you to come on the assigned evening, but if that is not possible, feel free to attend one of the other orientations. We look forward to starting off the year on the "same page;" your presence at this **mandatory parent orientation** will ensure success. Chromebooks for incoming freshmen and transfers will be distributed to the parent at the evening orientation. Major changes to school policy and upgrades will be highlighted. It is vitally important that you attend at least one of the meetings.

Inside this mailing, you will find important information about the start of the school year along with **several forms that must be completed**. The most urgent of these is your **free and reduced lunch application**. Fill that out **immediately** and return it Mrs. DePoalo. Complete all other forms and send them in with your sons/daughters to give to their homeroom teacher **on the first full day of school which is Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. Students should bring a printed copy of their book reports with them on that first full day as well. Remind them to hold onto the digital version; they'll need it as well. Remember, copies of the summer reading assignments can also be found at <https://www.marist.org/read2019>.

Your son/daughter will be sure to have teachers you haven't met before! This makes your presence at **Back to School Night** so very important. Be sure to mark your calendar: **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** for our Back to School Night.

One of our many traditions at Marist is to celebrate the start of the new school year **as a family event**. We invite you to circle **6:00pm on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar. We'll pray and then barbecue! What a great way to build community and to start the new school year! Since food is involved, we need to sell tickets in advance. They will be available at the Parent Orientations for \$5.00 each; children under 5 are free.

Uniforms, as you know, are available through Herbert's Army-Navy located at 468 Broadway between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Students are expected to be in full uniform upon arrival in September, so please order now. Marist polos are worn in the fall (starting Sept. 17 and after Easter). You can order those by emailing Ms. Giroux who runs the bookstore at [kgiroux@marist.org](mailto:kgiroux@marist.org).

I look forward to partnering with our two Deans, our esteemed and caring faculty and staff, and you, our families, working always to uphold Marist's brand of excellence. We are a school grounded in the Marist tradition, committed "to making Jesus known and loved through the Christian education of youth, especially those who need it most." It is an honor to serve you. I am looking forward to another amazing year!

Sincerely,

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Dear Parents/Guardian

August 1, 2019

I hope you are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer. At Marist, we have been diligently toward planning an exciting and productive 2019-2020 school year.

Parent-school connection is essential to the success of every student. This connection relies on solid communication. In this mailing, you will receive many forms, kindly sign and return these promptly by September 16, 2019. It is understandable if parents/guardians may need to contact their child during the school day. In an effort to reduce interruption to learning, I request that all parents/guardians use the main office as the primary form of communication with their children. Likewise, your child is invited to use the main office if they need to reach you. Using cell phones during the school day for texting, calling, recording and/or posting is prohibited except in the cafeteria before homeroom and during the student's own lunch period.

All students are expected to be in complete uniform upon entering the building. This includes pants, shirts, ties and sweaters purchased from Herbert's Army & Navy located at 468 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ. Kindly ensure that all uniform shirts and sweaters have the Marist logo. Also part of the school uniform, which the students are expected to wear upon entering the building, are all black lace-up shoes or sneakers (the entire shoe or sneaker must be completely black including laces and soles). Marist polos may be worn in the fall and spring (exact dates will be announced during grade orientations).

The Marist Handbook is available to you online at [www.marist.org](http://www.marist.org) at the end of August 2019. Please take the time to review the Handbook carefully as it has all of the information you may need regarding your child's optimal success, including the dress code. Please note that the Marist Code of Conduct will continue with the Merit/Demerit system. This is outlined in the Student-Parent Handbook. Handbook forms must also be signed and returned by September 16.

We share your concern for the safety of your child. It is our intent to be sure every student is supervised while they are with us. Please be aware that the building closes at 4 pm Monday-Thursday and 3 PM on Friday, unless there is a sporting or special event. No student is permitted in the building past this time, unless under the supervision of a coach or teacher. The 5:30 pm bus is only for students participating in a school sponsored activity. All other students must utilize the 4 pm bus. Make every effort to know where your son/daughter is after 4 PM. I thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. I am looking forward to establishing a strong partnership with you in order to create a productive and successful 2019-2020 school year for your child.

Sincerely,

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION 2019-2020

**ASBESTOS:** As required by the Federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), an inspection for the presence of asbestos containing materials has been completed and an asbestos management plan has been developed for Marist High School. The report is available for you to review between 8:00-2:00 PM in the main office each day.

**ATTENDANCE:** Attendance is vital for your son/daughter to succeed at Marist High School. Please make sure your son/daughter attends every day and arrives on time. **Arrange doctor and dental appointments as well as vacations for times when school is not in session.** Please note:

- A student may not participate in or attend any extra-curricular activity if he/she did not attend school on the day of the activity.
- If a student is absent a total of 18 days or more, without a doctor's note, he/she will attend summer school for the course in which he/she has the lowest grade.
- Three (3) unexcused tardies will equal one absence in the accrual of the 18-day absence rule.

**BOOKS & TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES:** Each student has been billed a total of \$700.00 for all materials needed for the year. Included will be Religion books, novels for English class, vocabulary and other workbooks, gym locks, art materials, gym uniforms, a lanyard for ID cards, and other sundry items including access to software subscriptions throughout the year, namely research databases, Turnitin, Plus Portals, etc. Freshmen will also receive notebooks and a calculator. Most materials will be included in the initial distribution; others will be given out in class as needed.

**BUS SERVICE CONTRACTS:** The Rate of the Marist School Bus Service 2019-2020 has been set at \$1,100 for Hudson County students and \$1200 for all students living in other counties. The school is deeply committed to providing this service, which provides a safe, affordable and convenient means of transportation for your child. For questions regarding the transportation service, please contact Mr. Mark Lenzo 201-437-4545 at extension 216; for billing information, please contact Ms. Vargas at 201-437-4545, extension 200. **A student must have a valid bus contract in order to board the Marist bus.** Proof of a valid bus contract will be visible on the student's ID which he/she must present to the bus driver.

**CAFETERIA SERVICE BEGINS** on Monday, September 9th. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will be notified immediately after receiving their application which is enclosed in this mailing. Please note that your son/daughter will qualify **ONLY** if the paperwork is returned to Mrs. DePoalo and your family income qualifies. During the first week, please either send your child with lunch or send him/her with enough money to buy items a la carte.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBERS/E-MAIL ADDRESSES:** Please call Mrs. DePoalo, (201-437-4545, Ext. 201) to correct or update an address, e-mail address, or phone number. **It is extremely important that the school has accurate information in case of an emergency.** A weekly email blast and voicemail blast go out every Monday. If you don't receive both, that is an indicator that our database needs updating; be sure to contact Mrs. DePoalo.

**COMMUNICATION** between home and school is vital to your child's success. Early in the year, at Back to School Night (Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 PM) you will meet your son's/daughter's teachers. Their e-mail & voicemail extensions can be found on the school's Plus Portal system which will be explained at the Parent Orientations. Of course, appointments for conferences with teachers can also be arranged. Let's keep those lines of communication open! Our staff has a commitment to respond within 24 hours, exclusive of weekends/holidays.

**DAILY/MONTHLY SCHEDULE:** Please note that our daily bell schedules have changed. They will be printed inside the Parent-Student Handbook. They are also available on the Marist App. The Marist App can be downloaded from your Apple or Google Play Store. The bell schedule which is in effect on any given day will be printed on the monthly calendar. The monthly calendar is available on the first page of the school website [www.marist.org](http://www.marist.org).

**FORMS:** The free and reduced lunch forms should be sent to Mrs. DePaolo as soon as possible. Don't wait to send it with the forms listed below.

The following forms are to be handed in to your son's/daughter's homeroom teacher by Monday, September 16th at the latest.

- Student Handbook Acknowledgment & Receipt Form found in this mailing, also serves as:
  - Publicity Release Form
  - Internet and Technology Appropriate Use Policy
- Emergency Treatment Form (in this mailing)
- Special Needs Form (on the reverse side of the Emergency Treatment Form; complete only if applicable)
- Physical Form (must be completed by all Freshmen, Juniors, and **all athletes**)
- Textbook Use Form for the City of Bayonne (required by all students)

**HANDBOOK for PARENT-STUDENT:** The Handbook will only be available on-line beginning this year. At the Parent Orientation, Mr. Romano, Dean of Students, will highlight major changes found in the latest version. The handbook lists all student regulations, academic requirements, and school policies. Please review this Handbook carefully with your son/daughter. After doing so, please sign the **ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND RECEIPT OF HANDBOOK FORM** contained in this mailing, Tell your son/daughter return this form to his/her first period teacher no later than **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**.

**SUMMER READING REPORTS:** All summer reading reports are due to the English Teacher on the first full day of school which is Monday, September 9th. Book titles and report questions can be found on the website at <https://www.marist.org/read2019>

**TEXTBOOKS:** When students receive hardcover textbooks, they are to cover the textbook, write their name inside the front cover, and note the condition of the textbook. Students will be expected to return the same book at the end of the school year. They will be required to pay for lost or damaged textbooks. Please note that the cheapest book now costs \$120.00! Thankfully, most of our textbooks are also available on-line either interactively or as a pdf. The teacher's class policies will contain instructions for access.

**TRANSPORTATION:** The Marist buses will be picking students up beginning Tuesday, August 27th, at the regular time. Call Mr. Lenzo, our Transportation Coordinator, at 201-437-4545, ext. 216, if you have any questions. Remember that the regular dismissal time bus drops you off at your point of origin. Late busses however, called UP & OVER, terminate at Journal Square and Penn Station.

**TUITION & FEES:** Keep in mind that **NO STUDENT** can be admitted to class on Monday, September 9th, unless registration, tuition and fee payments are up-to-date. Please attend to these important details ASAP. We encourage you to make your payments directly through FACTs. Contact Ms. Vargas at [vwargas@marist.org](mailto:vwargas@marist.org) or 201-437-4545 ext. 200 for help with FACTs.

**UNIFORMS:** All students must be attired in complete uniform on the first day of school. Our vendor is **Herbert's Army & Navy**, located at **468 Broadway, Bayonne (between 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> Street)**. Their telephone number is 201-437-7904. Their information is included in this mailing. Note that the shoe must be an **all black laced-up shoe or sneaker**.

**UNIFORM POLO SHIRTS:** These are only available through the Marist Bookstore. You can contact Ms. Giroux who runs the bookstore via email this summer at [kgiroux@marist.org](mailto:kgiroux@marist.org). Students must be in full uniform for the first week of school for ID pictures. They can start wearing the Marist polo on September 16. The boys polo is royal blue; girls wear yellow. Note that on yearbook photo day, Friday, September 27, full uniform is required. Students will be permitted to wear the school polo until the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, Nov. 1. They will resume wearing the polo after Easter break.





## OPENING OF SCHOOL DETAILS 2019-2020

### **College Now Orientation: August 12-23**

Freshmen who have signed up for College Now credits will begin the program with a two-week course called "Success in College". They will be attending that course at Hudson County Community College beginning Monday, August 12. More details will arrive under separate cover directly from HCCC.

### **Tuesday & Wednesday, August 27 and 28 - Freshmen Orientation – 8:00-2:30 PM**

All **freshmen** are required to attend this most important orientation. Please consult the letter from Mr. Romano that you received in June, regarding dress, content of the day, transportation, etc. Help your freshman begin successfully by making sure he/she attends orientation. Call Ms. DePoalo (201-437-4545 Ext. 201) if you have any questions. **Students should enter through the FRONT door wearing full uniform.**

### **Tuesday, August 27 – Mandatory FR Parent Meeting @ 6:00 pm.**

This is the first of the adult meetings we hold before the start of school. It is recommended that the student attend with the parent/guardian. We'll review expectations and highlights of the year and answer all your logistical questions. Most importantly, we will distribute the Chromebook. The parent/guardian must be present to sign the accompanying paperwork for the release of the Chromebook. The Chromebook will not be released to a student without an adult present.

### **Wednesday, August 28 – Transfer Student and Family Orientation @ 6:00 pm.**

Students who are transferring into Marist High School are required to attend this event along with their parents/guardians. This is an opportunity to acclimate to Marist culture and structure prior to the first day. Students usually find that this event sets their minds at ease about starting a new school. Students will receive their Chromebook at this event. Parents who attend this evening event need not attend the year level parent-orientation listed below.

### **Thursday, August 29 – International Student Orientation from 1:00pm–5:00 pm**

All **international students new to Marist**, are expected to attend this very important informative orientation from 1:00-4:00. All Host Families are required to join their student at 4:00 for a family orientation. International Students new to Marist will receive their Chromebook at this meeting.

### **Mandatory Parent Orientations at 6:00pm in the cafeteria:**

Freshmen: Tuesday, August 27 @ 6:00pm in the cafeteria  
Transfers: Wednesday, August 28 @ 6:00pm in the cafeteria  
Sophomores: Tuesday, Sept. 3 @ 6:00pm in the cafeteria  
Juniors: Wednesday, Sept. 4 @ 6:00pm in the cafeteria  
Seniors: Thursday, Sept. 5 @ 6:00pm in the cafeteria

If you cannot attend the appropriate year-level meeting, feel free to attend another, but **be sure to sign in. PARENT/GUARDIAN ATTENDANCE at one of these meetings IS MANDATORY.**

### **Wednesday, September 4 – Sophomore Orientation – 8:00-12:00**

All **sophomores** are required to attend this, their first day of school. Complete uniform is to be worn. Students should enter through the **FRONT** door.

**Thursday, September 5 – Junior Orientation – 8:00-12:00**

All juniors are required to attend this, their first day of school. Complete uniform is to be worn. Students should enter through the **FRONT** door.

**Friday, September 6 – All Students Report – 8:00-12:00**

All students, including seniors, report in complete uniform and enter by the back cafeteria doors. Classes will be in session until 12:00 noon.

**Monday, September 9 – First Full Day – 8:10-2:34 – Summer Book Reports are due.**

Be sure your son/daughter brings all completed forms and gives them to his/her homeroom teacher. Summer book reports are due to English teachers. Final due date for all forms is Monday, September 16.

**Tuesday, September 10 – Marist Parent Association Monthly Meeting 6:45–7:30pm**

These meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:45-7:30pm in the cafeteria. This will be the first one of the year. The Parent Association is extremely active at Marist and those who get involved have lots of fun! Please join us. **Parents of students receiving Marist financial aid are expected to attend meetings and to help at events throughout the year.** Enter through the side parking lot door.

**Thursday, September 12– Back to School Night – 6:00 pm**

Come meet all of your son's/daughter's teachers. Put a face to the name! Learn the requirements of each course. Find out how accessing the Parent Portal can help you help your son/daughter succeed!

**Friday, September 13 – 1:00 Dismissal**

1:00 is the standard dismissal time on school days that follow evenings when the entire faculty is present.

**Monday, September 16 – All Forms due.** It is of the utmost importance that all forms that have been sent in this mailing are completed and returned by this date at the latest. In addition, the Student/Parent Handbook must have been thoroughly read on-line and the parent/student sign-off sheet must be signed, and returned by Monday, September 16 to the first period teacher.

**Wednesday, September 18 – Fall Sports photos**

Student-Athletes participating in fall sports will have their team photos taken in the gym at 3:00 right after school. They should change into their team uniform immediately after dismissal.

**Friday, September 20 – Family Prayer and Back-to-School Barbecue 6:00 PM.**

Mass will be held in the gym with a barbecue to follow. Come join us in the Quad! This is a family event! Tickets are \$5.00 per person; children under 5 are free. Tickets will be sold in the Main Office and at all events throughout the first three weeks of school. Please join us!!!

**Friday, September 27 – Undergrad photos**

Underclassmen yearbook photographs are taken throughout the day. FULL Uniform is required.

**Sunday, September 29 – Open House for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Spread the word about Marist.**

Encourage your family and friends who are looking for a high school to visit us during our Open House which begins at **1:00 PM Sharp**.

**Monday, September 30 – NO CLASSES.** There is no school on the day after Open House.

