

**MARQUETTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

*Daily Doc*

*September 4, 2009*

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND  
NO SCHOOL MONDAY**

Dear Parents,

As a result of our attendance design team sessions, it has been recommended to share current policies and practices as they relate to student attendance and State law and school accreditation. One of the attached documents introduces Superintendent Bennett's reasons for changing policy, and the other attached document explains frequently asked questions about attendance. As summary, I would offer the following notes:

- 1) All school must create a school calendar which includes 180 FULL days of instruction. At the HS level, this is a minimum of 6 hours of instructional time.
- 2) 1/2 days, professional development days, and parent conference days are above and beyond the 180 days of instruction.
- 3) Schools who fail to maintain 95% attendance could lose their accreditation status. In order for a student to reach 95% attendance, they must attend school 171 days.
- 4) The only State excused and recognized absences are government obligations-like when a student serves a s a page or works the polls.
- 5) If a student is not present for the minimum 6 hours, they are not eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities scheduled for that day.

I hope the information provided and attached informs all parents and students about the seriousness of being present at school. The State's position is clear: Miss school-Miss out. Please do your best to work within the States guidelines for student attendance issues. I Hope this helps clarify the expectations set forth by our legislature and the Superintendent of Instruction.

Please know that at this time, the design team has recommended not to make any changes in our policies. We simply want to inform you all of the newly adopted policies and how they affect our school and its students.

Thanks for All You Do...With Faith in Our Future,

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## **FRESHMEN CLASS OFFICER ELECTION**

Freshmen Class Officer Applications are now available. Applications may be picked up from Mr. Smith in Room 10. Completed applications are due Tuesday, September 8.

## **FRESHMEN CLASS RETREAT**

The Freshmen class retreat will take place on Thursday, September 10. Location has yet to be determined, however, transportation will be provided by our school bus. Students are receiving permission slips today. Please have your student return the completed form by Wednesday to Mr. DeFrier. Students are asked to bring their own lunch and drink. Students will be allowed to wear jeans and their Freshman Lucky 13 t-shirt. Students will leave from the Scholl Center.

## **UNIFORMS**

Just a reminder you can find our school dress/uniform code at our website. Students are expected to be in full uniform. **Marquette uniform sweaters can be worn Monday through Thursday. Marquette approved sweatshirts can be worn on Fridays only.**

**Reminder, only approved blue or white oxfords and polos are permitted. No other colored shirts allowed.**

**Thursdays are Mass days, therefore boys will need to wear their ties.**

**Please call Stitches directly if you would like to order additional items at 878-0542**

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY UPDATE**

The National Honor Society has commenced its *NHS Lunchtime Learning Lab*. Teachers will refer students to the lab for tutoring. Students should contact Mrs. Callahan.

## **PARKING PASSES ARE HERE**

Students driving to school will be required to purchase a Marquette Catholic Parking Pass. Cost will be \$10.00 per pass. At the time of purchase, students must show license and proof of insurance for copying by the office. All passes should be placed in the front windshield lower right hand corner. All cars should be registered by October 31<sup>st</sup>. All students will be required to park in the student parking lot west of the Scholl Center. This is a safety concern. Donor parking will continue as normal.

## **ART CLASS NEED MAGAZINES**

Mrs. Izard is looking for any magazine donations for the Art class. Please drop off in main office. Thanks for the help.

## **MUSIC CLASS NEEDS KEYBOARD**

Do you have an unused, electronic piano keyboard sitting around the house? Mrs. Brenda's piano class would greatly appreciate it if you would be willing to loan or donate your keyboard and stand. We only need a few. Thank you for considering us.

## **SAND CASTLE SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS**

We are seeking an adult volunteer with 15 students to work a service opportunity. The project is sponsored by the Hick's Chiropractic Center and will take place on September 12 from 8-4 (latest). All proceeds from the event go to support the Sand Castle Shelter on West 8th Street. This is a great opportunity to have your club, team, class and/or organization work together to serve others in our community.

Work Activities:

- Registration
- Set Up
- Clean Up
- Games & Activities
- Food

If interested, please contact Mr. White @ [jwhite1117@att.net](mailto:jwhite1117@att.net) or call 219-873-1325  
 Project Contact: Wendy-Hick's Chiropractic-879-2177, 501 West Keefer Rd.

### **SENIOR PORTRAITS FOR YEARBOOK**

All seniors will be dressed in their caps and gowns for their formal picture in the yearbook representing the Class of 2010. These photographs will be taken on Honors Day. No outside photographs will be allowed in this particular section. However, outside photographs will be allowed in other areas of the yearbook. Contact Mrs. Crane with any questions.

### **ATHLETICS**

Please keep the office updated with new addresses, emails, telephone numbers.

Fall sports pictures will be taken on Friday, September 18 @ 3:00 in Scholl Center

### **Upcoming Athletic Events:**

Saturday, Sept. 5	Boys V Soccer vs. Elkhart Christian @ 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept 8	Boys V Tennis vs Lake Station Edison @ 4:00
	Girls V Golf @ New Prairie @ 4:30
	Coed V Cross Country @ Conference Quad @ 4:45
	Girls Soccer @ Wheeler @ 5:00
	G JV/V Volleyball @ So. Bend St. Joe @ 6:00
Wednesday, Sept 9	Girls V golf @ Michigan City @ 4:00
	Girls Soccer vs East Chicago Central 5:00

### **GUIDANCE**

September 9<sup>th</sup> our Office of Academic Affairs will be holding a College Application Workshop for our Seniors. Mrs. Mark and Mrs. Jean Donnelly will meet with the seniors during second hour. A brief presentation on what is needed to complete their application forms will be given along with how and when they should approach teachers for recommendations, student information sheets for recommendation use, deadlines to be met, and general discussion with time for questions and answers. We want parents to know that this will be taking place and hope that it leads to discussion with their student afterwards.

### **Algebra I End-of-Course Assessments (ECAs) will begin December 7th.**

**College Financial Aid Night** scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. with Bryant Dabney of PNC for all interested parents and students. This session will be held in the Library

**Congratulations!!!! Senior Acceptances!!!!**

Ashley Edmond Eastern Kentucky  
Sharee Means Indiana Tech, Fort Wayne

College Representatives @ Marquette: Students should sign up with Mrs. Mark before the scheduled date of their selection

Tuesday, September 8th - Saint Mary's College  
Tuesday, September 10th - University of Notre Dame  
Tuesday, September 15th - Purdue University West Lafayette  
Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> - Wabash College  
Monday, September 21st - University of Indianapolis  
Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Indiana University Bloomington  
Wednesday, September 23 - Rose Hulman  
Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - Purdue University North Central Campus  
Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> - Indiana University Northwest Campus  
Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> - Saint Mary of the Woods  
Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> - Ball State University  
Tuesday, October 13th - Marian University  
Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> - IVY Tech  
Thursday, November 5th - Hillsdale College  
Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> - Manchester College

### **EXCEL DRIVING**

Fall classes have been pushed now to begin September 19 to December 19. This is a Saturday class from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. held in the Library. Call Excel at 866-411-7852 or register on line @ [www.exceldriving.com](http://www.exceldriving.com).

A second class has been scheduled. It will begin November 2 and run through December 7. This class will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 and will take place in the main academic building. Contact numbers are above.

**LATE NIGHT CATECHISM** will be presented at the Marquette Catholic Auditorium on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be two shows, one at 2:00 p.m. and one at 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Church in LaPorte is sponsoring this event with proceeds going to their parish building fund. For tickets call 219/362-2815 or 219/324-6755.

### **NOTRE DAME CHURCH AND SCHOOL TRASH AND TREASURE SALE**

A Trash and Treasure Sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the school gym, 1005 Moore Road, Michigan city. The sale will include clothing, sports equipment, furniture, bedding, baby and child equipment, holiday decorations, outside items and much more. For more information or to donate your "treasurers" call the parish office at 872-4844

### **Looking Ahead**

Monday, September 7	Labor Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
Thursday, September 10	Freshmen Class Retreat	all day
Saturday, September 19	"Late Night Catechism"	2:00 & 7:00 p.m.
	Sponsored by Sacred Heart	

Friday, September 25

Church, LaPorte  
Dr. Alveda King Assembly  
Pro-Life Activist  
Niece of Dr. Martin Luther King

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Mission Statement

Marquette Catholic High School is an educational community that promotes academic excellence rooted in Gospel values and the Catholic faith. We are an institution that values each student as an individual with unique intellectual, spiritual, emotional, physical, and social needs. As such, we are also committed to maintaining and extending a welcoming spirit to students of all religious traditions. Our goal is to challenge our students academically, to deepen their faith, and thus enable them to responsibly serve their families, civic and church communities. As a means of fulfilling our mission, the entire Marquette community will always seek to maintain focus upon these Core values:

Faith, Honesty, Leadership, Respect, Service