



THE MARIST MONITOR

YOUR MONTHLY UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT GRAF

Emilie Nelson '22 using an iPad in the classroom.

Dear Marist Families and Friends,

I hope this finds you and your family healthy and taking every precaution to stay that way. This is an unsettling time for sure and none of us knows what the short or long-term consequences will be but we must remember to pray, help and support each other, seek God's light and not lose faith.

As a school, we are acutely aware that this unprecedented time is having a significant impact on our youth - not just academically but mentally and socially. We are blessed that we were able to quickly implement a Remote Learning Plan to keep Marist students engaged in learning and connected through modern technology. During the first day of implementation, we received the following from the parent of a sophomore:

"In watching my son navigate his day so far, I've witnessed him do Strength and Agility training on the family room floor at 7:40 a.m., check-in for attendance virtually each and every period thereafter, take two tests online, and handle additional lessons and homework. Add to that the fact that administrators sent out early morning words of encouragement and prayer. I'm VERY impressed with how organized things are and how much it feels like he is completely in school today without compromising learning, engagement or accountability." — Wendy Ames-Dionisio, sophomore parent

I am grateful to our administrators and teachers who have been committed to practicing digital learning with our students over the past three years so that we could quickly transition to a Remote Learning Plan.



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49TH ANNUAL AUCTION

Marist Auction Update

With the CDC's mandate to postpone events until (at least) after May 10, our original May 2 date is no longer viable and we will be postponing the auction. We are working on the details right now but I can confidently say that **your support is more critical now than ever**. We are grateful to the many businesses and individuals who have committed to sponsoring the auction, to our volunteers, and to those who have already purchased tables/tickets. Once details are finalized, we will be sending out an email to keep you updated.

How You Can Help

Many of you have asked how you can help Marist at this time. Thank you for your sincere concern for our school. Twenty percent of the school's operating budget comes from fundraising — primarily through the Annual Fund and the Auction. The remaining 80% comes from tuition. Your help is needed more than ever. Here's how you can support our school and students:

- Make a gift to the [Annual Fund](#). Every Year. Every Gift Matters
 - Impact all facets of student life and our mission of excellence in Catholic education
 - Help fund tuition assistance for the 42% of families who receive it
 - Support the gap between the full cost of educating a student and the cost of tuition (\$1,800 difference)
- Support the [Auction](#)
 - Become a [sponsor](#)
 - Make a [cash donation](#) to help with underwriting
 - Buy a [table or a ticket](#)
- Be a Marist Ambassador
 - [We are still accepting applications](#) for freshmen and transfer students for next school year.
 - If you are on social media, "like" Marist Catholic High School on [Facebook](#) and share our posts. Also, follow us on Instagram [@maristspartans](#). [@maristcatholicspartans](#)

Finally, Let Us Remember...to Pray for Each Other

Following is the prayer that I shared at the beginning of the school year. I invite you to join us by beginning each day with prayer, just as we do on campus and virtually.

Heavenly Father,

We entrust to you the students, families, and staff of Marist Catholic High School. Pour upon us all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Enlighten our minds with

truth, fill our hearts with love and energize our bodies to serve. Unite us to be of one spirit and one purpose. May we be a light of hope and peace, a place of challenge and growth and a witness of courage and strength. Inspire all members of the Marist community to follow Jesus and the example of blessed Mary's faith so that we can confidently carry out your loving plans for our school. Amen.

Thank You, Marist Families and Friends

You are an important part of the life of our Marist family! We welcome your presence, prayers and support, and are grateful for you and the many gifts you share with our school.

Be assured of my prayers for you — for peace, good health and grace.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Suzanne Graf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne Graf
President