

FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

What I wish I knew as a Freshman

To Actually Run to Marian Moms or else you will wait in line forever

that food molds in lockers after a few days..

Government is LIFE.

to open up and be honest at freshman retreat

Dear Class of 2014,

Summer has slowly drifted into a seemingly distant memory, quickly fading into a new school year. For most of us, coming back to Marian is a comfortable transition back to familiar hallways, teachers, and friends. With each new school year comes a new batch of freshmen, faced with the challenge of starting over in a whole new school.

You've made it here. And now you're ready to embark on your four-year journey at Marian. The idea of high school may sound a little daunting, exciting, and scary at the same time. Just remember, at one time, we were all freshmen. We've all experienced those first day nerves, survived through changing friendships and learned (not always the easy way) the do's and don'ts of freshmen year.

All summer, my hunter-green uniform patiently lay folded on the top shelf of my closet, anxiously waiting to reunite with me for our first day of school. I have spent the last couple of weeks denying the fact that I'm already a senior. When I started off as a freshman, I was told time and time again that high school flies by. Honestly, I didn't take it into consideration until here I am, a senior, and I don't know where the years went. If I had the chance, I would trade in all my seniority just to be in your shoes. Especially if it meant I had another four years ahead of me at Marian. If I were to give you just one piece of advice, it would be to revel in your time spent at Marian.

This school will quickly become more than just a school; it will become your second home. And your classmates will soon grow into your sisters. We learn together, pray together and support one another. There is a place for everyone at Marian. You are encouraged to be yourself-confident, intelligent, and funny-without having to worry what others think. The moment you set foot in this school, you are wrapped in its loving embrace. You become part of the unbreakable bond shared by all past, present and future Marian girls.

There is so much to look forward to and learn during these next four years. From Freshman Retreat to your first Field Day, you will be presented with so many opportunities to discover not only yourself, but the entire Marian community. Don't be afraid to get involved and try new things. Everyone's journey is different, and each girl takes something new out of her experience. I can only hope that Marian does the same thing for you as it did for me. Have a great first year!

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Class of 2011



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Mr. Baker isn't that SCARY

To keep all your books and notebooks in your backpack

To walk on the right side of the hallway

I wish I knew to not dress up for dances because you get too sweaty

To save old tests for the finals!

How many calories were in THE Breadsticks

Never, under any circumstances, miss school in February. You will miss Surprise Day!!

Make friends with THE VAN MAN.

its not cool to not be excited at field day.

Its important to do well within your class raising money for walk-a-thon.

the Do's and Don'ts of MHS

Quick Tips for the Class of 2014

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Do try new and different things. Get involved in different and new activities, clubs, and sports.

Don't be afraid to make new friends. Remember that everyone else in your class is new, too.

Do wake up early enough to get to school on time. Give yourself enough time to go to your locker and get organized for the day.

Do buy club t-shirts. They're a great way to show your school spirit on Wednesdays, and any time outside of school.

Do go to dances, games and other school events. They're a great way to meet other Marian girls and students from other schools as well.

Do study hard, but have tons of fun as well. Make the best out of your years at Marian.

Don't worry about doing your hair and makeup for school. Marian girls are more impressed by your genuine personality than how you look.

Don't fear your teachers. They all want you to succeed and are eager to help you.

Don't forget to bring your books, notebooks, pens and pencils to class. Some teachers won't let you go to your locker once class starts, so it's best to be prepared.

Don't procrastinate. Learning how to handle your busy schedule is part of growing into a mature Marian girl. Planners and assignment notebooks help with that.