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Thanks for understanding that we are a fall delivery book, so we are waiting for some more awesome photos for our other division pages. But, we are ahead of schedule on our deadline submissions! Yeah! Let's Hear it for Beating Deadlines!



From the eruption of cheers at GNI games, to the squeals of excitement from puppies on Surprise Day, the sound of the **SPiRiT** is etched into every activity. Deafening silence settles across the crowd of girls as they hold hands, eagerly awaiting Field Day results. Screams of joy ring out as girls are **ENGULFED** in the blue foam of the WAT party. The echo of

the last note sung in our beloved musical, Cinderella. These moments ensure that no matter how far—from serving communities in the DR to **CLIMBING** to the top of the Sophomore Retreat tower—we'll always remember the place that taught us we deserve to be heard. So let's get **LOUD** and remember **WE MAKE THE MOMENT**.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR

TRADITIONS

Foam Frenzy Marian girls gather around foam cannons as the blue bubbles cover them head to toe. The foam party was a celebration on Sept. 26 for exceeding the Walk-A-Thon goal of \$110,000 raised for tuition of future Marian students. The girls began their day with an assembly and 2-mile neighborhood walk before the party.

Bristol Pivonidia

LET'S HEAR IT FOR excellence

Marian challenges us academically, and we rise together. From the stressful studying, to the quiet study rooms that **BUZZ** with determination. From notes and writing assessments, to ACT prep and exams, our days are filled with effort, pressure, and persistence. But Marian has never been a silent battle grinding through the year. It is the sound of pencils hitting the paper, or apple pencils and typing on I-Pads. It is the voices **ASKING QUESTIONS**, and **LAUGHTER** that eases the stress. It is hearing

ourselves grow more confident while **SPEAKING UP** in class, supporting one another, and **CHEERING** when the hard work finally paid off. The **VOICES** in the hall, all unique and special, that highlight both the quiet focus and the loud accomplishments are about more than just grades or tests. They're about being heard. About **FINDING OUR VOICES**. The lessons we learned at Marian **ECHO** far beyond the classroom. They stay with us, in our confidence, our courage, and the **VOICES** we carry forward for the rest of our lives.

Painting with Purpose

Rosie Sanchez





LET'S HEAR IT FOR CLUBS

From **FIERCE** debates in Model Congress to learning about different languages and cultures in World Language Club, Marian students embody what it means to be **DETERMINED** and **INVOLVED**. Whether it's brainstorming ideas or raising money, we face challenges with confidence, creativity, and a shared **GOAL** to make our community a brighter, more inclusive place. On a late start, students come in early to attend a Young Medicine Club Speaker or Show

Choir practice. Every **COLLABORATIVE** meeting and event reflects the **LEADERSHIP** that defines Marian girls, from giving speeches to promote Operation Others and their mission, to holding Paw Project events on the weekend, or doing Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics. Clubs allow us to work side by side to turn our **IDEAS** into **ACTION**. They prove that being a Marian girl means **SHOWING UP** and **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**.

All Hands On Deck: LilyBurns29 EmilyElse29 IyannaBanks29 EvaAnthony29



LET'S HEAR IT FOR Connections

Game On On Nov. 5 at the Pinnacle Bank arena in Lincoln, NE for state volleyball, students travel far to show their support for the team. The Class of 2026 yelled and cheered as the second set began in hope to tune out the stress and fill the arena with Marian spirit.

Outside the halls of Marian are girls with a **PASSION** to pave and follow their own paths. A balance between independence and community is something they master. However, not only is their **BOLDNESS** and compassion prominent in their actions, but it also shines in their values and skills. Through their personalities that highlight each girl to be their own unique person, they **STAND OUT**

with their **LOUD** voices to express Marian Identity off campus and to remind others of the "Marian way." Throughout each girl's journey, they never fail to make a **BOOMING** difference in the world. They carry out the exemplary qualities they possess and learn throughout their time at Marian and **TRIUMPH** through life, leaving an impact and inspiration on every place in and outside of Marian.

JUNIORS '27

the beat goes on...



"Don't throw in the towel if something isn't working out for you. You aren't defined by your errors, you're defined by your grit that keeps you going despite failure."

-Kaylin Petersen '27

"I believe knowing how to listen to people has played a pivotal part in my identity as a leader. Through listening, I'm able to better understand, approach difficult situations, and aid people."

-Nyapuka Buop '26

"To me, being a woman in leadership means setting the example that women can ultimately create a change in the world around them, especially in their communities."

-Tala Alkhaleel '27

"In order to be the best, you have to put out work the best, so work harder and apply that. The most important thing is to make sure that your headspace is as good as your skill."

-Alivia Kuhn '28

"Leadership for me is showing and guiding others, not by being bossy, but by leading with faith and example to help and inspire others!"

-Ella Shanahan '29

Voices that **US** **SHAPE** *Who has inspired you?*

"Malala [Yousafzai] inspires me most because of her courage. She took such a negative thing and made it a point of change by turning it into a learning opportunity for the world."

Emily McKenna, Alumnae Director

"I would say my mom because she is kind and strong. She's shown me I can get through anything. Simply put: she's a good person."

Claire Wilson '28

"I am deeply influenced by Mother Teresa's belief that love expressed through simple actions can transform lives... [She] encourages me to lead with empathy and intention."

Sara Greisch, Theology Teacher

GUIDED by **PURPOSE**

LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR

GIRLS



Piper Albers26

Marian is such a special place that will go by in a flash.



Lilly Day27

This year I learned how to integrate different opinions into my spreads.



Sarah Egan26

I went to the cottage.



Reese Eggers26

This year I watched a LOT of hockey.



Maeve Filipi26

This year I stayed committed to my goals.



Maura Harrington26

"Starting strong is good. Finishing strong is epic." Robin Sharma



Greysen Haynes27

This year I learned it's better together.



Jolie Hefflinger27

I learned that good things take time.



Bella Hobbs27

This year I learned how to think outside the box.



Molly Kinney27

Lets hear it for senior ads!



Eleanor Kolterman26

Focus on the solution, not the problem.



Sophia Losole26

This year I learned how to use my voice in a positive light.



Sofia Marcelino26

This year I trusted God's plan with my future.



Maddie McGreer27

This year I learned you have to let go to grow.



Lucy Mendenhall26

Enjoy Marian. It feels like a party every day.



Mallory Mowat27

Expect nothing and appreciate everything.



Eliana Mulkey27

Be kind. It's cooler than being cool.



Kaylin Peterson27

This was NOT in the syllabus.



Macy Preheim27

This year I mastered the chaturangal



Rosie Sanchez27

It is what it is.



Grace Tynan26

Yearbook showed me that the little moments are usually the ones worth remembering most.



Ella Visty26

This year I learned what's worth my time and heart.



Natalia Waller26

Whether you win or lose, looking back and learning from your experience is a part of life.



Majieahna Winfrey26

This year I learned Czechoslovakian. Ne, neudlal jsem to.



Mrs. Kalkowski

We finished our book before the deadline!

Letters FROM OUR Editors

Quiet. Listening. Composed.

This book challenges the words that, while positive, are often used to define Marian girls in a school setting. Our yearbook staff wanted this book to reflect what attending Marian truly means to us. While we can be composed and collected, we are also loud, encouraging and strong.

A huge thank you to the entire staff for putting up with my constant deadline reminders—I appreciate each of you more than you know. And an even bigger thank you to Mrs. K. This book would not exist without you. Thank you for the time, dedication and care you put into yearbook, and for always pushing us to grow.

With love,
Lucy Mendenhall

Before starting this year, I never could have imagined the whole process of making a yearbook. In order to create this book, we had to have a collaborative staff that was willing to cooperate with one another, offer their creative eye and take constructive criticism with pride. It is no simple feat. With each success came new challenges and questions, overcome by curiosity and an open mind. This book, however, could not have been made without the Marian students to fill its pages with enthusiasm, laughter and memories. I thank each and every girl for their commitment to tradition, excellence, involvement, competition and connection. I also thank the teachers and staff for their time, encouragement and devotion to carrying on in the Servite tradition.

With gratitude,
Eleanor Kolterman

Colophon

Fonts

Throughout our book, we used a variety of fonts and font styles. We used Roboto, *Roboto*, and *Handwritten*. Our main stories and captions are in Roboto Thin, with last names in Roboto Regular. All of our headlines use the Roboto family fonts and 1 landelson family fonts.

Operations

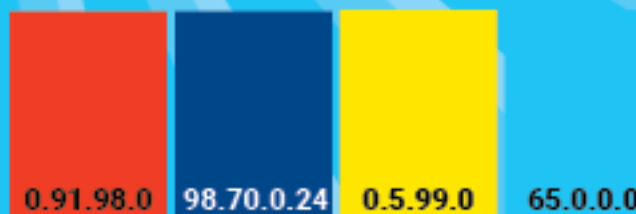
The 240 pages printed in this yearbook were printed on 100 pound paper. The Crusader is a member of the Nebraska High School Press Association and the National Scholastic Press Association. Please forgive any errors found. If you have any concerns with the content of this yearbook, please contact the adviser.

Cover and Cost

The theme for this book was born in the creative minds of our yearbook staff during Journalism Camp. The cover is a linen stock with a silk screen and glossy clear coat. Ads were sold to senior parents at \$40/\$90 earlybird rate and \$60/\$100 regular rate. Books were a \$40 part of every student's school and activity fee.

Credits

This yearbook is the 68th edition of the Crusader, published by Walsworth Publishing Company and created by 24 Honors Journalism II students. We worked closely with Walsworth (mostly Kris Lemmy and Cheryl Ball) throughout the year to help us perfect our year book. The freshman, sophomore, junior, and faculty headshot photo credits go to Sundee and the Picture Chicks of Pyles Studio. The senior class provided their headshots from their chosen photography studios.



The number sequences above represent the CMYK codes used in our color palette throughout the entire book.