



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

July 09, 2021

We have achieved an incredible feat in completing the school year successfully. In spite of all the many twists, turns and changes this school year has presented, we have all learned to adapt quite quickly and quite nicely. I am pleased with our students, staff, and our parents for helping our students to finish the school year strong. In addition, I must congratulate Mr. & Mrs. John Lee who conducted virtually, a successful year with chess with approximately eighty students. Sr. Shelly Jhetoo, OSU also conducted successfully both Secondary and Primary Environmental club.

These unprecedented times have shown us how important it is to draw upon our Faith to help guide us, to give us strength and hope, and to remind us of the many blessings in our lives. I would like to thank our staff for their hard work in adapting their educational programs to meet the needs of their students during distance learning. I would also like to thank our students for doing their very best to participate daily in their online learning and to complete their assignments. Additionally, I would like to thank our parents for all their efforts in helping to support their children with their online learning while often having to work from home themselves. This has been no easy feat and the staff and I sincerely commend you for your efforts, flexibility, cooperation, and patience during these difficult times. The Marian Academy family extend our appreciation to Housty Support Team who trained us in the use of the Microsoft Teams platform, and steered us through it.

On behalf of the Staff and the Board of Directors, I offer a special prayer for our Form five and six students whose examinations are in progress and Grade 6 who have their NGSA on August 4 /5.

We thank Bishop Francis Alleyne, OSB for his spiritual guidance during this school year and his readiness to celebrate Mass for the school community, and other clergy who assisted us. We express our appreciation to our School Board and the PTA Executive for their ongoing support and assistance.

I would like to wish everyone a Safe and Fun-filled summer with family and friends! Please stay tuned for important updates from the school about what the new school year will look like. Right now, no decisions have been made. However, please rest assured that whatever delivery model of education the school selects, we will remain committed to working with you and your children to ensure a smooth start to the new school year, so students are set up for success. We have scheduled our reopening for the academic year 2021 -2022 for September 13, 2021.

Sincerely,

Sister Opal. M. Harper, osu