



EAST SUBURBAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

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MARIST • NAZARETH • NOTRE DAME • PROVIDENCE • ST. PATRICK • ST. VIATOR**

Marian Central Catholic to join ESCC

(Woodstock, IL – Nov. 12, 2013) – In a joint announcement made today by Benet Academy Principal, Stephen Marth, chairman of the East Suburban Catholic Conference, and Marian Central Catholic High School Superintendent, Tom Landers, Marian Central will become a member of the ESCC effective at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.

Marian administrators, including Athletic Director Drew Potthoff, have had several recent discussions and meetings with ESCC officials. Following those discussions, Marian Central officials determined that the move to the ESCC would be in the best interests of its student athletes and teams and a positive fit in general for the school. As a result of the move, the ESCC will consist of 10 schools competing in boys sports and 11 schools in girls sports. The move will secure a conference affiliation with other Catholic high schools for all of Marian's boys and girls sports for the foreseeable future.

ESCC schools currently competing in boys and girls sports include: Carmel Catholic, Saint Viator, Nazareth Academy, Benet Academy, Marist, Marian Catholic and Joliet Catholic. ESCC schools competing in boys sports only include Notre Dame and Saint Patrick. ESCC schools competing in girls sports only include Fenwick, Providence and Bishop McNamara.

Marth said, "On behalf of the East Suburban Catholic Conference, I am most pleased to welcome Woodstock Marian Central Catholic into the ESCC. Having known of the school and its outstanding commitment to academics, athletics, and co-curricular activities through the years, I am thrilled that they will be joining us this coming school year. Surely their inclusion in the ESCC will be beneficial to Marian as well as to all of the schools currently under our conference banner."

Marian Central Athletic Director Drew Potthoff added, "I am excited at hearing confirmation of our admission as a member of the East Suburban Catholic Conference. To have a permanent home for all of our sports and activities in one of the most prestigious conferences in Illinois is great news for the entire Marian Central Catholic community.

"Early in our discussions it became clear to our administration and myself that the mission and goals of the ESCC were directly in line with that of Marian Central Catholic and that joining the ESCC was in the best interest of our athletes, students and school. Through my involvement with the Illinois Athletic Directors Association over the past several years, I have built personal and professional relationships with many of the athletic administrators in the ESCC. The dedication, commitment and passion for doing what is right for everyone involved in this conference was a central theme in all of our discussions leading up to this point. I am looking forward to working closely with everyone in the East Suburban Catholic Conference to make Marian Central Catholic a great fit for many years to come."