

Good afternoon everyone,

First I want to thank everyone of you who volunteer your time and resources to help our student athletes and their coaches stay successful during this turbulent time at Marian Central Catholic High School. Our Booster continues to grow in strength everyday and I am grateful that we have God's word to guide us as supporters of our student athletes. Praise God! I have prayed before I sent this email to you that it is received in love.

I wanted to let you know that I went to DeWane Studios yesterday to drop off the zip drive for the Spring Sports Team photos to be downloaded onto it. I was told by Mr. Jim DeWane (the owner) that Mrs. Kelly Jackson, Marian Central Assistant Athletic Director, called him last week and told him that their studio is not to do business with the Hurricanes Booster, because of this - they cannot sell us the photos of the Spring Sport Teams. He apologized and said he does not know why. He said he did not want to get in the middle of it, he was a complete gentleman. I told him that I understood why he did not want to be involved in this, and that I did not want his business to suffer because of it.

We have been making this athletic program for the last five seasons of sports (2017-2018 Fall, Winter and Spring and 2018-2019 Fall and Winter). We have been supplying this need (sports program and athletic schedule posters) to the students because the athletic department could no longer do it. These athletic programs and posters are a part of the Marian Central Catholic History. Ms. Erin Carver in the P.E. department has a nice collection of the old posters if you want to see them **they are truly priceless**.

Mr. Curtis Price explained to me in 2017 that there was no money in the athletic department budget to create and print the seasonal sport programs or the athletic posters with the team schedules on them. It was at that time he and I worked together to design the Fall/Winter 2017 athletic programs. Mr. Price had been supplying me with the team pictures. After we worked together to create our first athletic program, he explained that he did not have money to pay for the printing of the programs. I personally paid for the printing of those programs, and continued to do this until my husband told me I could not.

It was also at that time that Mr. Price had me come in to the high school and take specific pictures of Vanessa Garrelts (point guard on the girls basketball team) and AJ Golembiewski (pitcher and basketball player) for the basketball teams and Silva and Randazzo for the wrestling team. We created the winter sports schedule/posters that were used in the high school hallways so that all of the students would be informed of the next home games. There was no problem and the kids loved them. As a matter of fact one of the parents of the wrestling team asked if we could print another poster for them to keep for their son, as a memory of his high school. Again, I personally paid for the creation and printing of these posters not the athletic department.

In the spring of 2018 I explained to Mr. Price that I could no longer continue to pay for the printing any more. He said he did not have money in his athletic department budget.

So I asked about getting parents to donate or other supporters (*advertisers*). He explained "you do what you have to do" and he continued to give me the team pictures.

This fall the Booster purchased a zip drive to make it easier to download the pictures on it straight from DeWane Studios. It was this zip drive that had been getting passed back and forth from DeWane Studio to the Hurricanes Booster for the Hurricanes Booster to use the team pictures.

I do not know why Mr. Curtis Price/Mr. Vito DeFrisco have decided to discriminate against the student athletes and punish the Hurricane Boosters in the middle of a this school year and stop allowing us to have the team pictures. They are not punishing the Hurricanes Booster, they are punishing the student athletes and their teams. Mr. DeFrisco and Mr. Price could easily continue to have the sport programs made as usual and pay for the printing through the general fund if they wanted it for the kids and thought it was important. Mr. DeFrisco and Mr. Price also could have talked with me to create the full color sport programs and posters for free and then pay for the printing themselves if they wanted it for the student athletes, it is clear that they do not think it is important. The athletic department does not even try to hand make their own posters/schedules and put them up in the school, its actions speak loud and clear.

If the athletic department had put the money into their budget last year to design and print these posters and sport programs, this would not be a problem. It is the athletic department who decided this was not a priority for the students. The athletic department made the decision not to include this in their budget or they did put it into their budget and the current Superintendent said no. Either way, they decided not to give these students these pieces of history. They could have created their own fundraiser to help cover the costs of these printed sport programs, but they did not do the work. The last time (*that I have been able to research*) the school athletic department designed and printed school posters and seasonal programs was when Mr. Price was hired as an assistant athletic director.

I have included Mr. Price and the administration on this email so they are clearly informed what I have communicated with you as the board of directors for the Hurricanes Booster. I will also be putting this email on the website for the members of the Booster to see what I have communicated, I want full transparency for the parents, coaches and supporters to read what has happened.

It is a shame. We will be refunding money back to all of our supporters/advertisers who paid in advance for their advertising.

I am sad for all of the student athletes who walk through their own school and do not have the joy of any posters up on the walls showing when their next games are. It is truly because our athletic department does not think they are a priority. These student athletes walk through other schools as they compete against them and SEE for their

own eyes what their athletic department and/or booster have done to support them and they SEE the neglect of our athletic department.

I am sad because we were helping the athletic department - not complaining about it. We are trying to make a difference. We are God honoring.

Many other Directors at Marian understand the importance of this communication in the hallways and find a way to get their posters up on the walls within the school, like the Fine Arts - Mrs. DeWispelaere with the Musical, and with the Key Club Ms. Kelly, with the Friend of Rachel Mrs. Healy, the PRO-LIFE Group Mrs. Widhalm and there are more. Why is it our athletic department does not promote within its own school on the walls in the hallways the student athletes teams and their activity dates?

I am sad for the student athletes who thought the printed sport programs were cool and could not wait for their team to be in one. (Track, Lacrosse, Soccer, Baseball, Softball and Tennis).

I am sad for the Coaches because they cannot offer their parents and their student athletes some of the fun extras that the other private catholic schools offer.

It is a shame - and I am sad. When is this going to end? When is the darkness going to be brought into the light, when is the evil going to be exposed?

Mr. Price - I know that You and Mr. Vito DeFrisco have decided that I am the enemy and that you do not want me to volunteer my time for the student athletes. You have written this in a letter to all of parents in the Friday Focus and in an email to all of the Coaches - the only one who is getting hurt are the children. I have done nothing wrong and you both know it!

I am going to continue to do good even when you two try to do everything in your power to stop me.

I am a child of God, Jesus Christ is my savior and I wear the full armor of God. Ephesians 6:10-20

To the Hurricanes Booster Board of Directors - I understand if you choose to vote and decide that I have not represented your values appropriately, if you want, I will step down.

Go Canes!