

Blakefield hires Loyola U grad as principal

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Loyola Blakefield has appointed John F. Marinacci as its next principal, effective July 1. Marinacci, currently the dean of students at St. Paul's School in Brooklandville, fills a vacancy that came open when Anthony Day moved from the principal's office to the presidency of the Jesuit high school in Towson.

A native of the Bronx, Marinacci graduated from Fordham Preparatory School there, and continued his learning in Baltimore, earning a bachelor of arts from Loyola University Maryland and a masters in liberal arts from The Johns Hopkins University. Prior to St. Paul's School, he also taught at his prep alma mater.

"I look forward to returning to a Jesuit institution, which is certainly a kind of homecoming for me," Marinacci said in Day's announcement.

In making the announcement to the Loyola community in an April 3 email, Day wrote that "While at St. Paul's, John has taken responsibilities ranging from teacher observation and curriculum building to student life and enrollment initiatives. Although John's experience has ranged across many areas of a school community, the committee noted that he is clearly an educator first and will bring a great deal of passion to Loyola."

Marinacci and his wife, Sarah, have a son, Francisco (5) and two daughters, Ella (3) and Eva (5 months).

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