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SPARTAN Sports

CROSS COUNTRY

Today cross country hosted 15 teams at the Marist Cross Country Invitational at Alton Baker. Girls varsity placed first, led by sophomore Molly Bohr in third. Boy varsity placed fifth led by sophomore Garrett Stollar. Girls JV earned first place, with Delanee Martin winning the race. JV boys placed second, led by freshman Truett Hanes.

FOOTBALL

In their season opener on the road varsity edged out Corvallis 16-14. Thursday, JV won 21-7 at Churchill. Tonight the varsity team will travel to Ashland.

BOYS SOCCER

Varsity competed at home in their first game of the season on Thursday beating Silverton 2-1. The JV game was cancelled.

GIRLS SOCCER

This Tuesday varsity played at home, barely losing 3-4 to Beaverton HS while JV lost 0-3. Thursday the teams traveled to Silverton where varsity won 2-1 and JV won 2-0.

VOLLEYBALL

Last Thursday varsity competed in a jamboree at South Eugene. They beat Churchill, North Eugene, and Sheldon and lost to Willamette.

WATER POLO

The coed water polo team will travel to Barlow HS in Gresham this Saturday for a jamboree.

Girls JV Soccer.
Photo by Laurie Campbell '10



A Whole New World



Freshmen try to untie themselves from a human knot at orientation with senior Geoffrey Wildish. Photo By Amy Miller

Freshmen and transfer students settle into their new school in a day of games and greeting

By Chris Boyce

Wide-eyed freshmen and transfer students arrived at Marist a day early on Tuesday to take part in orientation led by returning student leaders.

The students participated in icebreakers, games and toured the Marist campus. The day started in the gym with Father Dave Cullings introducing the sign of the cross. The students spent the day in small groups, which they met in August at the root beer social. The day concluded with a shortened mock school day where the freshmen were introduced to their teachers and classrooms, visiting their classes for just five minutes each.

Incoming freshman Jack Kiesewetter, a former St. Paul student, does not anticipate his transition to high school will be difficult. "It was a great way to get closer to new people and reconnect with old ones," he says.

The student leaders were a collection of upperclassmen, Retreat Team members and student council members. The day was organized by Activities Director Shari Pimental.

Senior Retreat Team member Josh Paiement wanted to leave a positive first impression of Marist to the new students. Paiement advised the class of 2015 to "Have fun and don't look back. Don't worry about what other kids think of you."

Time Aside to Grow



Staff members Frank Geske and Mary Kay Manwill play the parents of bratty kids in a skit demonstrating a LaSallian virtue of teaching. Photo By Toni Cooper

By Michael Lyford

From August 30-31 the Marist staff prepared for the new school year by taking part in their annual staff retreat held at St. Benedict's Lodge on the scenic McKenzie River.

The staff getaway is unlike any student retreat that Marist has to offer, said campus minister Julie Ferrari; however, of all of the student retreats it is most like the Senior Metenoia.

Staff members spent quality time with one another through activities that promoted spiritual enrichment to ready themselves for the upcoming year as teachers, mentors and friends.

One such activity was a prayer walk which provided staff members with a more unconventional type of personal reflection.

They also took time to study the 12 LaSallian virtues of teaching.

NEW STAFF

Marist welcomes 11 new staff members to the community this fall. The group will be officially inducted at next week's Kissing of the M.

Bart Pollard



Former Cottage Grove teacher Bart Pollard enters Marist teaching Lit Genre and American Lit for freshman and juniors. He is also the new boys head varsity coach. In high school, he participated in basketball and student government.

Steve Barth



Steve Barth joins Marist as the marketing advancement coordinator. He is looking forward to "helping the school grow," and making a strong speech and debate team.

Dave Schmidt



Marist graduate of '74 Dave Schmidt returns to our math department after 24 years at Springfield High School. Schmidt, husband of art teacher Lex Schmidt, says his greatest talent is "to attract the perfect wife."

Becky Boyd



Becky Boyd, a teacher of 13 years, joins the English department for her second time at Marist. She views the Kissing of the M as "a baptism into the community."

Merilee Shaw



Merilee Shaw, a former parent volunteer in the front office, is now working as the school's secretary. As an official staff member she says she "looks forward to being on campus all year."

Jeanette Herro



Former Marist substitute, Jeanette Herro, joins us as a full time geometry teacher. She is the mother of senior Celine Whiteley and was a Novice Ladies National figure skating champion at age 14. Her students know her as J-Ro.

Beth Wirth



Eugene native Beth Wirth joins us in the English department. Of Kissing of the M she says, "I'm a little nervous but glad my husband [new senior counselor Court Wirth] will be doing it too."

Tripp Nelson



World History teacher Tripp Nelson, father of sophomore Darren, comes to us from Central Linn HS and looks forward to being part of the academics and athletics Marist. He will also be helping with the baseball program this spring.

Court Wirth



New senior counselor Court Wirth is joining the Marist community from Thurston High School. He says that he is ready for the chance to get more connected to students at a small school like Marist.

Matthew Oppe



Matthew Oppe has spent the last five years teaching at a Catholic school in Texas and joins Marist to teach Religion. When asked about the upcoming Kissing of the M, he says "it's a great tradition."

Vanessa Wyffels



Vanessa Wyffels joins us from the 4J school district to teach Algebra I/II. This former jock can also "make really good cheesecake."