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# THE SPARTANS ONLINE

## 2015 Dives Right In



Jackson Ryan and Corey Solari surface from the fountain as newly anointed Spartans. Photo by Toni Cooper

*Marist welcomes freshmen, transfer students, and new staff members to the community.*

By Lexy Wheeler and Katie Holdampf

This week, the Class of 2015 learned what it takes to be a Spartan by mingling with the seniors, singing in the rain, and splashing in the fountain.

Become a Spartan Day required freshmen to do crazy tasks for seniors in return for signatures. Clad in Burger King crowns, seniors made freshmen sing Lady Gaga songs, walk like dinosaurs, and perform the little teapot song.

Despite the lack of sun on Tuesday, freshmen braved the cold on Activity Day. Activities included a water balloon toss, Pictionary, and singing

the Fight song while being sprayed with water. Freshman Doug McGirr said, "My favorite was singing in the rain. It was the one I had anticipated the most and heard the most about."

The most anticipated event of the week was the tradition of Kissing the M. New staff, transfers, and freshmen immersed themselves into the fountain and emerged as true Spartans. Older students took pleasure in dressing up their siblings in silly outfits such as a dinosaur, Winnie the Pooh, and many princesses. "It was cool having the freedom to roll around in the fountain," said freshman Maddy Wilkie.



Madison Diehl races through a hoop on Activity Day. Photo by Alyssa Grimaldi

## SPARTAN SPORTS

Reported by Zach Silva and Chris Boyce

### CROSS COUNTRY

During tonight's football game, varsity, JV and North Eugene will be running the first ever halftime co-ed mile race. It will be the last home race for seniors.

### FOOTBALL

JV won 53-13 at North Eugene. At 7:00 tonight varsity plays North at home.

### BOYS SOCCER

On Monday both varsity and JV lost at Southridge. Wednesday varsity beat Thurston at home 3-0 and JV won 8-3.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Varsity and JV were defeated at home by Southridge on Monday. Thursday varsity lost 2-7 and JV lost 0-8 both at home to Thurston.

### VOLLEYBALL

Varsity beat 6A Thurston in a thrilling five game match at home on Tuesday. JV lost and JV2 won.

### WATER POLO

The coed team traveled to Cottage Grove Tuesday and was defeated 5-17.



The volleyball team celebrates their thrilling victory over Thurston last Tuesday at home. Photo by Sami Kast

## Letting Our Souls Catch Up



A group of senior boys help Fr. Dave illustrate his homily on Thursday's welcome back Mass. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Taylor Locke

Kicking off the school year, yesterday morning in the gym, the Marist community celebrated the Mass of the Holy Spirit with great music, an inspiring message from Father David Cullings, Principal Jay Conroy's explanation of our motto, 'We Are One', and words of wisdom to the student body from the class of 2011.

This welcome back Mass was celebrated by Father Cullings along with Fathers Brice McProud, the associate pastor of St. Mary's, and Francis Goode, the associate pastor at the Newman Center.

For many new students, it was their first mass experience at Marist High School as well as their first homily from Father Dave. "Slow down and let your soul catch up with your body," was Fr. Cullings' message in one of his favorite Masses of the year and a Mass celebrated worldwide.

## Check It Out



Junior Sean Champoux is left-handed, eats oatmeal every day, and wants to solve all the world's problems. On top of all this, he plays the guitar to help his dad pay tuition for "Jesus school."

He has been playing on campus, but cannot collect donations. He hopes to branch out to new places such as the Saturday Market where he can further share his music.

QUOTE  
OF THE WEEK  
"Yes, we do matter, Michael [Lyford]. Do you want water tonight?"  
-Senior Taylor Locke, football team manager.

## New Classes Offered

By Jake Gram

In an effort to encompass a wider variety of skills and interest in its curriculum, Marist has added classes in robotics, costume design, and contemporary mathematics.

Network Administrator Chris Fudge will teach students to program robots. Journalism teacher and seamstress Toni Cooper will teach Theatre Costumes and Props, and math teacher Amber Patterson will teach a semester long Contemporary Mathematics class for senior students.



Senior Ian McCurdy draws a map of a circuit that another student will use to navigate a maze. Photo by Alyssa Grimaldi

## Clubs in the Courtyard

By Michael Busse

Excited students filled the courtyard during lunch on Friday, as Marist hosted its annual Club Fair.

Thirteen groups were represented at tables, where staff moderators and student members displayed what their club has to offer. Marist Outdoor Adventure Program, Chess Club, Environmental Club and Mock Trial were among the groups represented.

The newest club is Speech and Debate, led by new staff member Steve Barth. "We can get them to their first tournament, and then they'll be hooked," he promised.

Most clubs will begin meeting by next week.



Freshman John Kerns and junior JD Rivas face challengers at the Chess Club's table at the Club Faire. Photo by Sami Kast