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# THE SPARTAN ENLIGHTENED

“What’s that, a critter? We gotta shoot that critter!”  
-Math teacher Dave Schmidt

# Formed For the Future



Retreat team members peer through an opening in the gaga pit. Photo By Rick Martin

## New and returning retreat team members gather for the weekend to gear up for the 2011-12 Marist retreats.

By Ryan Whalen

Last weekend at Camp Tapawingo, 38 junior and senior retreat team members and Marist staff and alumni spent three days developing their leadership skills on the annual Formation Retreat to prepare for this year’s retreats.

The retreat team members will lead nine of the eleven retreats open to Marist students and the alumni will help with the other two.

The adult moderators led workshops to teach students how to lead prayer services, games, drama skits, and songs. “The activities and other group members made the retreat a

great experience,” said junior Josh Harper.

In between group activities, singing songs, free time, and small group sharing, the team enjoyed some fantastic food provided by camp employees Brad and Jane Schmidt. Not only was it delicious, it was served often and with great abundance. “The food was great and it exceeded my expectations,” said senior Tyler Patterson.

While most Marist retreats focus on individual spiritual growth and are led by students, the Formation Retreat emphasized team growth and was led by faculty members and alumni.

Not only did the students enjoy the retreat, but the moderators even got in on the festivities. Whether it was sitting around the campfire with students, listening to Vice-Principal Rick Gardner sing “Ice Ice Baby”, or theology teacher Chad DePaoli playing Israeli dodge ball, everyone got in on the fun.

“It is a unique opportunity to get to know seniors I will be working with and juniors on a deeper level especially since I am not in the classroom anymore,” said vice principal and girls Junior Encounter moderator Stacey Baker.

## New Club Activities

By Taylor Locke

In their first meetings of the year, future projects and events were discussed by the Marist Volunteer Program (MVP), Wednesday in the theatre, and the Marist Outdoor Adventure Program (MOAP), Tuesday in room 101.

In its sixth year of operation, MVP gathered with President Max Diaz, Vice President Jonathan Wildish, and Treasurer Angelique Kirkham under moderator Jerry Ragan and discussed their goals and upcoming projects for the year. Responding “to emergency needs within the community” is one of the many goals that they hope to achieve. They begin their first project, the Coats for Kids Project, on Monday, Oct. 3.

MOAP is being led by Jeff Dreiling, ninth year, and Chris Fudge, second. Numerous activities



Jerry Ragan addresses the Marist Volunteer Program. Photo by Toni Cooper

were talked about for the year, the first of which is a “bike and hike” on the fork of the Willamette River on Oct. 1. Future activities include the annual crabbing trip and a fishing trip to Odell Lake.

## New Sport On Campus

By Chris Boyce

Captivating the interest of outdoor and gun enthusiasts, Marist’s new Skeet Club coached by former Olympians Jay and Sharee Waldron, was recently approved and introduced to Marist.

The concept of Skeet club is to shoot three clay pigeons that have been launched into the air. Gun vests, safety glasses, and ear protection are used to protect the competitors while in competition. The type of gun used during competition is personal preference; although most use twelve gauge shotguns.

Skeet Club has drawn interest from a variety of students ranging from all grade levels. Junior Erik Gehrke expressed happiness in bringing his passion of skeet shooting to Marist and being coached by the former Olympians.

## SPARTAN SPORTS

### CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday Marist hosted North Eugene in the Half-time Mile during the varsity football game. Emily Hollander won in 5:49.60 and Drew Boyles came in 2nd in 5:09.80 in the girls and boys varsity races respectively. Both varsity and JV teams compete tonight in the Bob Firman Invitational in Boise, Idaho.

### FOOTBALL

At the first home game of the season, varsity triumphed over North Eugene 60-0. They compete at Springfield tonight. Last night, JV won 33-18 at Springfield and the freshmen lost at home.

### BOYS SOCCER

Last Friday varsity tied 0-0 to Phoenix and JV lost 3-2. Wednesday at Marist, varsity lost 1-2 to Willamette and JV tied 2-2.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Varsity lost 1-2 at home against Willamette Thursday evening and JV defeated Willamette 2-0.

### VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, varsity lost to Willamette at home 2-3 and JV lost 1-2. On Thursday Amanda Robert led the team with 17 kills in a 3-1 win over 6A Sheldon. JV lost 1-2 and JV2 won 2-0.

### WATER POLO

Wednesday, the combined boys and girls varsity lost 5-16 to the Sheldon boys at Amazon Pool. They play at Sweet Home tonight.

**Freshman Lock-In registrations due today!**

Questions? Contact Rick Martin at [rmartin@marisths.org](mailto:rmartin@marisths.org)

## Check It Out



Tierney Werner started flying three years ago, not with a cape saving people like superman, but in a plane. Werner started her passion with a summer aviation and meteorology class through LCC. She began flying the plane herself last September and has logged over 80 hours of air time. Right now Werner is an endorsed student pilot but will be officially licensed in three weeks.

## Scout Builds Sidewalk

By Macaela Crowley

This June, Marist senior Geoffrey Wildish put in a new sidewalk on the south side of the Marist parking lot for his Eagle Scout project creating a safe setting for all who walk or take the bus to school.

Principal Jay Conroy, who occasionally walks to school himself, said, “He really did an outstanding job and helped to beautify the school.”

By completing this project, Wildish has achieved the Eagle Scout rank of The Boy Scouts of America.



Plaque dedicated to the Eagle Scout's hard work on the new sidewalk. Photo By Macaela Crowley

## NCAA Lunch

By Michael Lyford

During block lunch on Thursday in Room 200, a handful Marist athletes attended a meeting to learn about the NCAA recruiting process.

“The recruiting process can begin as early as sophomore year, but it is important that student-athletes are properly certified for the recruiting process by junior year” explained NCAA Clearinghouse Advisor Shari Pimental.



Marist counselor and NCAA clearinghouse advisor Shari Pimental explains the logistics of becoming a NCAA athlete. Photo By Michael Lyford.