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# THE SPARTAN NEWS ONLINE

## Sixty Pints of Love



Junior J.D. Rivas watches as a Blood Bank volunteer takes his blood pressure at the Marist Winter Blood Drive. Photo By Tyler Beyerlein

### Marist poured its heart out for the community at the semi-annual blood drive.

By Macaela Crowley

The Marist community overflowed with life on Friday as 68 students and faculty came together to give over 60 pints of blood at the annual Marist Winter Blood Drive.

Students are required to be at least 16 years of age and not everyone was able to donate but overall the drive was a success. Seniors Margaret Quartararo, Amy Miller, and Courtney Volta worked closely with Lane Memorial Blood Bank to keep the process organized and running smoothly.

Many student's nerves were on edge at the thought of giving blood but those who went through with it were pleased they could help save

lives. "It was uncomfortable but I'm so glad I gave," said senior Adri Cardani when asked about her first experience donating blood.

The semi-annual blood drive celebrates its tenth year this fall. English teacher Bill Ferrari put together the blood drive in response to the tragedy of 9/11. He has been in charge of coordinating the drive every fall and spring since.

Marist has been presented with numerous awards from the Lane Memorial Blood Bank for the amount of blood donated each year. According to Ferrari there have been years in which Marist contributed more blood than some small colleges.



Blood bank coordinators Margaret Quartararo and Courtney Volta in front of the donation station. Photo by Tyler Beyerlein.



Coordinator Amy Miller begins her donation. Photo by Tyler Beyerlein.

## I'll always be with you

Junior Girls experience a milestone in their faith journey on the Junior Encounter.

By Chris Boyce

The weekend before Thanksgiving, 23 junior girls journeyed to St. Benedict's Lodge to experience the magic of their Encounter retreat with the help of several senior girls and staff members.

St. Benedict's, set on the peaceful McKenzie River, provided an atmosphere for an unforgettable weekend. The fire crackling inside the lodge along with the flowing river forms an environment that is second

to none.

The weekend also included skits, games and small group sessions led by senior girls and staff members.

The theme for the retreat, "If ever there is tomorrow where we're not together, I'll always be with you" emphasized the new friendships built amongst the participants.

Despite all the hype leading up to the encounter, the girls who attended reported that the retreat exceeded their expectations, and that it is a

necessary experience because it is the foundation for the rest of their time at Marist.

"It was the last step I had to take before I was fully immersed in the Marist Community," said junior Emma Pindell.

"The entire retreat was magical. It is so awesome to be a part of something larger than yourself and help these girls continue on their faith journey," said senior McKenzie Tritt.



23 junior girls and their senior leaders at St. Benedict's Lodge. Photo by Jerry Reagan

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Why do you like breathing?"

-Bill Ferrari in response to senior Tachina Weber asking senior Bennett Chiongbian, "Why do you like baseball?"

### Student council seeks input

By Michael Busse

Next week student council hosts it's first-ever "Be Heard Week," seeking student feedback.

"We are asking for input to find ways to better serve our school," says senior representative Robin Lilley. The council is going straight to the source to determine what issues matter most to students.

Suggestion boxes will be placed in the cafeteria, library, and front of-

vice. Representatives have pledged to read and discuss every piece of input.

To encourage suggestions, students who give feedback will be put into a raffle for prizes.

The council has been preparing for the week by discussing potential student issues and making signs to promote interaction between students and their representatives.



Student body President Ryan Whalen and Vice President Michael Busse ready themselves for "be heard" week Photo By Toni Cooper.

### Brown Bag Lunch

By Taylor Locke

On Thursday several Marist students attended a Brown Bag lunch on engineering.

Marist parents Mel Damewood, a civil engineer for EWEB, and Amy Caruana, a chemical engineer at Probiotics, discussed the world of engineering. They discussed how much more marketable engineering has become since they graduated from Oregon State University years ago. The next Brown Bag lunch will be on law enforcement next Wednesday with guest speaker Eugene Chief of Police Pete Kerns.

## SPARTAN Sports

### DANCE

The team finished the regular season at a tournament in West Albany on the first Saturday of Thanksgiving Break. The team placed second in the novelty competition, and third in the lyrical competition.

### FOOTBALL

Varsity's season came to a close in the 5A state semifinal with a 31-14 loss to the Mountain View Cougars at Willamette University this past Friday.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Varsity was defeated on Wednesday 45-34 in their season opener on the road against West Salem. Sami Pitts led the team with 13 points. JV won.

### SWIMMING

The swim team placed second in a three team meet this past Thursday at the River Road Pool.

### Speech & Debate

By Katie Holdampf

Marist's speech and debate team competed last Saturday in a tournament at Silverton High School.

Senior Mike Shaw placed second overall for novice humorous interpretation. "I was surprised," Shaw said "placing second out of 30-some schools."

Senior Kendra Greenwell, placed first in one out of three rounds among two groups in novice humorous interpretation as well. "I didn't find out until I got the ballot, but it felt good," Greenwell said. The team will be competing again this Saturday at Willamette High School.

### Financial Aid Night

By Jake Gram

On Thursday the Marist Counseling Department held the annual College Financial Aid Night for senior students and their parents. The event was led by counselor Court Wirth and Northwest Christian College Assistant Director of Financial Aid James Hadley. The night consisted of a presentation outlining the different methods of paying for college, including the scholarships available to students, and how students can gain access to these scholarships.