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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:
"MERRY CHRISTMAS!"
- THE SPARTAN SPEAR STAFF

Celebrating the gifts of the season



(Above) After explaining why he feels like Scrooge during the Holiday season, Fr. David Cullings reassures his listeners that they are all given gifts that should be shared with others. (Top Right) Junior Alex Seaver, playing the role of the gift giver, returns to find that junior Jamie Ferrari's gift has shrunk because she did not share it. (Middle Right) Junior Jenna Laver and Ferrari embraces after Ferrari shares part of her gift with Laver. (Bottom right) Senior Andre Post shows off the gift that he has received from Ferrari. Photos by Toni Cooper

A big band Christmas



Jim Reinking directs the jazz/concert band during Tuesday's music performance. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Taylor Locke

Marist Music performed their annual Festival of Christmas Music on Tuesday in the Bob Devereaux Theatre to celebrate the holiday season.

Alisa Kincade directed the Marist Strings Ensemble, which kicked off the evening with "We Wish You a Merry Tango/Auld Lang Sang". They were followed up by the Jazz/Concert band which is directed by Jim Reinking and performed their traditional "A Big Band Christmas" a medley of carols.

The choir, also known as "Reflections Voices", performed next. They brought Christmas cheer to the event by singing favorites such as, "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" and "Oh Holy Night".

The rock band, Jamie and the Decibels, finished the night with their version of "The Little Drummer Boy". The song ended with a snare drum ensemble which included Reinking, Lucas Mirabella, Alex Schor, and Marist graduate Matt Debellis. "It was a blast, to say the least," said Reinking.



Freshman Sidney White, senior Celine Whiteley, and junior Josh Smallwood play their violins. Photo by Toni Cooper

Juniors Jamie Ferrari and Ben Fish rock out to Christmas Carols. Photo by Toni Cooper

Christmas from afar

By Ryan Whalen

For the next two weeks students and staff will spend the holidays in a multitude of ways.

Some students are using their break to travel, like senior Jake Gram, who is spending a week in Hawaii with family, and freshman Sam Gonzales, who will be visiting Mexico.

Others plan to look for fun in the great state of Oregon. For example, junior Jackson Bedbury will head to the snow-capped peak of Mt. Bachelor to hit the slopes with his snowboard.

SPARTAN Sports

Reported by Zach Silva

BOYS BASKETBALL

On Tuesday varsity scored a victory against Roseburg at home 62-50. Despite limited playing time, junior Brandon Thompson led the team with 15 points. The JV and freshman teams both came away with victories as well. All three teams are attending the Century Tournament this weekend.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday the teams traveled to Roseburg where varsity won 50-34 led by junior Delanee Martin and senior Sami Pitts each scoring 15 points. JV also won. Tonight they face Crater at home. Varsity plays at 7 p.m.

SWIMMING

Tuesday, varsity boys and girls won the three-team meet at South Albany against Salem Academy and Junction City. Junior Alex Seaver won the 100 fly and anchored the medley and 400 freestyle relay, propelling the boys to the team victory. The varsity girls won all three relays, which helped them clinch the win.

WRESTLING

Wednesday, varsity won the three-way meet at Marist against Willamette and Churchill. Sophomore JJ Banks and freshman Connor Hoag both recorded pins.



Sophomore Kassie McCabe prepares for a game. The girls play at home tonight at 7. Photo by Sami Kast

Mr. Spartans selected

By Macaela Crowley

The votes are in and this year's senior Mr. Spartan contestants have been selected. Beginning in January they will compete to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network, which sends funds to the neo-natal intensive care unit at Sacred Heart Hospital.

In April the money will be counted and the contestants will participate in the pageant, a night of talent contests and comedy routines where someone will be crowned the 2012 Mr. Spartan.



The Mr. Spartan team poses in front of the fountain in the courtyard. The candidates from the class of 2012 are Andrew Stewart, Andre Post, Garret Holaday, Tyler Patterson, Michael Busse, Josh Ray, Dylan Karr, and Ryan Whalen. (Not pictured: Ryan Whalen). Photo by Alyssa Grimaldi

¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!

By Michael Busse

Students in Debbie Cullen's three Spanish classes treated the school with Christmas cheer on Thursday by caroling to several classrooms and the office.

They sang a variety of Christmas songs in Spanish, from classics like "Cascabeles"—Jingle Bells—to traditional carols from Latin America and Spain. Students have been practicing the carols for several weeks.



A group of students from Mrs. Cullen's class charms their peers with Spanish Christmas carols. Photo by Alyssa Grimaldi

COLLECTING FOR CHRISTMAS

By Lexy Wheeler

The National Honor Society wrapped up its annual Christmas Project today with a final collection of money, cold weather clothing, and personal hygiene items from Marist students, parents, and teachers to give to Catholic Charities.

Though not as successful as last year's drive, the donations that were brought in will greatly benefit people in our local community who need help this holiday season.



Seniors Lexy Wheeler, Mckenzie Tritt, and Irene Guzman show off some of the donations for the Christmas project. Photo by Toni Cooper