

SPARTAN Statistics

BOYS BASKETBALL

Over the break, varsity basketball sported a 1-4 record, beating West Salem and losing to Sheldon before going 0-3 in the Summit Tournament in Bend. JV went 1-3 with a win over West Salem and losses to Sheldon, Churchill and North Eugene. Freshmen went 1-1 with a victory over West Salem and a loss to Sheldon.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Varsity girls went 2-2 over the break, with a win over Sheldon and a loss to Churchill before going 1-2 in the Summit Tournament. JV girls went 3-2, losing to Sheldon and beating Churchill before going 2-1 in the South Albany Tournament to earn 2nd place.

SWIMMING

Swimming met Churchill at Echo Hollow the Friday before break, where both boys and girls won in landslide victories.

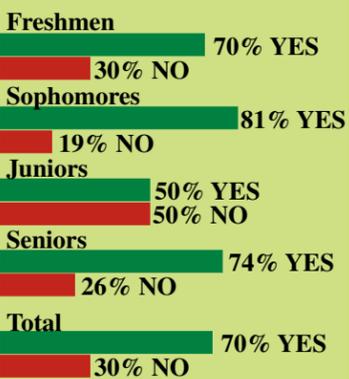
WRESTLING

Wrestling traveled to Creswell over the break, where Garrick Beat won his match and Spencer Morris lost.

Christmas Clothes

By Ray Ferrari

On the first day back from Christmas Break, I always notice how great everyone looks, mainly because of all the new additions to the wardrobes of students around this time of year. So I wanted to know what percentage of students wear something they received for Christmas on their first day back at Marist. After polling 124 Marist students, here is what I found...



JESUS BORN TO THE WORLD



Father Dave prepares the frankincense at the Epiphany Mass on Wednesday. Photo By Toni Cooper.

Students return to Marist and celebrate the Magi's visit to the baby Jesus with the Epiphany Mass

By Micah Stratton

Christmas Day 2010 has passed, yet the Christmas festivities at Marist continued Wednesday with the Epiphany Mass. The choir sang, the students joyfully gave the sign of peace, and Father Dave delivered yet another interesting and inspirational homily.

The main attraction, however, was the frankincense that Julie Ferrari obtained from a friend who bought it in Yemen. Frankincense is an aromatic gum resin found in the bark of various African and Arabian trees. The aroma was strong, as was the message that the number or names of the magi do not matter as much as the

knowledge that the magi represent the unveiling of Jesus to the Gentiles.

Father Dave also spoke of another important gift that Marist has acquired - a special relic, a piece of wood from the cross Jesus was crucified on. He made the specific point that despite the honor and gravity of receiving such a gift, it's the spirit and idea of Jesus that makes it special. It is the true meaning of Christ's purpose that counts, and as long as the Marist community keeps that in their hearts, the spirit of Christmas will last.

Freshmen Begin Service Journey



Freshman Billy Polluck presents his service project to his theology class. Photo By Helen Kwak

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Thursday, the freshman class began its Christian Service Experience in religion classes.

This part of the service experience consisted of students making meals for family members and spending quality time with them.

"They have learned what work it is to prepare a meal, and are now more appreciative of what their parents do everyday," said Freshman religion teacher Katie Ryding.

"This service in my home makes God's love more visible in my family," said Kaitlyn Di-Mercurio.

Tall Towers Tumble

By Michael Busse

Of the eleven players on Marist's girls varsity basketball team, three are out due to injuries, with a fourth player still waiting on results to determine medical eligibility.

The two tallest players, 6'4" junior center Hanna Mack and 6'2" sophomore forward Morgan Silver, are joining senior Katie Meyers on the bench. All three of the injured players have fractures, which they attribute to continued practicing while they were injured. Losing key players resulted in starting five guards and bringing up freshman Meagan Anderson from Junior Varsity.

"Since we can't rely on our posts

anymore, we've had to adapt to new plays and positions. We've had to step up our defense," says senior guard Meghan Manwill.



Girls varsity basketball players, sophomore Morgan Silver, senior Katie Meyers and junior Hanna Mack show off their injuries. Photo by Micah Stratton.

Check Mate

By Jeannine Gutierrez

Chess Club competed in their fourth league match last Wednesday at LCC. They lost to Pleasant Hill 1-4.

Despite their loss, chess coach Jon Nuxoll says they played well against a very strong Pleasant Hill chess team. Sophomore Simon Olson even beat a player who previously had a long winning streak.

Joining the team for the first time was newest member, Jerry Rouleau. The other members are Simon Olson, Blaine Patrick Werner, Alex Clarke, and JD Rivas.

Chess Club is always accepting new members. Chess season ends in February.

Wait... WHAT?!?

By Rachel Ashworth



Senior Ali Thoreson's mom supported her getting a tattoo, when most parents sneer at the idea of their children getting one. Wait...What?!? You heard it, Ali's mom and her entire family were excited to see the tattoo in the memory of her father who passed away when Ali was four. With his signature gracing her shoulder blade, the tattoo also holds his date of birth and death. Ali said, "Almost all of my family members cried when they saw it."



Photo By Toni Cooper

Starting a New Year

By Katie Meyers

On Monday January 3, while the students were enjoying their last day of Winter Break, Marist Campus Ministry held an Epiphany retreat for the staff. The morning started with a fun and silly white elephant gift exchange and finished before lunch with a look into the legacy of the Marist Brothers. Staff members who were taught by, or worked with the Marist Brothers shared personal stories that illustrated characteristics of the Marist brother's charism.



Photo By Toni Cooper

MPA Selling Apparel

By Tressa Parra

The Marist apparel has upgraded from the front office to having its own store and website. Marist Parents Association president Cinda Holaday took over the duties from Tammy May and now runs the Mercantile. The mercantile booth is open at home basketball games in the gym lobby and also through the Marist website. The money from the store helps tuition assistance programs for students. With a new store starting, they are also starting "promos", such as embroidery of an "M" on any item once a month.