

SPARTAN Statistics

BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday at Springfield, varsity lost 49-54. Both JV and JVII lost as well.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Tuesday, JV and JVII both won at home against Springfield while varsity lost 45-54.

SWIMMING

Friday at Echo Hollow Pool meeting Willamette, Alex Seaver and Ty Stratton both won two events in the boys win. Alexis Mollahan and Lauren Nelson also both won two events in the girls loss. On Wednesday, the girls beat Sheldon when Mollahan, Nelson, and Michaela Ewing all won two events. Boys lost, with Seaver and Thor Woelfel both winning one event.

WRESTLING

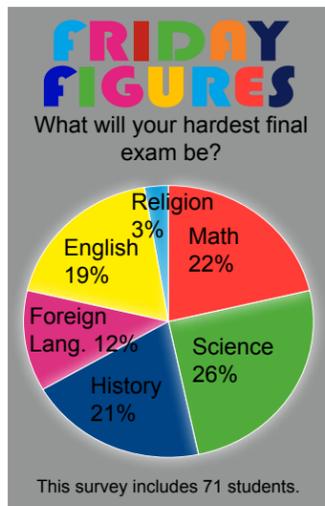
On Wednesday, three of five wrestlers won their matches at Sheldon.

Let the Debating Return

By Riley Kulm

Speech and debate team is making a comeback at Marist.

With five kids already signed up, Activities Director Shari Pimental, the push behind the club's return, is well on her way to her goal of 10 -15 kids. "We have a lot of clubs at Marist, but we still need more academic ones," said Pimental. Marist had a speech and debate team three years ago which was coached by teachers Renee Cool and Walt Fox. Pimental has yet to choose a new coach, who could either be a Marist teacher or a parent moderator.



WELCOME TO EDEN



Surrounded by her temptresses, senior Lauren Taylor performs as Eve in the school preview of "Children of Eden." Photo By Trish Laver

Marist Theater Program launches their new musical, Children of Eden, with an emphatic assembly showcase

By Tressa Parra

This week the Marist Theatre Program treated the students and staff to a taste of their production of Stephen Schwartz's "Children of Eden" during an afternoon assembly. The play portrays the story of Genesis and includes stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah's ark, but with a twist.

Centering on dynamic family relationships, the show focuses on how God, Adam and Noah all cope with their rebellious children.

It's a new and exciting way to see the creation story come to life with a colorful set, exuberant cast, and vibrant music by the Marist band.

A few Marist Dance team members and Mrs. Janet Rust also contributed with choreographing the dance

number, "Aint' it good". Also joining the cast are kids from St. Paul, including the children of Mr. Depaoli, Mrs. Susec, and Mr. Rust.

Sophomore, Braden Bollinger, wowed the audience with his big voice as he sang duets with freshman, Jeff Carr for the songs "Lost in the wilderness" and "A Ring of Stones". Bollinger was nervous because he had never sung a solo in public before but rose to the occasion and the audience reacted well. "Now that other people say that I am a good singer, I am more comfortable knowing that," says Bollinger.

Children of Eden will be opening this Saturday at 7 pm and will also be raising money for Project Starfish during intermission.

The Art of Calligraphy

By Jeanine Gutiérrez

Under the instruction of Japanese teacher, Miyoko King, the Japanese classes practiced calligraphy on Tuesday.

Calligraphy is a common art form in Japan. In Japanese middle schools, it is a mandatory subject while in high school it is offered, along with music and art, as an elective.

King showed the students the proper way of holding the brush and how to do the brush strokes while Marist students wrote words like "dragon", "love", and "dream".

The student-created calligraphy is on display on the windows of the 100 building.

BELOW: Sensei Miyoko Nakajima teaches her class the art of Japanese calligraphy. RIGHT: Freshman Rowdy Huston practices his Japanese calligraphy. Photos by Trish Laver.



We Love Our Ducks



Several sophomore girls celebrate their beloved Ducks. Photo By Alyssa Grimaldi

By Ray Ferrari

Inspired by a free dress day and the Oregon Ducks' first ever appearance in the BCS National Championship game, Marist students dressed in all their best Duck gear Monday.

The Marist campus was painted green and yellow as students spent the day screaming "Go Ducks," making an "O" with their hands, and preparing for viewing parties. A handful of lucky students got tickets and flew to Glendale, Arizona to see the game in person.

Until about 9:15 p.m. Eugene was filled with indescribable emotion on a day anticipated for years by many Duck fans.

Despite losing 22-19 to Auburn, the season will still serve as a lasting memory for the fans and an undefeated regular season to be proud of.



Senior Jack Watson is a competitive rower for the Oregon Association of Rowers. Wait... What!?!? Not only is he dedicated to his school newspaper but on his free time he competes on South Eugene's OAR Crew Club. He has been competing for two years and he hopes to continue rowing throughout college.



Photo By Toni Cooper

Government in Action

By Audrey Hart

Today, AP Government teacher and principal, Jay Conroy took his 33 students to the state capital to watch the Supreme Court of Appeals decide a case, which dealt with a complicated insurance claim. "I really liked bonding with my senior classmates and the Chief Supreme Justice's speech was really interesting," said senior student Krista Schor.



Photo By McKenzie O'Leary

Lunch and Law

By Ray Ferrari

At least one lunch a month, local professionals come to Marist to present their careers to aspiring students.

This week, Judge Tom Coffin and Mr. Jim Hoffman spoke about law. Upcoming presentations: February 2 - Medicine and February 17 - Journalism.