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## SPARTAN Statistics

### SWIMMING

The swim team competes at districts today and tomorrow held at Willamalane Pool in Springfield. The girls team is led by senior Alexis Mollahan, who holds the top seed in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle and the boys are led by sophomore Alex Seaver, who has top marks in the 200 and 500 freestyle.

### GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

In the past three weeks, the girls varsity basketball team has had two wins and four losses. Most recently, they dominated Marshfield in a 77-26 win last Friday they suffered a 33-52 loss to Springfield on Tuesday, but. The girls will play against Thurston away tonight.

### BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The last three weeks has brought three wins and three losses to the varsity boys basketball team. This past week, they lost at Marshfield 51-54 last Friday and had a victory over Springfield 69-58 at home this Tuesday. The boys will play at home tonight against Thurston.

### DANCE

The dance team will be competing at Tigard High School this Saturday as they prepare for the state competition next month.

### WRESTLING

Wrestling has competed in four meets over the past three week and have sent five wrestlers to districts today to compete in the 5A District Championships at 2:30 p.m. at Willamette High School.



Students have helped contribute to St. Vincent DePaul's food pantry in the past two weeks, by bring in cans for the annual food drive that is held during Catholic Schools Week. Photo by Jack Watson.

## MARIST SENDS LOVE AND PRAYERS



The Marist community gathers in the courtyard, wearing purple in remembrance of Jack Harnsongkram and Connor Ausland, to send their love and prayers to South Eugene High School. Photo By Toni Cooper.

### The Marist community shows support by sending love and prayers to all those affected by last Saturday's tragedy

By Audrey Hart

The tragic death of South Eugene seniors Jack Harnsongkram and Connor Ausland at Yachats last Saturday brought the entire Eugene community together to provide love and prayers for the families, friends, and the school of the boys.

Harnsongkram and Ausland were on a retreat for the Mr. Axemen Contest, when a sneaker wave caught them off guard.

"When we heard the news, we froze with shock," said Mr. Spartan member Ray Ferrari, who heard the traumatic news after their dodgeball tournament on Saturday with other local parent contestants. "To think that the boys died while working for a cause to save lives is just heartbreaking."

On Monday, Marist students organized themselves through Facebook to wear purple in memoriam of the boys. The page was started by junior Josh Reay, and over a hundred students at Marist participated.

By the end of the day, at least two seniors had asked to get a picture of everyone involved to send to their friends at South Eugene.

On Tuesday, Marist students continued to wear purple in support, and many students left for lunch early in order to attend a memorial service for the boys at Emerald Baptist Church across the street from South Eugene High School.

The entire Mr. Spartan team attended to honor the boys and show their support for their community. "I felt honored to be in attendance, and even though I didn't know the boys personally, after the memorial I realized what great kids they were and wish I had known them," said senior Micah Stratton.

Wednesday night, many Marist students attended the South Eugene/Churchill varsity boys basketball game, a game at which Connor Ausland, a member of the basketball team, and Jack Harnsongkram were honored. Both fathers spoke to the crowds, enforcing the message to make sure your loved ones know just how much you love them every day.

"It was emotionally moving, and I've never felt so connected with my community," said senior attendant Nolan Cogan.

## Impressive Talent

By Jessica Perry

Do you want entertainment? Excitement? Energy? Come to the annual Marist Talent Show on Wednesday March 2nd! "There is a lot of talent, I'm really impressed," says first-time coordinator of the event Lizzie Petticrew.

According to Petticrew, students can expect a staff

member to make a special appearance. "I wouldn't give anything away... but I'm really excited!" said Petticrew.

The show will include original songs, brother-sister duets, and a thrilling dance performance. The judges will include four staff members and four students, yet to be determined.

## Sacrificing for the Grade

By Ali Thoreson

Roughly thirty-seven seniors are sacrificing an extra 30 minutes of sleeping on Mondays and Tuesdays to go to senior and junior English teacher Bill Ferrari's early morning extra session class to earn 150 points toward their final second semester grade. Only the students who show up to 15 of the 17 sessions with a well detailed notebook will receive any credit.

## A Letter from a South Parent

Principal Conroy,

I am the mother of Connor Ausland's best friend since kindergarten and best friends with his parents. A friend of Jack's mother too.

On behalf of the families, all of the kids, especially the seniors but really the whole community; parents, siblings, teachers, staff, we want you to know that the photo you sent of Marist kids all in purple was one of the most moving gestures that has come our way. Do not underestimate the difference your wonderful students and staff make in reaching out this way. We love you, and feel loved by you. This is quite a community we live in. The pain is so deep at South, and the only thing that seems to help is connection. You have given that. It is the greatest of gifts. We love you back, all of you. Please share this on your website or newsletter or any way you can reach the wonderful families, kids and staff of Marist.

-Amy Isler Gibson

## Dodging for Dollars

By Ray Ferrari

Saturday, the Mr. Spartan team went to Pleasant Hill High School to compete in a dodgeball tournament with four other schools, continuing to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

Along with dodgeball, the festivities included baby-themed games such as eating baby food and making diapers as a team. Marist finished in a tie for second place and helped raise just over \$550, with about \$110 being awarded to the Marist program.



Photo By Geoffrey Wildish

## New Direction for the Journey

By Micah Stratton

Thirty-seven Marist sophomore boys received new direction for their journey in life last weekend on the annual sophomore boys retreat.

Led by Retreat Team upperclassman with assistance from Campus Ministry Director Rick Martin, the sophomores discovered a new sense of community and self-discovery on this impacting weekend.

"I got a better grasp on what my world is from the retreat, and how to follow God's path to succeed," said sophomore participant Alec Weeks.