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# THE SPARTAN

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“And I will always love you!”

-Senior Andre Post, singing and dedicating a portion of his prayer on the Metanoia to the late Whitney Houston

# Ashes to Ashes



Fr. David Cullings speaks of his experience with a poinsettia that reminded him that many good things can come from death. Photo by Emma Pendell

## Marist marks the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday Mass

By Chris Boyce

The Marist gym turned into a place of worship as the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday Mass, given by Fr. David Cullings.

Fr. David’s Homily recalled the overwhelming sorrow he felt after the passing of Marist student Cody Waters in 1995. The story stressed that death sometimes occurs without an explanation, but it also brings new life. In the same way, Lent ends with the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection on Easter.

The 40 days of Lent hold symbolism rooted in the Bible; it is a time of waiting and anticipation for the Lord while enduring trials and temptation. Ashes from last Palm Sunday were spread on the foreheads of attendees, who were told, “From dust you come, and to dust you shall return.”

During this time, Christians are called to fast, serve, and pray. People often choose to give up a habit or luxury, in order to focus on faith and living humbly.



Junior Jenna Laver receives a cross of ashes during the Ash Wednesday Mass. Photo by Emma Pendell



Senior Tony Ford presents an award at the Spanish Oscars. Photo by Alex Seaver

## Oscars hosted in Spanish

By Monica Anderson

Students transformed into Spanish-speaking stars and gathered in the theater for the 6th annual Spanish Oscars Thursday, featuring Deborah Cullen’s classes.

Parents and other language classes created a full crowd for the 7th period event, which provided firsthand practice for Spanish speaking and listening skills in a setting that mimicked the Academy Awards.

Cullen’s Spanish III students donned fancy attire and performed speeches to introduce categories and accept awards as voted on by the class. Spanish Culture and Conversation students conducted red carpet interviews following the festivities.

The spectacle, hosted by junior Drew Boyles, prompted many laughs and remarkable moments. The event was featured on the front of the City Region section of Friday’s Register Guard.

“My favorite part was when [junior] Alec Weeks... went ballistic in his speech,” junior Chloe Cummins said. “It was very memorable.”

## Business Lunch

By Michael Busse and Jake Gram

Last Thursday’s brown bag lunch focused on business management and accounting. Students with an interest in pursuing this profession attended the lunch, where they heard from two community members currently in the field.

Speakers at the lunch included Marist High School’s business manager, Reba McClary, and Mandy Gardner, who works as a Vice

President at Levi Strauss and Company’s local shared service center. The speakers, who both have backgrounds in accounting, shared their personal experiences working in the corporate world and the roles that their jobs include.

McClary and Gardner also responded to questions from students about education and skills needed to be successful and different directions one go in the field of business.

## Robots roll out

By Colton Bowden

Last Saturday juniors JD Rivas and Gray Johnson represented Marist in the Oregon Robotics Tournament qualifying round at St. Helen’s High School where they placed 11th out of 24 teams.

The teams were required to build an autonomous robot capable of independent movement to compete in a series of five matches against four other teams.

Very little time was given between rounds to fix or modify the robot, but the team “fought together brilliantly, problem solving, fixing mechanical



The Marist Robotics Team stands with their robot, King Leonidas, that they used in the tournament. Photo by Alyssa Grimaldi

issues and reprogramming on the fly,” according to moderator Chris Fudge.

## SPARTAN Sports

reported by Zach Silva

### BOYS BASKETBALL

The regular season came to a close last Friday when varsity was defeated at Thurston 26-45. Varsity travels to Silverton to take on the 6th ranked Foxes in a play-in game Saturday.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Varsity travels to Ashland today for a play-in game against the Grizzlies.

### SWIMMING

Junior Alex Seaver had his day at the state meet Saturday where he took first in the 200 and 500 freestyle.



Junior Alex Seaver, a two-time state champion, takes a breath in the pool. Photo by Toni Cooper

## Project Starfish starts

By Katie Holdampf

The Marist Volunteer Program kicked off Project Starfish at the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday.

Every year, Marist partners with St. Vincent de Paul to benefit First Place Family Center, an organization that helps homeless families in Eugene and Springfield. Funds help one family at a time get into homes and stabilize their current situation.

Project Starfish will run until Easter with various activities such as the annual Irish Echo St. Patrick’s Day party as well as opportunities to make personal donations.

## SETTING SAIL

By Macaela Crowley

Last weekend 50 students from the class of 2012 traveled to St. Benedict’s Lodge to attend their final Marist retreat.

The Senior Metanoia differs from other retreats because it is not lead by retreat team members but by former Marist students.

“Right now you are just ships in the harbor, ready to set sail,” said 2008 Marist graduate Danielle Ragan. “Making communities will give you anchors necessary for life.”



Seniors Sami Pitts and Taylor O’Connor take time to say a last goodbye to St. Benedict’s. Photo by Amy Miller

## A NIGHT IN LITTLE ITALY

By Courtney Volta

Last weekend Marist faculty hosted a Sopranos-themed Dinner, an item purchased at last year’s auction.

The evening included entertainment and a six-course Italian meal prepared and served by the teachers. Guests were picked up from their homes and brought to Room 101—transformed into the “Bada Bing Club” for “Antipasti,”—where they were serenaded by theater teacher Tony Rust, counselor Jerry Ragan, and senior Andrew McIntyre.

Biology teacher Pat Wagner hosted the guests later for dinner, dessert and more entertainment at his home.



Theatre director Tony Rust and counselor Jerry Ragan give a rousing song performance after dinner. Photo by Steve Barth