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# THE SPARTAN ONLINE

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I FEEL LIKE MY LUNGS JUST GAVE BIRTH TO A BABY PUMA."

-SOPHOMORE GARRET STOLLAR, AFTER COMPLETING A TRACK WORKOUT ON TUESDAY

# Girls head to play-offs



The girls basketball team cheers before a game. Photo by Toni Cooper

*With a win tonight at Lebanon, the girls basketball team would advance to the state quarterfinals at Matthew Knight Arena*

By Zach Silva

The varsity girls basketball team advanced to the first round of the OSAA state tournament which starts tonight at Lebanon.

Last Friday, the Spartans travelled to Ashland for a play-in game where they trounced the Grizzlies 49-30. Senior Hanna Mack recorded a double-double, racking up 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Tonight the sixth-seeded Marist girls will face the third-seed Lebanon Warriors on the road. With a victory tonight, the Spartans would advance

to Matthew Knight Arena here in Eugene for the state quarterfinals.

The Spartans had a slow start to the season but they finished red hot, winning four of the last five regular season games.

"We had struggles at the beginning of the season," said senior leader Sami Pitts, "but [we] have got a lot closer."

Marist came out of the 5A division of the Midwestern League in third place behind top seeds of the State tournament, Willamette and Springfield.



Seniors Hannah Mack, Olivia Houser, and Sami Pitts play defense against South Eugene. Photo by Paul Duncan

## Final Encounter



A group of junior girls write in their journals during last weekend's encounter. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Claire Koester

Last Saturday the Marist retreat season came to a close with the Winter Girls Junior Encounter at St. Benedict's Lodge.

The girls enjoyed sharing in small groups, experiencing Encounter traditions, and building friendships through fireside conversation

and braiding each other's hair – something one will never see on a guy's Encounter.

The snow-covered hiking paths encouraged girls to take advantage of the beauty at St. Benedict's.

"The hiking and the group stuff was definitely my favorite part," said junior Caitlin Craviotto.

## Spiritual Nourishment



Fr. Dave distributes communion at Friday's Lenten Mass. Photo by Taylor Kirkpatrick

By Chris Boyce

The annual Marist tradition of Friday morning Lenten Masses started this morning with a well-attended 8 a.m. service in the cafeteria.

Students and faculty are invited and encouraged to forgo their late-in to participate in these special weekly Masses. Hot drinks and donuts are provided at the conclusion. Contact Mrs. Ferrari if you are interested in providing food.



Juniors Amelia Barker and Julie Woodard grab muffins after mass. Photo by Taylor Kirkpatrick

## SPARTAN Sports

Reported by Zach Silva

### BOYS BASKETBALL

The varsity season came to a close on the road last Saturday when they were defeated 48-69 in a play-in game against Silverton. Senior Willy Malos led the team with 17 points.

### SPRING SPORTS

The spring sports season officially started Monday. The teams that began practice include track and field, lacrosse, tennis, golf, baseball, petanque, and softball.

## Leap year

By Ryan Whalen

The world has been misaligned, the stability of time in our daily lives has been altered, and society finds itself imbalanced.

This can only be caused by one event, the arrival of February 29th. (gasps and screams of terror). Yes, ladies and gentleman 2012 is a Leap Year.

This past Wednesday marked a unique event that only occurs once every four years: the addition of one day to the month of February.

Not many people took time to celebrate the event, but a select group of children and adults had the privilege of celebrating their birthday on this date. However, the Spartan Spear was unable to find any member of the Marist community who fits this rare demographic.

This Leap Day was marked by students leaping for joy in the snow, though school remained in session. Nonetheless, it will be another four years before we are graced with the opportunity of another Leap Day.

## Check It Out



Marist senior Hossien Rajazdeh moved to Oregon with his mother seven months ago from Tehran, Iran, where he was born and lived for 15 years. "I miss my friends the most, but moving to the States was like getting a fresh start—sort of an escape," says Hossien.

## CHECKMATE FOR CHESS

By Jake Gram

Members of the Marist chess team competed in the OSAA High School Chess Championship last Friday and Saturday at South Umpqua High School.

Junior J.D. Rivas, freshman Alex Schor, and junior Tae Young Bang competed in the individual tournament

while junior Simon Olson competed in the open tournament with the Midwestern League Team. Olson led his team to a third place finish, winning a total of four games in the two days of the tournament.

"It was fun meeting new people while playing for a different team," said Olson.



A Marist chess player is poised to make his next move. Photo by Trish Laver

## JUNIOR PARENT NIGHT

By Jackson Bedbury

Last night the counseling department hosted a junior parent night in the theatre, with the goal of informing parents of the timeline for college applications and giving parents information that is usually given to students in one-on-one meetings.

Parents received advice on when things should be completed, such

as taking the SAT, visiting schools, and applying for scholarships.

A guest speaker from the University of Portland gave a presentation on how to decide what college is right for each student.

If any parents were unable to attend, all the information is available from Court Wirth in the counseling department.