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CLASS OF 2016



Freshmen Rachael Reiter and Lindsey Chapman go through their schedules. Photo by Alex Seaver

By Jackson Bedbury

Tuesday 154 freshmen arrived for their first day at Marist. They made their way to the gym where they heard talks from Principal Jay Conroy and Student Body President senior Ben Fusek.

The freshmen then participated in a variety of large and small group ice breakers including “I love everybody who...” and an intense game of “Bring me something” to finish the fun.

The student leaders—seniors and juniors—took the freshmen on a tour of the campus and ended at the fountain. The leaders concluded the morning by having their groups write letters to their future selves to be received upon graduation.

Everyone then enjoyed a free pizza lunch followed by skits from the student council to demonstrate school rules. One highlight was Ben Fusek’s demonstration of dance rules using sock puppets.

Finally, the freshmen went through their schedule in ten minute classes—with guidance and direction from the leaders. They met their teachers, got a brief overview of each class, and gained a basic knowledge of their classes’ locations to prevent those first day tardies.

LOCKER THIEVES



A personal warning. Photo by Alex Seaver

By Zach Silva

As students of all grades excitedly flocked to claim their lockers on Welcome Back Day, countless students were shocked to see that their lockers had, already been taken.

“Locker thievery,” said Campus Supervisor Jeff Dreiling about the current issue. “You don’t just go take someone’s locker. We have a process if they need a new one.”

When some students found that their new assigned lockers were less than desirable, they would instead snag a locker with more appeal such as one with a better location or one on top. When students were caught, their belongings were taken out and moved to the office.

Some students, such as senior Kam Smith, took initiative and left a note telling the current resident that he, “[needs] to evacuate.”

WELCOME BACK



A group of students gather around a table in the cafeteria to enjoy lunch as well as socialize. Photo by Toni Cooper

After a summer of quiet, the halls of Marist are now noisy with 527 students eagerly getting into their routines

By Monica Anderson

Returning students and staff rejoined the freshman class Wednesday to welcome familiar sights and unveiled changes around campus.

After braving Chaplain Father David Cullings’ welcome reminding students to say farewell to summer, the customary school schedule began. New students experienced what will soon become second nature, but a slightly altered bell schedule and newly bookless Academic Resource Center caused returners to falter in their routine.

Principal Jay Conroy cited timeliness and convenience as reasons for the schedule change, which extended the school day until 2:40pm. Many students struggled to maintain promptness between classes, leading the administration to add one minute to the now five-minute passing period.

Junior Gavin Doremus expressed approval for the modifications.

“I like it,” said Doremus, “it gives me time to get my stuff done.”

ARC Assistant Tony Huck introduced further changes in his own territory. Over the summer Huck discovered “an inch of dust” on countless shelved books and collaborated with teachers to condense the Marist collection. The hundreds of unneeded books travelled to the donation box at St. Vincent de Paul, creating rows of space where their shelves stood.

The ARC now features several couches and personal desks, but new books will continue to arrive and many of the previous texts remain.

A 2012 welcome to our new Marist staff 2012



Amy Becker

Notre Dame graduate and previous teacher at an all-girls school in Chicago, Amy Becker, is excited about her opportunity to teach at a Catholic School in Oregon. Mrs. Becker is a science teacher, currently teaching five periods of freshman science and one period of junior and senior astronomy.



Noah Breslaw

Noah Breslaw is teaching freshman and sophomore math. Breslaw grew up in Pleasant Hill and attended Western Oregon University and came to Marist with four years of experience from Scio High School north of Salem. His wife, Vanessa Wyffles, also taught math at Marist last year. He is also helping coach football this fall.



James DeCrane

James DeCrane is teaching Spanish I and II. He has a degree in journalism and a Masters in education from Wayland Baptist U. DeCrane was born in upstate New York and after traveling the US, settled in Alaska to teach for the last seven years. He heard about Marist from his cousin in Sherwood and seized the opportunity.



Grant Gilchrist

Grant Gilchrist is a math teacher, family man, and connoisseur of humor. When asked what word best describes Gilchrist, he said “table”. Some say he has “the cutest baby in the world.”

An alum of Sheldon and the University of Oregon, Gilchrist now teaches math at Marist to freshmen and sophomores.



David Haggard

First-year teacher David Haggard, the newest addition to the Marist theology department, is teaching both freshmen and juniors.

He heard good things about Marist from his friend Brantly Millegan ‘06 and moved from Minnesota to teach here.

One word to describe his personality? “Zeal, absolute zeal.”



Jericho Schwab

Lane County’s 2011 Teacher of the Year, Jericho Schwab, now teaches freshmen English and Spanish I here at Marist. She previously taught at Thurston where she ran the Mr. Thurston pageant and led the school spirit group. Schwab loves to dance, hike, and attend sporting events.



Denise Smith

Denise Smith has joined Marist’s crew of smiling office staff as head secretary. She is the proud mother of Marist senior Kamerun, junior Dustin, and eighth-grader Larea. Smith enjoys coaching her daughter’s volleyball team. Her favorite thing about her job is the fact that Marist truly “feels like family.”

SPARTAN SPORTS with SILVER AND SWAN

CROSS COUNTRY

This afternoon the team kicked off their season by hosting 16 teams at the annual Marist Cross Country Invitational at Alton Baker Park.

FOOTBALL

After a 42-20 win last Friday night at Bend, varsity hosts #1 ranked Sherwood tonight. JV and freshman football both lost to Sherwood at home Thursday.

BOYS SOCCER

After a tough loss last Thursday to 6A Sheldon, varsity trounced Lebanon 6-2 yesterday -junior Ben Schepergerdes led the team with three goals. JV tied 1-1.

GIRLS SOCCER

Varsity and JV traveled to Lebanon Thursday for their season opener. Varsity won 3-2, led by senior Aubrie Hood’s two goals while JV won 3-0.

VOLLEYBALL

Last Thursday varsity competed in a jamboree, losing to Willamette, Churchill and Thurston while defeating North Eugene. Wednesday JV and JV2 both defeated Cottage Grove on the road.

WATER POLO

Starting the season out strong the coed JV and Varsity teams competed at South Salem Thursday night. Varsity lost 9-17, despite 4 goals by senior captains JD Rivas and Morgan Silver. JV won 18-5.