

Students Honored



PSAT commended scholars seniors Monica Anderson and Brooke Gemmell. Photo by Kenzie White '13

By Kenzie White

Two Marist seniors received National Merit Scholarship Program Letters of Commendation on Tuesday.

Brooke Gemmell and Monica Anderson scored above a 200 on their PSAT/NMSQT, earning them each a spot among the top 4% of all scores. About 1.5 million students take the test each year.

"When I found out, I wanted to gallop in the wind," said Gemmell.

Gemmell would like to attend Pomona and study engineering physics one day. Anderson hopes to attend either Oregon State or Colorado State to pursue veterinary studies.

Chess Makes a Move



Freshmen Carl Lemhouse and Mary Akers enjoy lunch and a game of chess. Photo by Haley Anderson '13

Wednesday at lunch, the chess club took their talents out of room 205 and into the great outdoors. Chess Club moderator Jon Nuxoll said this move will give the club "more visibility." They will be outside during long block lunches as long as the weather permits.



By Drew Boyles

Quidditch- a sport modified from J. K. Rowling's series *Harry Potter*- found a home at Marist High School nearly two years ago. The Marist Quidditch League operated for the past two summers and has just wound down for fall. "Last season was off the hook, yo," said co-founder senior Ben Fusek.



TO THE SUN AND BACK



Astronomy students embark on their journey through the bike path to explore the solar system outside the classroom. Photo by Taylor Kirkpatrick '13

Marist Astronomy classes experience the solar system

By Chris Keylock

While studying the universe, Renee Cool and Amy Becker's Astronomy classes took a 9.5 mile bike ride through the Alton Baker trail. This trail has the planets in our solar system and the Sun along the path.

Cool and Becker both did this during their block periods on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Riding this trail provides a perspective on the distance between each planet. Cool's first period took a detour through blackberry bushes because the path was

closed.

"We weren't going to make it back in time for school to get out so we went straight to the Sun," said senior Morgan Silver. After forgoing three planets and taking a detour the class made it back safely before the bell.



Seniors Lauren Sibole and Josh Harper on the Astronomy bike ride. Photo by Taylor Kirkpatrick '13



Senior Maggie Over prepares to bike the solar system. Photo by Taylor Kirkpatrick '13

Students Recycle, Rally, Rejoice

By Joe Laver

Wednesday morning after the students filed out of their third period classes, they made their way to the main

gym for the first pep rally of the school year.

As students settled into the bleachers, MVP moderator Jerry Ragan, with student Vice President Simon Olson, presented the importance of recycling.

The cheerleaders then performed and taught the student body the "Marist Spartan Beat," and awards were given to the Athletes and Spartans of the Month. The dance team then

presented a mixed dance of African, Bollywood, salsa, and Hip-hop to the student body.

The pep rally ended with a dodgeball tournament of the fall sports teams: girls soccer vs. volleyball, water polo vs. cross country, and boys soccer vs. football.

The tournament came down to football and cross country with the football team dodging into first.



Cheerleaders perform their routine for the audience. Photo by Toni Cooper

Classes Gather to Get Informed

By Jordan Pickrel

Students gathered for their class meetings this past Wednesday to organize for approaching Homecoming Week activities. Classes also voted for this year's Homecoming court.

Freshmen took the opportunity to hear speeches from nominees and vote for their class council.

Juniors made arguments for

off-campus lunch privileges and discussed the upcoming PSAT testing on Saturday, October 20.

Seniors decided on their graduation motto and class shirt designs, and were informed of the upcoming Senior Portrait Day on October 24.

Freshman Mikey Russell performs his speech en route to joining Class Council. Photo by Toni Cooper



SPARTAN SPORTS with SILVER AND SWAN

CROSS COUNTRY

Last Saturday JP Kiefer led varsity boys to 14th place, while Monica Anderson led the girls to 12th place at the Northwest Classic at LCC. JV also competed and was led by Zach Silva in 3rd place and Miriam Jacobson in 6th place.

During the varsity football game on Friday night, both teams will participate in the annual halftime mile against Willamette.

FOOTBALL

Varsity boldly defeated Marshfield away last Friday 48-7, led by Josh Harper's 4 touchdowns.

On Friday, Varsity and JV take on Willamette at home while freshmen play at Willamette.

BOYS SOCCER

Playing at South Eugene on Wednesday, varsity lost 0-1 while JV also lost 0-14.

GIRLS SOCCER

Varsity and JV played at South Eugene on Thursday. While varsity lost 2-1 despite Junior Lilly Storment's goal, JV won 2-0 led by Freshman Madi O'Bannon's two goals.

VOLLEYBALL

Last Saturday Varsity competed at the Rogue Valley Classic tournament losing to Bend 0-2, Willamette 0-3 and Crater 1-2, while beating both South Medford and Cascade Christian 2-0.

JV also played Springfield, Elkton, Crescent Valley and Sheldon on Saturday in the Springfield Tournament.

Traveling to Marshfield on Thursday, Varsity lost 0-3 in spite of sophomore Karson Silver's 4 kills, 9 digs and 2 aces. JV and JV 2 both fell to the Pirates.

PETANQUE

Petanque began their season at home against Sheldon on Thursday, winning 10-0 in three matches.

College Night

By Zach Silva

Thursday night 60 Marist senior parents trickled into the theatre where they learned about the college application process from college counselor Court Wirth.

Parents received a copy of their student's transcripts and a list of ten things to remember about the college system. Wirth stated that the goal of the night was to "help parents understand their role in the college application process."

Wirth also visited senior English classes to check in with students. Wirth will soon meet with seniors to discuss their upcoming college decisions.