

## Spartans Speak



Sophomore Whit Daniel presents his poster for Expository Speaking on Saturday. Photo by Drew Boyles '13

By Chris Keylock

Last Saturday Marist's Speech and Debate team competed at the "Spartan Speaks" tournament in the Marist gym. The team as a whole placed second out of eight teams, with multiple team members placing in the top three in their events.

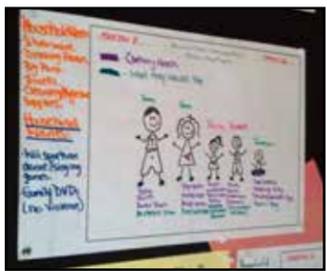
Sophomores Abby Pandina, Heather Clark and Ben Bollinger swept the Expository Speaking events placing first, second, and third respectively.

Senior Simon Olson placed second and sophomore Jacob Kiefer placed third in the Lincoln Douglas Debate.

Freshman Jessica Lynch won Original Oratory and junior Jeff Carr placed third in Humorous Interpretation.

"We hope the Spartan Speaks tournament will become an annual event at Marist," Marist freshman counselor Shari Pimental, a judge at this event, said.

## Students Called to be Angels



A display of 4th period CLC's "family". Photo by Alex Seaver '13

By Connor Hoag and Zachary Silva

This Christmas season the Marist community has partnered with Catholic Community Services to help 27 families in need with hopes of providing a memorable Christmas.

Each religion class has been given a family that falls below the poverty line to help. They are provided with a list of the family members' names and their needs. The idea of this is to not just generally donate to a cause, but to make it more personal so students will feel a connection with the families.

This event is being put on by the Marist Chapter of the National Honor Society and more specifically Campus Ministry's Julie Ferrari.

Students are asked to bring in all of their donations by Tuesday Dec. 18th.

## RENEWAL THROUGH RECONCILIATION



Freshman Marissa Gibson experiences the Reconciliation service, the beginning of Marist's Advent season. Photo by Taylor Kirkpatrick '13

### Students reflect on their lives and their sins

By Katie Tarrant

This week, Marist students prepared for the season of Advent through peaceful reflection and /or reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during a prayer service

After students from all four classes participated in communal prayers led by Campus Minister Julie Ferrari that focused on the

concepts personal transformation and healing through the grace of God, junior and senior class lectors read verses from the Gospel of Mark and St. Paul's letter the Colossians. To conclude, all students prayed the Act of Contrition together.

Marist Chaplain Father David Cullings delivered a homily during each of the services on the impor-

ance of forgiveness in the community and the confession of sins as a method of spiritual healing.

At the conclusion of the service, he and several other local priests offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation to the students.

"Afterwards, I felt revived and clean," Shelby Gill, a sophomore who received the Sacrament, said. "It was a really great experience."

## Police Teach Students Integrity is Everything

By Zachary Silva

In the fourth brown bag lunch of the year on Thursday, 20 Marist students filed into room 200 to hear Eugene Police Chief Pete Kerns, supervisor of forensic evidence Jason Peterson and Oregon State Trooper Mike Bloom discuss future careers in law enforcement.

The presentation began with the three speakers informing the students about their current positions and how they have gotten to where they are today. The three then explained what they do on a typical day.

While they each had different jobs, they each stressed the importance of honesty.

"Your integrity is everything,"



Students intently listen to the brown-bag lunch speakers. Photo by Nic George '13

said Bloom.

Kerns followed this quote with a statement agreeing that in the hiring process it is not about what major you are in school but that you work hard and have a good attitude.

"If someone makes mistakes," he said, "it is not worth the risk of hiring them."

## Financial Aid Night

By Monica Anderson

Students and parents gathered in the theatre Thursday to hear from two Portland State representatives and begin the financial planning process for college.

Financial aid representative Matt Sagayaga explained the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and emphasized the need for students to apply on January 1, the day it opens. He also discussed work-study options and loans.

Admissions representative Blake Red Elk discussed the countless need and merit-based scholarship possibilities both locally and nationally, and urged students to pursue any available to them.

## Theater Tech Students Prepare Play Set

By Harry Zhou and Peter Hu

There is an old Chinese saying—"One minute on stage, ten years backstage."

In order to get ready for the play *Little Shop Of Horrors*, which according to the internet is about a nerdy florist shop worker who raises a vicious plant that feeds on human blood, Theater Tech teachers Tony Rust and Toni Cooper and their 2nd period class are already five weeks into the hard work of

building the entire set for Marist's upcoming production.

The fifteen students in the tech class have made curtains, built the stage, made leaves and arms for the plant, chose costumes, painted everything from the floor to the set and done anything else needed in order to be ready for the play.

The play will be performed in January 11, 12, 17, and 19. Without a doubt it will be a good one.



Senior theatre tech student Aubrie Hood puts the finishing touches on the flower shop set. Photo by Toni Cooper

## SPARTAN SPORTS

with SILVER AND SWAN

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Varsity, JV and Freshmen play at Crescent Valley tonight in their first game of the season.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
In their season opener at West Albany, varsity lost 61-66 despite senior Dani Krier's 25 points and junior Grace Harrison's 13.

Varsity traveled to Corvallis on Tuesday. Though they led by 4 at the half, Marist struggled to maintain the lead and only scored 4 points in the 3rd quarter. At the beginning of the 4th, Marist was down 25-37. Despite a strong 4th quarter, varsity fell 39-55.

Varsity and JV face Crescent Valley at home tonight in their first home game this season.

**SWIMMING**  
The teams compete tonight against Churchill at Echo Hollow tonight.

## Spartans Snag Second



Senior Eric Hammerschmith congratulates a Sherwood player. Photo by Megan Braud '13

By Morgan Silver

The Marist Spartans played in the 5A state title football game last Saturday at Hillsboro Stadium against the Sherwood Bowmen, where they unfortunately fell short losing 46-20. The team ended its season with an 11-2 record, the only two losses having come at the hands of the Bowmen.

Despite a 14-0 deficit at the end of the first quarter, the Spartans continued to fight. Putting six points on the scoreboard after their first touchdown of the game, the Spartans still held the hope of the possible win in their minds, as they headed to the locker room for half time.

The Spartans were unable to replace Corey Thompson's spot on the line successfully after his injury at the beginning of the third quarter, which widened the deficit.

Marist outscored the Bowmen in the third and fourth quarters, but the first half was too much to overcome.

Though unwilling, the Spartans surrendered the state title to Sherwood, making it their fourth loss in four years, three of which were to the Bowmen, and two of those were in the state championship.