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King of Clubs



A chess game in Jay Nuxoll's room one day after school. Photo by Jackson Bedbury '13

By Chris Keylock

Theology teacher David Haggard has joined forces with History teacher and long-time chess club moderator Jon Nuxoll to oversee the club this season. The team competes weekly on Wednesdays at LCC in the Midwestern League with eight other schools, and so far this season they are 0-3.

Returning players senior Simon Olson and sophomore Alex Schor are joined by six newcomers this year.

Their competitions will continue until March when the State Tournament takes place at LaSalle High School in Milwaukee, outside Portland.

Covering the School

By Zach Silva

Marist installed new blinds in classrooms over Christmas break in an effort to make the school safer.

This project has been in the budget for a few years, but in the wake of recent school shootings the administration saw that it was an important cause.

"We need to take steps to protect ourselves, and this was within reach," said principal Jay Conroy.

The installation process was just under 5000 dollars.



By Drew Boyles



Over winter break, Senior Gray Johnson accepted the A.P. Physics class challenge to create a complex pendulum that simulates simple harmonic motion. Johnson hung golf balls by differing lengths of fishing line to a pole. When the golf balls are pulled back and released, they display a series of almost entrancing patterns. It is needless to say the physics class took a look at it. If you would like to see similar models, search "Physics wave pendulum" on youtube.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS



Senior Brooke Gemmill professes her love for senior Braden Bollinger in one of the final scenes of the play. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Jordan Pickrel

Marist Theatre's production of the 1960 musical comedy Little Shop of Horrors opens tonight in Marist's Bob Devereaux Theatre at 7:30 p.m. This exciting and melodious show follows the lives of enervated residents of the notorious "Skid Row" as they dream of better lives away from the hopelessness they find in the city.

The production stars Braden Bollinger as the lowly orphan Seymour, who revives a run-down flower shop with a mysterious plant. Jeff Carr accom-

panies him as his boss and the owner of the flower shop, Mr. Mushnik. Brooke Gemmill plays Audrey, his assistant at the flower shop and crush.

The bellowing voice of Assistant Principal Rick Gardner fits the role of the infamous plant perfectly.

Mow town and rock and roll-inspired accompaniment from the Marist Band rounds out the show and accents the dulcet voices of the actors.

"I've always liked it," Theatre Director Tony Rust said. "It's a fun little musical."

Staff Prepares for New Year

By Jackson Bedbury

Monday, the Marist staff came together to re-center for the New Year and work on the lengthy process of accreditation.

On a day that was half retreat and half review, the teachers and administrators attended a Mass led by Fr. Dave—com-

plete with "corny jokes"—and ate a lunch provided by Michael Blaser, an aspiring restaurateur and father of Marist junior Caleb Blaser.

For the remainder of the day the staff split into groups and worked on one of six assigned areas of school-evaluation for the accreditation.



Head of Accreditation Andy Oldham gives final instructions for the day. Photo by Toni Cooper

Introducing Ms. Spartans, a Dozen in All

By Haley Anderson

Over Christmas Break the Ms. Spartan ladies were chosen from a wide group of applicants. The girls, ten seniors and two juniors—Hannah Hughes and Lexi Cross—will be partnered up with the Mr. Spartan team to help plan and organize the event and raise money for Children's Miracle Network.

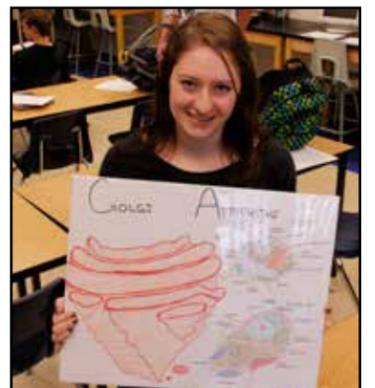
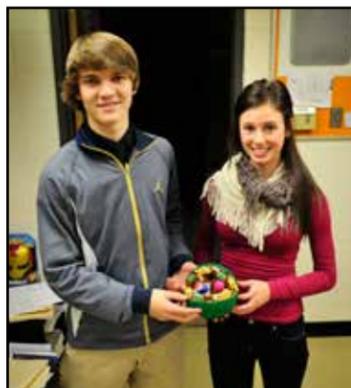


The Ms. Spartans (From top left): Delanee Martin, Hannah Hughes, Madeline Balderston, Aubrie Hood, Lauren Sibole, Dani Krier, Rachael Auld, Kenzie White, Lexi Cross, Gabi DaSilva, Jamie Ferrari and Miriam Jacobson. Photo by Toni Cooper

Cell Project

For three weeks sophomore students in Pat Wagner and Renee Cool's biology classes worked on creating interpretations of cells and cell organelles.

Left: A.J. Bartko and Natalie Weymouth Photo by Brittany Wong; Middle: Kaitlyn Witschger Photo by Brittany Wong; Right: Jordan Cox. Photo by Haley Anderson '13



SPARTAN SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL
Saturday Dec. 22 varsity hosted Cottage Grove, winning 49-43. At the Wilsonville tournament Dec. 27, varsity beat Cleveland 52-48 and Eagle Point 86-69, but lost to Wilsonville 36-50.

Varsity lost 55-78 to Churchill at home last Friday, and also at South Eugene on Tuesday 37-39. Thursday the boys lost to Sheldon 60-78 at home.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Varsity beat North Eugene at home 46-31 Friday Dec. 21. Over Christmas break the team traveled to the Woodburn tournament where they beat Woodburn 55-28 on Dec. 27 and Silverton 54-48 on the 28. Jan. 4, varsity traveled to Churchill and won 65-48; however, the team suffered a loss to South Eugene 33-50 at home Tuesday night. Varsity plays at Sheldon tonight.

SWIMMING
Girls and boys swimming beat North Eugene on Dec. 21 at Echo Hollow pool. Over Christmas break the boys and girls swim team competed in the Lebanon invitational. Tonight Swimming faces Marshfield at Echo Hollow.



Senior Josh Harper finishes against Cottage Grove Dec 22. Photo by Toni Cooper



Junior Kassie McCabe surveys the defense. Photo by Levi Yarborough