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Rising Spartans



Incoming freshmen get acclimated by spending time with the Spartan. Photo by Emma Pindell

By Emily Boyd

On Tuesday, incoming freshman and transfers along with their families came to Marist for the first Rising Spartans night to meet various teachers and coaches, learn important information about the upcoming school year and connect with their new Marist community.

The night kicked off with a spaghetti dinner and much mingling among the new families. While parents split off from their kids to hear miscellaneous presentations about the school, students headed to the theatre to hear from coaches, watch skits about the dress code and cell phone rules and learn the fight song lead by the Marist cheerleaders.

To bring the night to a close, everyone was invited to talk and enjoy cupcakes.

Ashland Bound



Seniors on the Ashland trip are all smiles in the courtyard at the Shakespeare Festival. Photo by Alex Seaver '13

By Hayley Olson

Twenty six seniors gallivanted across downtown Ashland and attended two plays at Ashland's Shakespearean Festival on Wednesday and Thursday. They viewed William Shakespeare's tragic King Lear and Tennessee Williams' gloomy yet hopeful A Streetcar Named Desire.

Highlights of the trip included a tour of the theaters, numerous bookstores and boutiques around town, and unforgettable coffee from Mix Sweet Shop.

"The food was really good," senior Brandon Parker said. "The theaters were really nice, too, and the acting was great."

TENNIS STARS SHINE



The Spartans' district medalists from all divisions display their hardware after a strong showing at the competition at Eugene Swim and Tennis Club last Friday. Photo by Zach Silva '13

Individual and team championships lead to state

By Zachary James Silva

After a successful tennis district semi-finals and finals last Friday at ESTC, the teams began the state tournament in Portland on Thursday.

Last Friday at districts, Marist advanced a team in all divisions—girls singles and doubles, and boys singles and doubles—to the district championships. Having already punched their tickets to the state tournament, they were looking to win the title.

On the girls side, freshman Madisyn Bryant cruised to the district title winning 6-2, 6-0. The doubles team of senior Lauren Sibole and junior Madison Penn followed that match and

fell 6-3, 6-1 to the defending 5A champions from Ashland.

For the boys, sophomore doubles team Austin Tyner and AJ Bartko came out strong and defeated Churchill's number one team 6-3, 6-4 to win the title.

Then came the match of the day—the boys' singles championship. Senior New Nipatasaj squared off against freshman Nathan Hampton from Churchill.

The two had met twice earlier in the year—Nipatasaj won the first match and Hampton the second.

Right from the start of the match, Nipatasaj was ready. He took the first set 6-1 and then

rallied in the second to win 6-4. This victory helped the Spartans tie for first with the Lancers to co-capture the team title.

This week the teams traveled to the state meet in Portland. Thursday marked the first day of the tournament and Nipatasaj, Bryant and the Bartko/Tyner duo cruised to victories after first round byes.

Sibole and Penn lost and moved to the consolation bracket where they won their pro set 8-3.

Bryant, Nipatasaj and Bartko/Tyner will play in the quarter finals this afternoon and, if they win, the semi-finals later today.

The finals are tomorrow.

Boys and girl leave their mark at state



The boys pose with their winning district score card. Photo courtesy of Shari Waldron

Individual qualifier Amelia Barker poses with her dad and sister. Photo courtesy of Shari Waldron

By Zachary James Silva

Golfers teed up at the state championship at Trysting Tree Golf Course and Quail Valley Golf Course Monday and Tuesday to conclude a successful season.

After capturing the Midwestern League title, the boys team of juniors Billy Pollock and Austin Owen, freshmen Davis Walter and Conner Lindstrom, sophomore Brett Proulx and senior Neu

Nipatasaj tied for fourth place at the state championship with 643 points.

Owen tied for fifth place individually with 150 points and Pollock followed close behind in seventh place with 151 points.

Senior Amelia Barker also advanced to the tournament after placing fourth at Midwestern League districts. She hit back to back rounds of 100 to tie for 31st place individually.

SPARTAN SPORTS

with SILVER AND SWAN

BASEBALL

Varsity lost last Friday to North Eugene 13-6 in their last league game of the season. Tonight they will face the 17th ranked Wilsonville Wildcats in an OSAA play-in game at home.

BOYS LACROSSE

Last weekend varsity traveled to Sisters and competed in the SALI Tournament where they won three of four games. On Wednesday varsity lost 10-8 to the Wilsonville Wildcats, ending their season in the first round of the OHSLA state play-offs.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Varsity finished their season on Wednesday with a loss to Oregon Episcopal School 19-7 in the first round of the OGLA state play-offs.

PETANQUE

Last Thursday in an all-teams tournament the Spartans lost to Sheldon and South Eugene.

SOFTBALL

Last Friday varsity ended their season on a good note, beating North Eugene 8-7 in 10 innings. Freshman Tiffany McLean had a single that drove in senior Bre Davisson for the win. Sophomore Shawna Burke had 11 strikeouts.

TRACK & FIELD

On Wednesday, varsity competed in the first day of the Midwestern District Meet. The Spartans swept five of the boys finals, the remaining of which will take place today at 3:00. Individual champions included junior JP Kiefer in the 3000m, senior Logan McGann in the discus, junior Liam Henshaw in the pole vault and long jump—as well as second in the High Jump—and senior Kaelen Byrum in the high jump, who set a school record with a jump of 6'9". Last Friday JV had their district meet where there were eight individual winners.



Junior Liam Henshaw long jumps at the district meet Wednesday where he won the event. Photo by Toni Cooper

Auction a splendid cellarbration of Marist

By Jackson Bedbury

This year's auction celebration was a splendid—and record setting—one, indeed.

With about 450 attendees and nearly 100 volunteers, the auction was poised to set a new standard of excellence.

The evening began with a silent auction and reception in the gym, which was followed by dinner and a live auction in the Activity Center.

In addition to the typical auctioning off of everything from hunting trips to golf packages,

patrons also raised their bid cards for tuition assistance and technology funding.

Almost \$9,000 was raised for technology, and over \$59,000 was raised for tuition assistance, up by over \$20,000 from last year—both numbers were records for the Marist auction.

One of the many volunteers, senior Mr. Spartan contestant Logan McGann said, "It seemed like every time I turned around someone was donating more money."



Junior Katelyn Grafton serves hors d'oeuvres during the silent auction. Photo by Megan Braud '13

Sophomore Brittany Wong sells Heads or Tails tickets for a chance at a \$500 Jerry's certificate. Photo by Megan Braud '13