



# THE SPARTAN SPEAR

VOLUME 8, ISSUE 1

MARIST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 6, 2013

## Root Beer Social



Entangled in fun, freshmen play a game of human knot. Photo by Zac Oldham '12



Enjoying root beer floats, a group of freshmen boys relax on the Chapel steps. Photo by Zac Oldham '12



Senior Sean Dorsey leads a small group of freshmen. Photo by Zac Oldham '12

## Staff Prepares for Year Ahead



Staff members participate in an activity to improve their leadership and teamwork skills. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Karlin Andersen

In preparation for the upcoming 2013-14 school year, Marist staff spent 24 hours at Saint Benedict's Lodge immersed in an atmosphere of faith and community while learning how to be leaders and followers.

Upon arrival, the staff participated in a prayer walk to calm their spirits and focus on building individual faith. Talks included reflection on the teachings of St. John Baptist de LaSalle and staff member's favorite leaders in literature. The staff grew closer while enjoying the riverside view and sharing stories about inspiring individuals that had influenced them, "it was a lovely chance to get everyone together," Tammy May said.

Faith was an integral part of the retreat with a mass led by Fr. Daniel before dinner along with a prayer service focused on wonderful examples of men and women who know how to lead and follow. As always the food was incredible. According to May, "we all gained three pounds!"

## RACING INTO A NEW YEAR



Racing towards the finish line, freshmen and senior leaders compete in a piggy back relay. Photo by Katie Tarrant '12

### 2017 Spartans spend a day exploring Marist and building new bonds

By Jordan Pickrel

The next generation of Marist students experienced their first day as members of the Marist family last Tuesday at Marist's annual New Student Orientation Day. Incoming freshman and transfer students gathered for a day of games and activities led by current students in Marist's Christian Leadership Class and Student Council.

"I think the games were fun,"



Senior leader Matt Thompson points as he guides a tour of campus. Photo by Katie Tarrant '12

said Orientation facilitator and temporary Student Leadership Advisor Sarah Reed. "It got them out of their comfort zone."

Following a morning of games like "wink murder" and piggy back races, students embarked on a tour of campus culminating at the fountain where they composed a letter to their future selves.

After coming together for their first lunch in the Marist Cafeteria, new students were entertained by skits ranging on topics from dress code rules to mass etiquette performed by senior leaders.

Students wrapped up the day with a shortened version of their schedule using five minute periods to help them find their classes and meet their teachers. Many freshmen considered this a highlight of the day.

"Going from class to class



Freshman Brittan Silver, writes a letter to her future self. Photo by Katie Tarrant '12

was nice," said freshman Alex Steele, "that way I didn't get lost the next day of school."

## New Faces Join Marist Staff

### Spanish I/II and freshman literature teacher come to Marist

By Katie Tarrant



Spanish teacher Beth Keech. Photo by Toni Cooper

Beth Keech joins the Marist staff as the newest edition to the foreign languages department. She secured her part time position as a Spanish teacher via a last minute Skype interview while spending her summer vacation in Korea.

She says she is excited for the coming year because she feels that "Marist's educational philosophy is very much aligned with my own."

Though Ms. Keech is kept busy both by her station at Marist and her teaching position at Lane Community College, she says she enjoys spending her free time playing with her 3 year-old son.



Literature and Student Government advisor Sarah Reed. Photo by Toni Cooper

Sarah Reed, a member of the Marist graduating class of 2002, rejoins the Marist community as a part time literature teacher.

Her ties to Marist go beyond her own attendance at the school - her father Mr. Baird frequently serves the school as a substitute teacher. Ms. Reed even did some of her student teaching work at Marist, and says "my goal was always to eventually come back."

She is kept busy on campus as both the supervisor of the Academic Support class, and as the temporary Student Government moderator until Mrs. Wirth's return. In her free time Ms. Reed says she enjoys spending time with her family and doing "pretty much anything outdoors."

## SPARTAN SPORTS

### CROSS COUNTRY

9/6: Boys and girls will race at home in at Fern Ridge at 1 p.m.

9/14: The team travels to the Ash Creek Invitational for 9 a.m. races.

### FOOTBALL

8/29: Frosh/Soph played Thurston in a jamboree scrimmage.

8/30: Varsity lost to West Albany 7-17.

9/5: Frosh/Soph lost to Liberty at home 12-16.

9/6: Varsity travels to play Grant at Lincoln High School at 7 p.m.

### BOYS SOCCER

9/5: Varsity and JV both beat West Albany 3-1 and 1-0 respectively.

9/12: Varsity and JV travel to Lebanon at 4:30 p.m.

### GIRLS SOCCER

9/9: Varsity travels to West Albany for their first game at 4 p.m.

9/16: JV battles Thurston at home for their opening match at 4 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

9/5: Varsity lost 0-3 to West Salem and lost 1-3 to South Salem. JV lost 1-2 to West Salem and lost 1-2 to South Salem. Freshman lost 0-2 to West Salem and lost 1-2 to South Salem.

9/7: Varsity travels to the Mountain View Tournament while JV plays in the Silveton tournament.

### WATER POLO

9/6: Varsity plays at Cottage Grove, 4 p.m.

## Welcome Yearbooks!



Seniors Cam Jack and Andrew Park get a kick out of the yearbook. Photo by Stephanie Coulombe

By Karlin Andersen

While some students labored through finding their lockers and taking school photos, those lucky enough to have ordered last year's yearbook enjoyed 224 pages of color bound between a cover filled with smiling Spartans.

The work of three senior editors and 13 lucky classmates created a detailed and creative book dedicated to each sport, spiritual experience, class and club. Students seeing their book for the first time enjoyed searching for pictures of themselves and often texted or posted photos to encourage friends to pick up their own book. Visit the Marist Yearbook site to find an order form or order online.