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Courtyard Club Fair

Freshman discover the many clubs and activities at the Marist club fair in the courtyard on Friday during lunch, in the hopes of finding one that fits.



Brandon David answers questions as senior Austen Whitney learns more about International Club. Photo by Katie Tarrant

Office Redesigned Tells Marist's Story



Explaining Marist's history, theology teacher David Haggard gestures to the redecorated main office wall. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Ben Schepengerdes

The school's front lobby got a makeover this week when an arrangement of plaques was hung to illustrate Marist's history and to allow all guests, students and staff to connect with the school's past. Theology teacher Matthew Oppe said that, "the history of where we've come from... who we are now...and the direction we're moving in...will be such a great witness to all our visitors and a great reminder to ourselves." The project was made possible through the hard work of Art and Environment Committee leader Julie Ferrari along with the collaboration of Toni Cooper and other members.

The new plaques have already served as educational material within the community as theology teacher David Haggard has been taking his students around campus ending his tour in the front office while informing them of the story of Marist and foundation of the school.

Reflecting on the plaques, Administrative Assistant to the Principal and Campus Ministry Assistant Terrie Clemens remarked, "I had tears in my eyes and yet a smile on my face looking at the walls this morning and remembering sweet times." This is the first of many additions to the campus improving the school's Catholic Culture.

BAPTIZED IN WE ARE ONE



Freshman dive into the fountain on one of the hottest days of the year to kiss the 'M' on their journey of becoming Spartans. Photo by Toni Cooper

A week of welcoming festivities initiates new Spartans

By Natalia Zreliak & Abby Almond

The newest members of the Marist community began the school year with a splash by participating in traditional Welcome Week activities.

For many freshman and transfers the highlight of the week was the Kissing of the 'M'. Freshman, transfer students and new teachers Beth Keech and Sarah Reed dove right into the Marist community by taking a dip in the courtyard fountain to kiss the tile 'M'.

Freshman Susmitha Helbling said that "kissing the 'M' was fun because my brother dressed me up in a shirt covered in sponges, and it was also fun seeing my sister dressed up."

The week began with signature day when freshman collected

signatures from seniors. Freshman Jack Lund was asked to "stand next to Mr. Oppe in silence for a full minute" in order to get a signature from a crown clad upperclassmen

The festivities were abundant on Tuesday when the new students rotated between stations of Pictionary, singing the fight song in the sprinklers, passing the hula hoop and a water balloon relay.

In general, welcome week seems to have effectively welcomed the new students into the Marist community. "I've been dreaming of going to Marist since my brother went to school here. It's kind of bitter sweet though because I'm the last one in my family to kiss the 'M'." said freshman Brittan Silver. "I'm really excited

to experience all that Marist has to offer."



As a group of freshmen look on, Jacob Reger closes his eyes as a water balloon breaks in his hands. Photo by Rose Cully

Learning to Love Each Other

The Marist community celebrates the Mass of the Holy Spirit with five new priests

By Maureen Pappin

Senior students excitedly as they took their new seats in the gym Thursday morning for the Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated by Dominican Fathers Fr. Daniel Rolland, Fr. Jacek Buda, and Fr. Francis



Seniors Kashi Hall and Mac Hudson embrace during the Sign of Peace. Photo by Austin Bosworth

Goode from the Newman Center, Fr. David Brown from St. Paul Parish, and Fr. John Marshall from St. Peter's and St. Mark's.

The words from Luke's Gospel, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you," permeated the Mass from the opening to the end. Fr. Daniel related the passage to the school motto, "We Are One" and encouraged students to live it out. The well known magician even ended his homily with a blessing, complete with a blaze of fire rising from his prayer book. At the end of Mass, student body president, Ben



Principal Jay Conroy opens the Mass by welcoming the five guest priests. Photo by Toni Cooper

Schepengerdes read a letter from the class of 2013 to this year's freshmen. The letter welcomed freshmen and ended with a special request from last year's seniors - "pray for us, because we're a little scared too."

This was the first Mass celebrated without

the school's former and beloved priest, Father David Cullings. Although the community is still adjusting to the absence of a permanent school chaplain, the student body was pleased to welcome the five priests that will be serving at Marist this year.

SPARTAN SPORTS with HART, MARTIN AND MEDENBACH

CROSS COUNTRY

9/6: At the Marist Invitational varsity boys placed second and JV finished first. Girls Varsity finished in 8th place and JV placed 6th.

9/14: The team travels to Ash Creek for an invitational at 9 a.m.

FOOTBALL

9/6: Varsity beat 6A Grant 38-16.

9/13: Varsity and Frosh/Soph play Ashland at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively.

BOYS SOCCER

9/13: Varsity beat Lebanon 3-1 and JV won 2-0.

9/17: Varsity and JV play Thurston at home, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

9/9: JV lost to West Albany 1-2.

9/12: Varsity beat Lebanon 4-2 at home and JV won 3-0.

9/16: Varsity and JV play Thurston at home, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

9/7: Varsity lost to Mountain View 0-2. JV placed third in the tournament.

9/10: Varsity lost to Churchill 2-3 while JV and Freshman both won 2-0 and 2-1 respectively.

9/12: Varsity lost to Sheldon 1-3, JV won 2-0 and Freshman lost 0-2.

9/17: The teams play at North Eugene, Freshman and JV at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity plays at 6:45 p.m.

WATER POLO

9/13: This weekend the team travels to Portland for a tournament.

Community Garden



A pumpkin grows amongst the vines in the Marist Community Garden. Photo by Katie Tarrant

By Jordan Pickrel

Marist's Community Garden turned over a new leaf this year with the addition of pumpkins to its list of crops. Despite Walt Fox's hope that his 20th Century Popular Culture class could harvest the pumpkins while studying them in the course, the pumpkins along with other produce in the garden withered this summer due to a malfunctioning sprinkler system.

Fox plans to replant the pumpkin patch next year.

The surviving produce was recovered from the garden by science teacher June Miller's ecology class this week to be donated to Food for Lane County.