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NCAA Brown Bag Lunch

By Jordan Pickler

Current Marist athletes gathered to explore their futures in sports this Wednesday during the first Brown Bag Lunch of the year. The presentation, which was led by Marist's NCAA Clearinghouse Advisor and Freshman Counselor Shari Pimental, sought to inform students of the requirements to qualify for NCAA sports programs in college.

The lunch time seminar this year featured a new video presentation prepared by the NCAA which was supplemented by additional commentary by Pimental.

"I like the presentation because it focuses on the academic portion of being a student athlete," Pimental said.

Pimental urged attending sophomores and juniors to look at the larger picture of being a student athlete; including weighing a school's athletic and academic programs when deciding on a college and using tools such as Naviance.

The Brown Bag Lunch Program gives students an opportunity to hear presentations from individuals in a variety of fields from medical professions to jobs on the police force every year.

Diaper Drive



Members of Marist for Life gather in the front of the school to count the 1,233 diapers donated. Photo by Tyler Fetscher

By Kylene Medenbach

This year our school gathered a whopping 1,233 diapers for Marist for Life's fourth annual Back to School Diaper Drive – beating last year's total by 233 diapers.

Club members met in the Marist courtyard on Thursday to count the diapers that will be donated to First Way of Eugene for mothers and their babies.

Next up for the club, the 18 members plan to participate in the national 40 Days for Life campaign, where they protest outside of abortion clinics and raise awareness that all lives deserve a chance.

Meetings are held in club moderator Heidi Susec's classroom during lunchtimes. Meetings are not mandatory in order to participate in events, but most appreciated.

MORE THAN A TEAM



Leaping at twilight, seniors Alexis Cross, Sienna Hacker and Madison Penn along with junior Claire Sick enjoy their free time. Photo by Toni Cooper

A weekend of prayer, games and reflection teaches students to serve

By Maureen Pappin

The 2013-14 Retreat Team was brought to life last weekend as 40 juniors and seniors traveled to Camp Tapawingo to share personal faith journeys, fun times and delicious food at the annual Formation Retreat in order to be ready to lead this year's Junior Encounters and Sophomore Jour-



Sitting on a picnic table, junior Jack Kiesewetter reflects on his personal faith journey. Photo by Toni Cooper

ney Retreats.

The team was joined by eight staff members and seven Marist alumni. The alumni shared words of wisdom and encouragement with the team as they shared their own personal journeys and experiences of their time on Retreat Team.

"It was helpful to get to know the alumni because they have already been through the experience that we are about to go through," said junior Jack Kiesewetter.

Previous to this weekend, many of the team members did not know each other and took this opportunity to build new friendships through fun and crazy games like Huggy Bear and Gaga in the Gaga pit, family-style dinners, small group activities, leadership work-

shops, and a cozy campfire under the stars.

At the end of the retreat, each small group had the opportunity to meet one last time to offer thanks for the gifts of each other and offer any petitions for the upcoming year. "It made me feel like a ray of sunshine was inside of me because the things that were said made me feel so loved by everyone, even the people I didn't know very well," said junior Allie Thompson.

The retreat was led by Director of Campus Ministry, Rick Martin and the seven alumni who included; Angela Saraceno '07, Danielle Kast, Blake Swanson, and Ian Skurdal '09, Jacob Guck-enberger from Class of '10, and Lauren Nelson and Katie Kline '11.

Frisbees Begin to Fly

By Danielle Reed

The Marist Ultimate Frisbee Club gathered for the first time this Monday on the baseball field led by coach Grant Gilchrist who will hold practices every Monday and Wednesday throughout the fall and spring. The team plans to play Sheldon, South Eugene, Churchill and even participate in tournaments in Washington.

Presently 40 students are signed up for the co-ed club with more planning to join in the spring.

Gilchrist has wanted to start an Ultimate Frisbee Club since he began teaching at Marist last fall and formed the club late last spring after hearing students were interested in the sport. Gilchrist used to play at Sheldon High School and at the University of Oregon in addition to coaching at Sheldon.

Other Marist clubs that have started up again this week are Environmental Club, Marist For Life, Chess Club, and International Club.



Marist Ultimate Frisbee Club coach Grant Gilchrist holds a sporting disc. Photo by Kylene Medenbach

New Way to Recycle Comes to Marist

By Natalia Zreliak

On Monday, 30 new shining black recycling cans replaced the old cardboard boxes around school in efforts to continue to raise money for Stove Team International by collecting the deposits on cans and bottles the cans collect. Stove Team International helps to build working stoves for families in third world countries. The Marist community has been involved in raising money for this cause for four years and in that time has raised \$18,000 in total.

The cans were generously donated by Marist parents Andrea and Byron Penn. The holes in the lids of the cans were drilled by Principal Jay Conroy and Marist Volunteer Program Moderator Jerry Ragan.

An artist is needed to create artwork for the cans to remind students that the black bins are for Oregon deposit cans and bottles only. Interested students should contact Jerry Reagan in the counseling department for further details.



A deposit-only recycling bin sits in the courtyard. Photo by Katie Tarrant

SPARTAN SPORTS with HART, MARTIN AND MEDENBACH CROSS COUNTRY

9/14: At the Ash Creek Invitational girls varsity placed 6th and JV placed 3rd. Boys varsity placed 2nd and JV was lead by Tosten Peterson but was not able to place due to a lack of runners.

9/20: Boys and girls are racing during the third annual half-time mile at the varsity football game against Bend.

FOOTBALL

9/13: Varsity lost against Ashland 7-21 and JV won 6-0.

9/20: Varsity plays at 7 p.m. against Bend and frosh/soph play at 3:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

9/17: Varsity won against Thurston 1-0 and JV won 3-0.

9/20: Varsity lost to Sheldon 0-1 in the 78th minute and JV lost 0-6.

GIRLS SOCCER

9/16: Varsity lost to Thurston 0-2 and JV tied 3-3.

9/18: Varsity lost to Sheldon 0-5 and JV lost 1-3.

VOLLEYBALL

9/17: Varsity lost to North Eugene 2-3 while JV won 2-0 and freshman did not play.

9/19: Varsity lost to Thurston 0-3 while undefeated JV won 2-1.

WATER POLO

9/17: Varsity beat Willamette 9-2.

9/19: Varsity lost to South Eugene 5-10.



Corey Solari swims with the ball in a game against South Eugene. Photo by Tamara Benedict

Back to Class

By Taylor Anderson

More than 300 parents gathered in the Gym Wednesday evening to listen to Principal Jay Conroy and Assistant Principal Rick Gardner discuss the value of education at Marist High School and the importance of parental involvement. Parents followed their student's schedule and briefly visited each of their child's classes to meet teachers and talk about student progress. Parents left with a greater understanding of Marist's curriculum.