



# THE SPARTAN SPEAR

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## Freshman Parent Night

By Jordan Pickler

Sixty-five freshman parents gathered in Marist's Bob Devereaux Theatre Monday night to learn about the social and academic aspects of their students' transition from middle school to high school at Marist's annual Freshman Parent Night.

The event, led by Freshman Counselor Shari Pimental, introduced parents to the services provided by the counseling department and how parents and students can make use of them.

"We want kids to take advantage of the services offered," stated Pimental.

Parents were also familiarized with the use of PowerSchool and Naviance as tools to guide their student's learning.

## SAT Class Underway

By Danielle Reed

In preparation for the November 2nd SAT exam, twelve students began meeting twice a week this Tuesday under the instruction of math teacher Amber Patterson and literature teacher Andy Oldham.

Patterson, who has been involved with the program for seven years, educates students on how the math test is structured and provides helpful strategies.

Senior Maureen Pappin felt the course was very helpful, "the class gave me confidence in my test taking skills."

Oldham, who began leading the program nine years ago, informs students test basics, teaches to write an essay in 25 minutes and administers practice SAT tests on weekends. He believes class participants are more prepared for the real test and believes it is reflected in a score increase of 200-300 points.

Information on future SAT classes can be found on the MHS website. Up to 25 students can register for the class. The winter and spring sessions are typically much larger.

## MARIST HEARTS LIFE



The Marist For Life Club gathered in the courtyard at lunch on Wednesday to draw bright chalk hearts to protest abortion. The message of the day was "Abortion stops 3500 hearts every day." The club was joined by many other students throughout the break who helped to draw 3500 chalk hearts on the concrete. Photos by: top left Toni Cooper, middle Toni Cooper, right Zac Oldham, main Zac Oldham

## Briefings, Battles and Bottles

By Natalia Zreliak & Abbie Almond

Marist held their first pep rally of the year on Wednesday, which gave students the opportunity to witness a demonstration of the new deposit cans, cheer on exciting games of dodge ball, and honor athletes and students of the month.

Marist Volunteer Program Moderator, Jerry Ragan gave a lively demonstration using the school's brand new deposit and recycling bins to teach proper recycling techniques. Next, fall sports teams competed in a spirited game

of dodge ball ending with a thrilling match between the petanqué and shooting teams.

Some of Marist's outstanding students and athletes were honored followed by an enthusiastic performance given by the Marist Passion Dance and Cheer teams, previewing their upcoming seasons.

Before the assembly, students gathered to discuss Homecoming Week. Also, freshmen discussed upcoming class elections, juniors received information on the PSAT, seniors shared ideas for their class



Marist cheerleaders perform during the Fall Pep Assembly. Photo by Toni Cooper

## Senior College Night/ College Visits

By Maureen Pappin

The Bob Devereaux Theater was chock-full of senior parents Wednesday night, as Senior Counselor Court Wirth laid out the upcoming year of new beginnings and new schools at the annual Senior Parent College Night. Parents learned the do's and don'ts of preparing their students for college and were given recommendations and reminders about the year ahead.

As October rolls in, many seniors are beginning to work on the much anticipated college applications and essays. In order to help seniors with the application procedure, Wirth held a Common Application tutorial on Thursday afternoon. Additionally, Marist will also be sponsoring close to thirty college visits



Seniors and juniors gathered in the ARC for an admissions presentation from Gonzaga University. Photo by Toni Cooper

from schools across the country in order to provide students with the opportunity to scope out potential schools.

## SPARTAN SPORTS

with HART, MARTIN AND MEDENBACH

### CROSS COUNTRY

9/20: Varsity boys beat Springfield 15-48 at the half-time mile. Varsity girls won 15-50.

9/28: The teams will race in Portland at the Nike Pre-nationals.

### FOOTBALL

9/20: Varsity won against Bend 55-0. Frosh/Soph lost 0-28.

9/26: Frosh/Soph beat Willamette 36-6.

9/27: Varsity plays at Willamette at 7pm.

### BOYS SOCCER

9/23: Varsity lost to South 0-2. JV lost 0-3.

### GIRLS SOCCER

9/25: Varsity lost to South 1-2. JV lost 1-3.

### VOLLEYBALL

9/24: Varsity lost to Willamette 0-3. JV won 2-0. Freshmen lost 0-2.

9/26: Varsity beat Springfield 3-0. JV won 2-0. Freshmen lost 0-2.

### WATER POLO

9/24: Varsity beat North 13-3.

### Pétanque

Varsity beat Sheldon 7-3.

## FANS OF THE WEEK

Varsity Football Defeats Bend 55-0



Cheering for the team, seniors Alexis Cross, JP Kiefer, Jonah Saraceno, Zach Whitsel and Mak Hutson show some school spirit. Photo by Toni Cooper



Seniors Shoshanna Hwang, Emily Hollander and Maureen Pappin show off their school colored outfits. Photo by Toni Cooper



The football team, cheerleaders and fans all gather at the end of the game to sing the fight song. Photo by Toni Cooper

## Getting the Most Out of Every Bite



Today, Mark Chronister took his economics class on a walk to the river to enjoy some fresh picked apples and learn about the law of diminishing returns. Photo by Elizabeth Locke

## Walk the Path to Ecology



Examining water bugs, seniors Olivia Del Guercio and Madison Penn conduct a riverside experiment. Photo by Elizabeth Locke

By Kylene Medenbach

Science teacher June Miller and her ecology class have officially adopted a Eugene City Park Pathway behind the school to help the city keep invasive plant species, particularly the non-native blackberries, under control.

The class will focus on getting rid of the dangerous blackberries, which

are a major problem in Oregon in that they have been known to choke out many types of plants.

As a group the students will be collecting data on the Willamette River's bugs, water and plants. The class will be going out every block day to watch and observe the changes of the vegetation they plant.