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Environmental Club

By Taylor Anderson

Environmental club moderator Ben Rain invites all students to meet this Saturday, October 5th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. to work on cleaning up and tilling the Marist Garden.

MFL Club of Month



Club moderator Heidi Susec and the Marist for Life club pose outside the Chapel.

By Danielle Reed

After being a big positive presence on the Marist campus for four and a half years, the Marist for Life club led by religion teacher Heidi Susec has been named club of the month by the Students for Life of America organization.

So far this year the club has organized a school diaper drive, ran a pizza party with MFL alumni, held a pro-life mass, and participated in the West Coast National Chalk Day by drawing 3,500 hearts in the Marist courtyard to show students the reality of abortion. MFL was nominated because they "hit the ground running" with their education on the sanctity of life.

The 20 members will continue to stand up for life by holding a t-shirt design contest, participating in the 40 Days for Life Campaign in October and initiating a petition regarding pro-life voting—all before Christmas break!

PSAT Scholars

By Brennick Thompson

This week Seniors Zac Oldham and J.P. Kiefer were recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars by Principal Jay Conroy for their outstanding performance in the PSAT/NMSQT and are among the top 3 percent of the 1.5 million students who took the test last year.

Olivia Del Guercio and Hernan Gonzalez were recognized as National Hispanic Scholars for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT and having a GPA of 3.5 or higher.



JP Kiefer, Jay Conroy, and Zac Oldham



Hernan Gonzalez and Olivia Del Guercio

FRESHMAN POUR IN



Laughing, freshman Joska Fischer enjoys an ice breaker game at the beginning of the night. Photo by Toni Cooper

Freshman play games and dance the night away at the 12th annual Freshman Lock-In

By Maureen Pappin

Arriving during a deluge of rain, the freshmen joined forces with seniors leaders, staff, photographers, and student council members this past weekend for an action-packed, all night party at the 12th annual Freshman Lock-In.

The night started off with a series of icebreakers to help freshman to get to know each other. Afterwards the freshmen split up into small groups led by seniors from the Christian Leadership Class.

Freshmen enjoyed a two hour period with their small groups before proceeding to a spiritually moving Mass led by Father Daniel Rolland of the Newman Center.

One of the highlights of the night was the midnight dance party. The dance was pumped up by Lock-In coordinator and DJ Chad DePaoli. He filled the cafeteria with music bursting with energy and enthusiasm. The dancing continued into the wee hours of the morning.

After the dance, small groups

met up again to film music videos set to popular songs of the day.

Freshmen spent the remainder of the morning watching movies in the theater, frolicking on inflatable bouncy houses in the gym while chatting and visiting with fellow classmates and the senior leaders.

By the time seven o'clock rolled around, freshmen and leaders alike were sleepy, but felt the night was a success. "I really liked it and can't wait to go again, maybe as a leader," said freshman Meghan Fahey.

Leaders Gavin Doremus and Garrett Broush shield freshman Brandon Meas from the rain. Photo by Toni Cooper



Reaching for the baton, freshman Jack Thornton and Jared Furgason compete in a game. Photo by Josh McIntyre



Busting a move, freshman Emily Jewett and Jack Lund dance together. Photo by Chris Keylock



Freshmen receive communion during the midnight Mass. Photo by Zac Oldham

Baker Goes to China

By Jordan Pickler

Marist Assistant Principal for Admissions and Behavior Stacy Baker returned this week from a seven day trip to China to sustain Marist's program for international students.

Baker visited a total of four schools in the cities of Beijing, Nanchang, and Wuhan in cooperation with Beijing HYFY International Exchange Co., the company in China which Marist partners with to review international student applications and assist them throughout the process of living abroad.

This was Baker's fifth time making the transpacific-voyage, during which she gave presentations to prospective international students and met with principals and HYFY officials about the program.

Baker said after making the trip this many times



Stacy Baker and Kathy Zhang visit the Teng Wang Pavillion in Nanchang, China. Photo courtesy of Stacy Baker

she has found a family in the administrators and principals she works with in China. "I had two principals tell me I am one of them now," said Baker.

SPARTAN SPORTS with HART, MARTIN AND MEDENBACH

CROSS COUNTRY

9/28: Varsity boys placed 2nd at the Nike Pre Nationals and JV placed 14th. Girls placed 13th.

10/5: The teams will race at the Gresham Cross Country Classic. The race starts at 10am.

FOOTBALL

9/27: Varsity shutout Willamette 45-0.

10/4: Varsity has a home game against Eagle Point at 7p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

10/1: Varsity lost to Churchill 1-0. JV won 3-0.

10/3: Varsity beat Springfield 8-0. JV won 3-1.

GIRLS SOCCER

9/30: Varsity tied Churchill 1-1 in overtime.

10/2: Varsity lost to Springfield 3-4. JV won 2-1.

VOLLEYBALL

10/1: Varsity lost to South Eugene 2-3. JV lost 1-2. JV2 lost 0-2.

10/3: Varsity lost to Churchill 3-0. JV won 2-1. JV2 won 2-0.

WATER POLO

10/1: Varsity lost to West Albany 10-4.

PETANQUE

9/26: Marist beat Sheldon 7-3.

10/1: Marist beat South 6-4.

Marco Foyot, the 9-time French national pétanque champion, will offer a free clinic at Marist next Thursday after school for anyone interested.

Vote for Geske



Head Coach Frank Geske is nominated for coach of the year by USA Today. Photo by Kylene Medenbach

By Jalan Hart

The Marist athletic department has a chance to win up to \$2,000 thanks to head varsity football coach Frank Geske, who has been nominated for coach of the year by USA Today.

This is the fourth year the contest has been held, and the first year Geske has been nominated along with 407 other contestants.

The poll is broken down into a preliminary round that features eight Oregonian coaches. After regional and national rounds ending on October 29th, the coach with the most votes will win \$2,000. Second through fifth place coaches will receive smaller prizes.

Vote at contest.usatodayhss.com, each person may vote multiple times. First round voting ends Oct. 8 at noon.