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BINGO GIVES BACK



Sophomore Brandon David prepares to stamp his bingo card. Photo by Zac Oldham

By Jordan Pickerl

Members of the Marist Community gathered in the gym last Sunday for a ball at the Marist Parent Association's annual Family Bingo Night.

Around 75 students, families, staff, and alumni attended the event, which generated a little over \$1000 for Marist's Scholarships and tuition assistance programs. These funds are used in part to grant financial assistance to over 210 students during this school year.

Prizes for the event included Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Movie Night-themed baskets and a \$250 Visa gift card.

"It was a fun way to help raise money for the Financial Aid program," said junior attendee Joe Laver.

Running in Boise



Members of the boys cross country team rest under the start sign for the Nike Cross Northwest Regional after the race. Photo by John Kiefer

By Janan Hart

Last weekend on a very cold and snowy Saturday, a group of seven boys from the Marist cross country team raced at the Nike Cross Nationals Northwest Regional in Boise, Idaho. Luke Littleton and J.P. Kiefer raced in the 5,000 meter championship race, while Michael Baird, Sam Nelson, Sam Scherer, and Ryan Helbling raced in the 5,000 meter varsity race. Tyler Fectel raced in the 5,000 meter JV race.

Luke Littleton finished first in the championship race for Marist and 88th overall. Sam Scherer finished first for Marist in the Varsity race and 129th overall out of 263 runners.

No Shaving Helps Needy



Seniors Brennan Lilley, Sam Harwood, Garrett Stollar and Austin Bosworth show off their beards. Photo by Zac Oldham

Students donate money to let their facial hair grow

By Abbie Almond

Don't be surprised when you see many bearded students on the Marist campus this month. No Shave November, an idea proposed by student body vice president Garrett Stollar at a recent staff meeting, has provided male students on campus the opportunity to join the national beard growing movement.

No shave November or "No-

ember" is an annual nationwide event in which males do not shave in order to raise awareness for cancer in men. Traditionally, the money saved on razors and shaving cream is donated to cancer research.

The 22 guys paid \$10 for a pass that enables them to forgo the dress code restrictions on facial hair until the first of December.

The money raised will go to

Five for the Feast, which provides meals for hungry families through the Eugene Mission.

"I think it is a great cause and I get to express my manliness," said senior Gavin Doremus.

At the suggestion of science teacher Ryan Moser, male staff members were also able to join the fund raiser by donating \$20 in order to not wear a tie for the rest of the month.

Seniors Share Stories with Sophomores

By Maureen Pappin

Last Friday, while the rest of the school was busy completing school work and lesson plans, a rotating group of five seniors from the Christian Leadership Class took the day to reflect back on their sophomore year with the class of 2016 in their theology classes.

Moderator of the event and Christian Leadership Class teacher, Rick Martin, guided the 31 participating seniors in a series of discussions and Q&A sessions to provide sophomores with advice and tips to survive their second year of high school and beyond.

"I really liked how you could follow exactly what the seniors were saying. I could relate to everything they commented on," sophomore Alayna Newman said.



A panel of seniors share their experience as sophomores with a sophomore religion class last Friday. Photo by Kylene Medenbach

New Members Inducted into the Marist National Honors Society



Smiling, junior Bri Stowell shakes Jerry Ragan's hand as she is handed her NHS membership certificate. Photo by Zac Oldham

By Danielle Reed

Last Thursday National Honor Society members and their families gathered in the Marist gym to watch the induction of 48 new students, both juniors and seniors, into Marist's chapter of the NHS.

New members are chosen based on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The Marist chapter of NHS, moderated by counselor Jerry Ragan and literature teacher Becky Boyd, is involved in peer tutoring, philanthropy, and will host an awards ceremony in May.

Tutoring will begin on Tuesday Nov. 26, though logistics such as where and when it will

be held are still being determined by the NHS members and Tutoring Chairman, Shawn Melendy.

Later this year NHS will sponsor Saint Vincent de Paul's Project Starfish at Marist as one of its main fund raising activities. Project Starfish raises money to help less fortunate families in the community pay for rent and the fund raising will begin in March and last until June.

The National Honor Society, which has been active since 1949 and consists of 80 total members at Marist, is one of the oldest and most prestigious organizations for high schools around the country.

Billy Becomes a Lion



Surrounded by his supporters, senior Billy Pollack smiles after signing with Loyola Marymount. Photo by Zac Oldham

By Kylene Medenbach

Senior Billy Pollack officially signed his letter-of-intent to play golf with Loyola Marymount University last Wednesday after school.

"It is a really nice school and I know the golf coach, he is a pretty nice guy and I wanted to play golf in California," said Pollack.

Exploring the Brain



Examining a sheep brain, senior Olivia Deschaine participates in an Anatomy and Physiology lab. Photo by Rose Cully

By Brennick Thompson

On Thursday, Anatomy and Physiology students dissected sheep brains in their unit on the brain and nervous system.

In the lab, students used scissors and knives to cut apart the brain and view the brain's internal structures. Since sheep brains, and most other mammal's, are very similar to human brains, the students learned what handling a human brain would be like.

"The brains felt awesome and surprisingly firm, I thought they would be squishy," said Junior Abbie Almond.



Anatomy teacher June Miller explains the structure of a sheep brain to senior Alyssa Whalen and Lindsey Gorman. Photo by Rose Cully