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Filling the Air with Spanish Carols



Language teacher Debbie Cullen leads her Spanish III class caroling around the courtyard on Thursday. Cullen's Spanish classes enjoyed a day of Christmas festivities including pinatas and reenacting the journey of Mary and Joseph called Las Posadas.

Spreading Christmas Cheer



Sophomores Margo Werner and Kai Harper examine Candy Cane-O-Grams. Photo by Zac Oldham

By Taylor Anderson

Candy Cane-O-Grams were sold during break and lunch everyday this past week. This event, put together by student council, gave students the opportunity to give their friends candy canes with a personal message attached. They were delivered today and helped students get in the Christmas spirit.

International Club Supports Stove Team International



Sophomore International Club Member Brandon David helps Sophomore Hunter McCool pick up some treats. Photo by Karlin Andersen

By Danielle Reed

International Club held a bake sale on Thursday at lunch in which they sold traditional Christmas treats and other international goodies in order to raise money to support Stove Team International. Overall the club raised \$95.45, which is almost enough to purchase two \$50 stoves.

The club decided at the end of last year that they wanted to raise money for Stove Team International, because it is the only international program that Marist sponsors. Throughout this school year the club is planning on sponsoring more bake sales, as well as being present at Preview Day.

SWEATER MADNESS



A group of students clad in seasonal sweaters pose after Mass. Photo by Toni Cooper

Students enjoy a day of seasonal celebration

By Katie Tarrant and Karlin Andersen

Coming together dressed in Christmas sweaters to share in the spirit of the season, the Marist community celebrated Christmas Mass today.

The service began with Campus Ministry director Julie Ferrari reading passages from the Gospel of Matthew pertaining to the birth of Jesus while seniors brought Advent candles up to the alter illuminating the stage.

The Mass itself was celebrated with Fr. Daniel Rolland who preached to the gym packed full of festively sweated teens. Fr. Daniel focused his homily on simplicity and the humility of the Nativ-

ity scene, stating that if shepherds were chosen to spread the Good News then we, too, are called to share the light of Christ because, "God dwells in you."

The Mass concluded with the induction of 18 new staff and student Eucharistic Ministers. Fr. Daniel instructed the new ministers to be holy every day and the congregation extended their blessing over the new ministers.

The holiday festivities carried into lunch with a Christmas concert performed by the Rock Band and Choir.

"My favorite part was seeing all the Christmas sweaters," said junior Corey Solari.



Seniors Kriscia Rivas, Angela Fuchs and Cory Park joyfully embrace during the sign of peace. Photo by Toni Cooper

Theology Classes Brighten Local Families' Christmases

By Maureen Pappin

This Thursday, roughly eight carloads and one van load of gifts, toys, clothing, and toiletries were collected for the Christmas Angel Program, which collects presents and supplies for needy families recommended by Catholic Community Services. Throughout the last week, students handpicked gifts for their theology class' assigned family, and brought the gifts into school. All gifts and supplies will be delivered by Christmas Day.



Senior Danielle Reed and Junior Nick Mack help carry gifts to transport vans in the parking lot. Photo by Victoria Richards



Marist students pose with Santa Claus last Saturday at the Hilton after helping share the spirit of the holiday season with children in the Head Start Program by making crafts, opening gifts, and sharing a festive lunch of pizza and cookies. Photo by Patty Ragan

A Jordan Pickrel Christmas



Junior Jordan Pickrel and his mother Susan Pickrel decorate a tree in the Marist Academic Resource Center. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Natalia Zreliak and Abbie Almond

The ARC looked a little bit merrier this week with the addition of a scholastic themed Christmas tree. Junior Jordan Pickrel and his mother Susan Pickrel donated the tree, which they decked out with pencil ornaments and topped with a silver apple, to show their appreciation for all the school does.

This was not the only tree they decorated this year - the Pickrels created 17 unique and fully decorated trees which they then donated to Catholic Community Services for families who could not otherwise afford to have one.

"It was fun to decorate them knowing that they were going to make someone's Christmas a bit brighter," Jordan said.

SPARTAN SPORTS with HART AND MARTIN

BOYS BASKETBALL

12/13: Varsity beat Ontario 59-35.

12/17: Varsity lost to North Bend 31-44. JV won 58-29. Freshman won 83-33.

12/20: Varsity plays West Albany at home at 7pm; JV at 5:30pm; Freshman at 4pm.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/14: Varsity beat Redmond 72-24 and JV won 92-9.

12/17: Varsity lost to Lebanon 39-46. JV won 46-43.

SWIMMING

12/13: The team finished 2nd in a meet against South Eugene at YMCA pool.

12/20: Meet against Junction City at Echo Hollow Pool at 3:45pm.

Musical Merriment



Sophomore David Russo and Junior Sidney White serenade the audience at the Christmas Concert. Photo by Tyler Fechtel

By Jordan Pickrel

Marist Music welcomed in the holiday spirit this Tuesday and Wednesday at its annual Christmas Concert in Bob Devereaux Theatre.

Reflections Choir, Jazz Band and Marist Strings performed Tuesday night, followed by Marist's own rock band Wednesday night.

Holiday songs from classics to modern melodies resounded during the performance which featured guest performances from graduate Jack Lemhouse '13 and Santa himself.

School Days Pile Up From Snow

By Brennick Thompson

After missing five school days last week because of the snow, make up plans are now in place.

The current plan is for students to return a day early from Christmas Break on Monday Jan. 6 (which was previously a staff in-service day), school will be in session on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 20, and the format of finals week will be changed.

Finals are now rescheduled for Wednesday Jan. 22 through Friday Jan. 24 and there will be regular classes on Monday and Tuesday of that week.