



Seniors Train Future Photographers

By Brandon David

Wednesday and Thursday seniors Austin Bosworth and Zac Oldham traveled to O'Hara Catholic School to kick off the 8 grade art classes' photography unit. The two taught the students how a camera works, as well as composition techniques. After the presentation, the students used their new knowledge to practice taking photos.

Awareness through Kindness



The bulletin board in the cafeteria has never looked more colorful. Throughout the week students have been anonymously posting their "random acts of kindness" thanks to the encouragement of the NHS organized "Day of Kindness." Set in motion on Monday, the purpose of this event was to help motivate students to be more aware of all the opportunities they have to be kind. Photo by Katie Tarrant

The Next Step in Evaluation

By Erica Landers

Next week, Marist will be welcoming an accreditation team of Catholic school teachers and administrators from the Portland-Salem area as well as the Chair of the Accreditation Committee from Southern California who will be visiting classrooms, talking with students and meeting with teachers and parents.

When the school's two year process of self-examination began in February of 2013, students, parents, alumni, teachers and staff were asked to provide input to help the administration gain a better understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses.

"It's like hiring a fitness coach, you want to get better, so you bring someone in to help you improve by telling you what you're good and what you need work on," said coordinator of the Marist accreditation team Andrew Oldham.

Y EL OSCAR VA A...



Frida Pinto and Jennifer Lopez played by juniors Sabrina Schaffer and Carley Beck present an award during the Spanish Oscars. Photo by Brennick Thompson

Upper level Spanish students host Marist's annual Oscars

By Brennick Thompson

Spanish students dressed up as their favorite Hollywood Stars on Thursday afternoon as they recreated the Oscars in the Bob Devereaux Theater, all spoken in Spanish. They wore their fanciest outfits and read acceptance speeches all while acting like the stars. Students voted in class to decide which film would win the Oscar for the 11 categories including Best Foreign Film, Best Original Script, and Best Film.

"American Hustle" won the

most Spanish Oscars this year with 4 wins in categories like Best Director won by David O'Russell and Best Supporting Actress and Actor awarded to Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper. "Wolf of Wall Street" took home the greatest award of the day, Best Picture, and also won Best Actor for Leonardo DiCaprio's role as the "Wall Street Millionaire."

"It was good for me to speak in front of a big crowd in Spanish and be there letting my emotions flow," said junior Sean Melendy.



Accepting the Best Director award as David O'Russell, junior Cliff Noonan gives his speech. Photo by Brennick Thompson

Talking their way to the Finals

By Karlin Andersen, Natalia Zreliak & Clara Lee

Despite tough competition from 40 Oregon, Washington, California and Vancouver,



Juniors Clara Lee and Heather Clarke stand with sophomore Jessica Lynch holding their awards. Photo courtesy of Steve Barth

B.C. schools, four members of Marist's Speech and Debate Team placed last weekend at the University of Oregon's Robert D. Clark Invitational Forensics Tournament.

Junior Heather Clarke placed third in the Open level Expository Speaking event. Sophomore Jessica Lynch was close behind in fourth place in Junior Oratory and a sixth place finish in Junior Impromptu went to junior Whit Daniel.

The big win went to junior Clara Lee who gave the best speech in Open Level Liebell, a category in which contestants whose first language is not English give a literary interpretation.

"Needless to say the competition was tough," said head coach Steve Barth, "but Marist still had four kids "break" into [the] finals."

SPARTAN SPORTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

2/25: Varsity beat North Eugene 64-57. JV won and Freshman won 53-31.

2/27: Varsity lost to Willamette 37-41. JV lost and Freshman won 65-55.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

2/21: Varsity beat Springfield 38-32 and JV2 also won.

2/25: Varsity beat North Eugene 44-40 and JV won.

2/28: There are three home games today at Marist against Willamette. JV2 will play at 4 p.m., JV plays at 5:30, and Varsity plays at 7 p.m.

Ultimate Frisbee

2/28: The team will be playing their first game against Sheldon at Cal Young Middle School at 4:30 p.m.

Chess

2/28: Chaney Hart and Cliff Noonan will be representing Marist at the State Championship today at LCC.

Right on Target



Sophomore Bridgette McAllister competes during the 2014 Indoor State Archery Tournament.

By Katie Tarrant

After years of training, sophomore Bridgette McAllister took second place at the 2014 Indoor State Archery Tournament at Bend this past weekend. A member of the Oregon Junior Olympic Archery Development Team and a first time competitor in the tournament, McAllister missed taking first place by only five points. The competition was the first of three legs in the tournament, the second and third of which will occur in the summer.

Grateful with Grace



Showing off her evening gown, senior Brianna Kempf competes in the Miss Lane County Pageant. Photo courtesy of Laura Kempf

By Taylor Anderson

This past weekend, senior Brianna Kempf participated in the Miss Lane County Pageant along with four other girls in her division. She was thankful for the opportunity to participate even though she didn't win.

"I was so happy I didn't win," said Kempf. "Even though it would have been really cool to be Miss Lane County, it would have been a lot of work especially on top of school and homework."

Warming Hearts with Acts of Love All Weekend

By Jessica Swan

Sun shined on St. Benedict's Lodge last weekend as 24 energetic juniors attended the much anticipated Winter Girl's Encounter. Nine seniors and seven staff members led the juniors through small group discussions and silly skits, encouraging the girls to build community with each other.

Displayed on a glittery banner which hung near the grand fireplace throughout the weekend, the Encounter's theme was an adopted quote from the Disney movie Frozen: "Only an act of true love can melt a frozen heart." Many girls took time to warm their

toes and share stories on the hearth, a central aspect of the lodge.

The candidates and team spent time hiking in the surrounding woods, playing ping-pong and shuffle board, and choreographing a dance to surprise Mrs. Baker. Many also took time to reflect in crisp air and journal beside the McKenzie River, enjoying the serenity and sound of rushing water.

"I feel like I now have a better relationship with my classmates because I had the opportunity to see different sides of them, and allowed them to see different sides of me," junior Emily Laing said.



Linking arms, juniors sing "Lean on Me" on Saturday evening. Photo by Toni Cooper