



# THE SPARTAN SPEAR

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## Engineering the Future



Engineering professionals gather to inform students about their chosen career path. Photo by Colleen Peterson

By Brandon David

On Thursday a group of successful engineers joined the Marist community at a Brown Bag Lunch. The panel consisted of three engineers from a variety of backgrounds: Tina Guard the owner of her own firm, Mel Damewood EWEB's Chief Engineer, and Chris Peterson a supervising engineer at Western Pneumatics Industries. They explained how an engineering degree can help you find a job in many different careers.

## The Little Journeys in Life



Senior Rector Shoshanna Hwang explains her journey with a ribbon. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Karlin Andersen

Holding up a ribbon to represent her life, senior rector Shoshanna Hwang began the Sophomore Girls Journey Retreat last weekend by explaining her personal journey.

The retreat started at St. Peter's Church with ice breakers followed by lunch and talks from retreat team members. After journeying to Marist, the retreaters enjoyed a special dinner followed by activities in the Chapel and free time to build relationships with team members and fellow sophomores.



Last Thursday through Saturday senior Maureen Pappin and her horse Joe competed at the Willamette District Oregon High School Equestrian Team Meet at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany. The pair beat their personal record in three out of five gaming events including barrel racing, keyhole and pole bending. "I enjoyed bonding with my horse and my teammates from Central Linn High School," Pappin said. She is looking forward to her upcoming show which takes place in a few weeks.

# FROM ASHES TO ASHES



Juniors Will Knowlton and Chandler Potter step forward to receive ashes during the Ash Wednesday Mass from Stacy Baker and Fr. David Jaspers. Photo by Toni Cooper

## Students learn to grow from self-sacrifice

By Maureen Pappin

Cross-stained foreheads wandered the campus this past Wednesday following the Ash Wednesday Service celebrated by Marist graduate, Father David Jaspers, who now serves at St. Alice Parish in Springfield.

Ashes were placed on the foreheads of all participants as a reminder of the holy words "from dust you came, and to dust you shall return." Putting this phrase

into context, Fr. Jaspers' homily focused on the importance of being an "authentic witness."

He reminded listeners to reflect on their actions towards others and to give up "the wants of our bodies" in order to focus less on our own needs and more on the needs of others; encouraging us to take those things that we consider "extras" or "embellishments" in our lives and give them up to God for the 40 days

of Lent.

The eight-member Accreditation Team visiting the school this week celebrated the Mass with the Marist community and was recognized at the end of Mass by Marist principal, Jay Conroy, for their dedicated work to evaluate and enhance our school.

Friday Lenten Masses will begin next week and will continue until Friday, Apr. 18.

# Seniors Celebrated One Last Time



Senior basketball players Jonah Saraceno, Anthony Finn, Sean Dorsey along with managers Tanner Lloyd and Caleb Blaser stand with their parents. Photo by Victoria Richards

By Garratt Stollar

Last week, senior boys and girls of the Marist basketball teams were recognized at their final home games in the regular season for their dedication, commitment, and contributions to the programs throughout their Spartan careers.

The boys' Senior Night on Tuesday ended on a high note with a 64-57 victory against North Eugene. "It was a great way to go out after four years of

hard work and dedication to the program," senior Jonah Saraceno said.

The girls program held their Senior Night on Friday in the Holy Dome against No. 1 ranked Willamette in 5A for all of Oregon. Although the girls lost 55-67, they put up a valiant fight and finished second in the Midwestern League and No. 6 in 5A.

# Supporting Project Starfish with a Historic Bake Sale



Selecting a doughnut, freshmen Jack Geisler and Max Menezes support Project Starfish during the history department sponsored bake sale. Photo by Julia Hastings

By Tayler Anderson

Marist has been an active participant in the Project Starfish fund raiser, which helps families in Lane County who are struggling to find housing. On Tuesday, the history department hosted a bake sale for students and staff and raised \$269.86 for the cause. Marist will be hosting the annual Irish Echoes dinner

on Saturday the 15. This event gives people the opportunity to come and watch a concert by Eugene's own Irish Echo Band and enjoy a delicious meal. St. Paul and O'Hara schools also participate in this fund raiser and on an average year the total donation raised is used to house about 36 families.

## SPARTAN SPORTS with HART

### BOYS BASKETBALL

3/5: Varsity lost their play-in game at Silverton 47-28 concluding their season.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

2/28: Varsity lost to Willamette 55-67. JV won 38-36 and JV2 won 52-20.

3/7: Varsity hosts Sherwood in the first round of the OSAA 5A state championship at 7 PM.

### ULTIMATE FRISBEE

2/28: The team lost to Sheldon 2-15.

3/7: The team has an away game at Churchill High School at 4:30 P.M.

### DANCE

3/1: The dance team placed 4th in the 5A state qualifying competition at Thurston High School. Seniors Devon Kirkpatrick and Kaitlyn DiMercurio placed 10th and 14th respectively in the drill down competition.

### Chess

2/28: Chaney Hart and Cliff Noonan were matched with random players from other schools to create teams at a tournament at Myrtle Creek. Noonan's team won while, Hart's team lost.

## Shooting to Victory



The shooting team stands with their awards after a successful competition. Photo courtesy of Donna Brann

By Ben Schepengerder

Last Saturday the Marist Shooting Team sent seven students to compete at the Woodland Open in Vancouver, Washington. The team captured 18 medals overall in the competition showcased by Woodland High School that hosted schools spanning from Seattle to Cottage Grove.

## One Step Closer



Accreditation team member Greg Allen from Jesuit High School teaches a group of juniors how to juggle. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Erica Landers

Ending the two year process of accreditation, a team of eight Catholic educators from throughout Oregon visited Marist classrooms this Tuesday through Friday to evaluate what Marist has identified as its strengths and weaknesses.

Throughout the week, the team met with students, staff, parents and focus groups. On Thursday, they met with administration in the morning for their preliminary report, then met with staff in the afternoon to present their final findings.

Marist will hear back from the Catholic school governing body, Western Catholic Education Association, before the end of school year after Marist submits their final report.