



THE SPARTAN SPEAR

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The Final Report

By Erica Landers

Last Friday the visiting accreditation team met with administration and staff to present their final report they will submit to Western Catholic Education Association.

The school received its highest marks for its Catholic identity and the integrity of the accreditation process. Marist was also sufficient in many other areas including material stewardship, teaching, learning and commitment to improvement.

All together the process went well, as the team said that they loved the Marist environment.

Peaceful Prayer



Marist for Life at prayer vigil. Photo courtesy of Heidi Susec

By Karlin Andersen

Marist for Life moderator Heidi Susec and six members of the club continued their campaign to honor life by attending a prayer vigil Tuesday afternoon in front of a Planned Parenthood in Eugene.

The group was joined by the National Outreach Director of 40 Days for Life, Steve Karlen.

Juniors from the club will participate in the vigil every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. during Lent. Everyone is welcome.

Bootcamp for the Soul



Fr. Ron Nelson on Friday. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Natalia Zreliak

Today the first of five Friday Lenten masses was held in the cafeteria and led by Fr. Ron Nelson of St. Mary's church. Fr. Nelson encouraged students, staff, and parents to make the most of this "spiritual boot camp" by getting rid of the excess in our life to make more room for God.

"It's nice to see everyone who is there because they're genuinely excited to be there." Said French teacher Ryan Baker.

Seussical Opens Tonight

Marist Theatre presents their opening showing of "Seussical" tonight at 7:30 p.m. It features original choreography and costume design by junior Nikki Mirhosseyni. Following performances will be on Mar. 15, 21, and 22.

BOWLING FOR THE BABIES



Layvey Li grins as he sends his ball rolling down the bowling alley. Photo by Stephanie Coulombe

A record number of students rally to support Mr. Spartan

By Jessica Swan

Decked out in a ridiculous array of colorful costumes, a record number of rowdy students attended the annual Mr. Spartan Bowling for the Babies last Saturday night at Firs Bowl to raise money for Children's Miracle Network.

Marist, O'Hara, St. Paul and Willamette Christian students were represented, as well as Marist parents and staff. The event also featured students from The Mr. Lancer program at Churchill High School.

Most students spent time bowling, while others played games of pool or visited the snack bar for some tasty treats.

Awards were given out by the Mr. Spartan coordinators for best costume and highest combined team bowling score.

Seniors Rowdy Huston, Dante Castille, Caleb Blaser and Dustyn Smith took home pageant tickets for a team score of 520, while Emma Kincade, Ben Parks, Taron Holaday, Brittany Dodds and Danica Shepherd dressed like condiments, tied with Michaela Crawley who looked like an elderly woman with a trio of cats: Bri Kempf, Spring Lilly and Erica Landers.

Students greatly enjoyed the evening with their friends, helping to raise over \$1,000 to benefit the babies in the NICU at Riverbend Hospital.

Senior Josh Higashi, a Mr. Lancer contestant, tweeted, "It was a blast!" later that night.

"My favorite part about the evening was bowling and helping babies in need, as well as dressing up in neon with my friends.

I am excited for the Mr. Spartan pageant and to see all the guys do their talents," said junior Braden Bromley.

For the latest and greatest on Mr. Spartan events, please follow @MrSpartan2014 on Instagram and like "Mr. Spartan 2014" on Facebook and mark your calendars for the Mr. Spartan Pageant on April 12.



Tyler McIntyre releases the ball as it flies down the lane. Photo by Clark Morton

Mother-Son Merriment

By Zac Oldham

Over 160 mothers and sons gathered this past Sunday for the cowboy-themed, biennial Mother-Son dance in the Marist Activity Center and hosted by the Marist Parents Association.

The sons and their mothers enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Billy Macs. After the meal the dance floor

opened up and the pairs danced to a variety of music provided by DJ Brady. The mothers and sons were treated to an Old West-themed photoshoot as well as a station to learn to use a lasso.

"It was a lot of fun, getting to hang out with my mom in a different way than normal" said senior Austin Bosworth.



Dancing to the music, junior Whit Daniel his mother Kathryn Daniel and Max Spinner enjoy the Mother-Son Dance last weekend. Photo by Zac Oldham

First Sophomore Boys Retreat a Success



Playing a game of finger-fencing, sophomore Caleb Coulombe goes in to poke his opponent. Photo by Austin Bosworth

By Brandon David

Last weekend the first of two Sophomore Boy's Journey Retreats took place, after long delays from the recent snow storms.

The journey started at St. Peter's Church, on Saturday. The group got to know each other through a series of ice breaker activities. Once in small groups,

the characteristics of a sophomore boy were discussed. One group decided that they are fierce like a tiger and strong like Mike Tyson. Once at Marist the leaders shared more powerful stories about their own lives.

"It was fun to get to spend time with people I don't usually hang around," said sophomore Michael Henderson.

SPARTAN SPORTS with HART

GIRLS BASKETBALL

3/7: Varsity lost a close overtime game 42-49 against Sherwood, ending their season.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

3/7: The team had a sweeping victory against Churchill 13-4 at Churchill High School. This was only the new club's second game of the season, with the first being a loss to Sheldon.

3/14: The team will have their first home game against South Eugene starting at 4:30 p.m.

3/16: Their first Eugene city league games is at the ATA Track & Field Center on W. 22nd Avenue at 4:35 p.m.

A Shot at Nationals



Senior Jesse Offchiss placed second at the first ever Oregon State Junior Olympics in Hillsboro this past weekend and Offchiss along with freshman Alan Brann, junior Brit Brann and Evander Pindell are now eligible for Nationals in Colorado Springs this July. Photo courtesy of Sharee Waldren

Zoro Leaves his Mark



Zoro drums during a demonstration on Wednesday in the Theater. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Garrett Stollar

On Wednesday afternoon, professional drummer, Zoro came to Marist to both perform and deliver a message that "everybody has a song to sing" and hard work and vision are essential for one to lead a life of fulfillment. Zoro explained to an audience of CLC and performing arts students how music inspires him and that he loves using his talents of drumming for God's glory.

Dancin' as Dorothy



Marist's very own junior Natalia Zreliak danced as Dorothy in her dance company's performance "Zappily Ever After" last Saturday at the Hult Center. Photo courtesy of Natalia Zreliak