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M.A.R.S. Members Enjoy An Out of This World Reward



Sophomore Nathanael Koester celebrates getting his free slices of pizza from the MARS reading program. Photo by Sam Inouye

By Austin McIntire and Emily Jewett

To honor students who made an extra effort to read over the summer, the National Honor Society rewarded readers with pizza from local pizzeria Track Town. The event was sponsored by NHS and co-moderator Jerry Ragan.

Marist Association for Reading in the Summer, or M.A.R.S., requires students to read 1,300 pages over the summer in a variety of genres. Upon completion, participants received a certificate of recognition. 75 students participated this year, which was a dramatic increase from previous years.

M.A.R.S. was started three years ago by Ragan. When teaching, Ragan was the first AP teacher at Marist to assign summer reading after being influenced by summer reading in his own Catholic education.

## STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



Senior Max Spinner

By Chris Keylock

Shout out to senior Max Spinner for going all out with Homecoming Week themes.

Spinner dressed up every day for its respective theme but was most notably seen as a unicorn for Wear Pink Wednesday and Superman for Superhero Thursday.

Great job Max! That's the way to be Spartan Strong.

## SENIORS CUT FOOTLOOSE



Top: Seniors "cut loose" at the finale of their dance. Bottom L to R: Junior John Collins models his American flag sweater; Chemistry teacher Ryan Moser and junior Ryan Helbling experiment as twins for the day; Senior Claire Sick dons pink attire; Seniors Lauren Griffin, Courtney Alldridge, Karson Silver, Sara Lange, Jacob Hubbard, Sean Kimball, Jacob Kiefer, and Annabelle Geisler prepare to save the day. Photos by Abbi Reichers, Michael Henderson, Michelle Campbell, Sam Inouye, and Sam Inouye

### Class of 2015 win the class dance competition for the second year in a row at the end of a week-long celebration of Homecoming

By Clara Lee

Campus was full of spirited students this week for the annual Homecoming festivities.

The events included dress-up days, a trivia bowl, lip-syncing competition and class dances.

Students from all four classes showed their school spirit by dressing up all week. The days were "Merica Monday", "Twinsie Tuesday", "Wear Pink Wednesday", "Super Hero Thursday", and "Decade Day Friday."

At the trivia bowl on Thursday, students from each class showed their knowledge by answering questions presented by history teacher Jon Nuxoll. The final round came down to a battle between juniors and seniors, and

the seniors ultimately took the victory.

On Friday, students dressed up for their class' decade; the 1950s through the 1980s for freshmen through seniors, respectively.

Groups of students from the sophomore through senior classes performed lip-syncing to songs they chose in advance during the competition. The victory went to the junior class, performed by DJ Tomcal who took control of the gym with his high energy rap infused dancing and lip-syncing to the delight of the crowd.

"We had a lot more participation this year compared to the last three years I've been here, especially from the class of 2015,"

senior Corey Solari said. "I think it's very important for us to win the class dance this year because we won last year and it will be sad and ironic if we lost to juniors this year."

Luckily the seniors won the class dance competition, earning their second victory in a row. Second place went to a very well organized sophomore dance, which received a standing ovation from the senior class.

Marist senior literature teacher and Dean of Students, Andy Oldham said the seniors' class dance was "one of the top five dances I've seen," in regard to senior Natalia Zreliak's choreography.

## Freshman Enjoy Lock-In The Night Away

By Jordan Pickrel

142 Marist freshmen mixed with a sea of salmon-colored shirts last Saturday evening for an all-night party at the 2014 Freshman Lock-In.

The annual event, led by Christian Leadership Classes and Marist faculty decked out in colored shirts, was designed to allow freshmen to get to know each other, build community and have fun.

Freshmen spent time in small groups with senior leaders, participated in a dance party, and made music videos. A spirit and song-filled Mass was celebrated just before midnight by Fr. Peter Do of the Newman Center and was centered on saying "yes" to God in both words and actions.

"I think doing something as a class was something great," said freshman Jonathan Van Kinkle. "It was exciting."



Senior Jacob Hubbard carries Brandon Backer through a threshold of senior leaders at the beginning of the Lock-In. Photo by Carley Weixelman

Marist For Life Begins 40 Days For Life Training



Marist for Life gathers with guest speaker Lynda Teutsch for a group photo after her talk. Photo by Michael Henderson

By Michael Baird

Marist for Life began their annual participation in 40 Days for Life, an international campaign to end abortion through prayer and fasting, last week.

Local pro-life activist Lynda Teutsch spoke to club members on Monday during block lunch about campaign objectives and her own abortion experience in 1986. Teutsch said that she still struggles with that difficult year of her life.

The club invites anyone to join in peacefully protesting against abortion through prayer vigils held outside of Eugene's Planned Parenthood facility on Franklin Blvd. every Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. until Nov. 2. Club moderator and Marist theology teacher Heidi Susec said the group will also offer "pro-life and supportive resources" to women contemplating abortion as well as those healing from it.

Juniors and seniors can receive direct Christian service hours by attending vigil services.

## Say Yes To No Human Trafficking

By Joe Laver

This Sunday Marist's Youths Ending Slavery (Y.E.S.) club will be attending a monthly vigil at the Gateway Mall in Springfield between 1:30 and 2:00 to pray for the victims of human trafficking.

The club is the sixth chapter of a larger organization based out of St. Mary's Academy in Portland. The organization has a majority of its chapters stationed in Oregon, but has one in Tacoma, Washington on the University of Puget Sound Campus.

The Marist chapter will be hosting fund raisers to raise money for a sister organization called Hope Ranch, which directly assists girls to get them out of the local trafficking system. The dates for fund-raising are to be announced.