



Remember Advent Angel Project continues through Dec 16!

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AP Government Tours Capital



Students from AP Government pose for a group photo in front of the Oregon state capital. Photo courtesy of Jay Conroy

By Clara Lee

With Christmas lights and twinkling and middle school choirs singing, Oregon's Capitol rotunda welcomed Principal Jay Conroy's AP Government class Tuesday for a tour.

Through the annual field trip to Salem, students were able to experience Oregon government in action by watching two court cases in the Court of Appeals, both concerning civil disputes.

Students also got to tour the House and Senate chambers and had the opportunity to converse with Oregon State Representative Nancy Nathanson, who represents the 13th District, which contains Marist. Intrigued by the working of government, some students were prompted by the trip to consider the possibility of politics as a career.

STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



The Marist Y.E.S. club holds a prayer vigil at Gateway Mall last Sunday. Photo courtesy of Josh Christian

By Natalia Zreliak

Shout out to senior Josh Christian for starting the Marist chapter of Y.E.S., which stands for Youth Ending Slavery, with Jerry Ragan.

They hold vigils on the first Sundays of every month and will continue to for the rest of the year.

TURNING BACK TIME



History teachers Jon Nuxoll and Tripp Nelson listen to the opinions of a freshman William Grieves. Photo by Kayla Backer

Freshman history classes hold Roman Senates

By Michael Baird

Marist history teachers and enthusiasts Tripp Nelson and Jon Nuxoll joined forces as Roman consuls Nelsonius and Stultus (Latin for foolish) respectively during the Monday and Tuesday block days this week in Nelson's annual "You are the Senator" role-playing activity, part of his World History unit on Ancient Rome.

Freshmen were given an assignment last Friday asking them

to create the strongest possible Roman Empire by rating characteristics, including the degree of taxes and slaves, on a scale of one to five, with one being no Roman government involvement and five being maximum Roman government involvement. When they reconvened, students assumed the role of senators, presenting their claims before their classmates and defending them before the two Roman officials.

"It's always interesting to see...the debating that goes on," Nelson said. "[Students] are so used to being that nice kid who doesn't say anything."

Nelson incorporates many additional role-playing assignments into the curriculum, such as his "You are the Pharaoh" and "You are a Chinese Peasant" activities, which he feels provoke discussion between students and enable them to "see all sides to an argument."

Celebrating Mary's Feast Day

By Chris Keylock

Complete with beautiful music to honor Mary, Marist observed the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday by celebrating Mass that honored the importance of Jesus' mother Mary in his life.

In honor of Mary, teachers, who are also moms, helped with the Mass. "It is quite the privilege, it's really special to be able to be honored in that way, to be a part of a Mass that is so important," math teacher Amber Patterson said.

One of the main messages of the homily given by celebrant Fr. Vincent Benoit was honesty, explained with the lesson of Adam and Eve blaming each other and then the serpent for eating the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge in the Garden of Eden.



Eucharistic Minister Tammy May offers the blood of Christ to junior Colin Kirk. Photo by Toni Cooper

Sophomore Girls Journey Together



Sophomore Madeleine Shojai plays an ice-breaker game. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Emily Jewett

They came as individuals, but they left as one. Last Saturday sophomore girls gathered for a retreat led by the Marist Retreat Team and moderator Julie Ferrari. The retreat started at Saint Peter's Catholic Church, and ended with a sleepover at Marist.

A few sophomores were hesitant at the start of the retreat. "In the beginning, I was nervous. I wasn't excited to go because I don't usually go to these events. Afterwards, I found out that I did enjoy it and it was definitely worth it to go," sophomore Meghan Fahey said.

The girls split into small groups for discussions and bonding. "At first they were kind of a little bit nervous to be in this weird situation, as the night went on they got a little closer and you could just see people really include everyone, which was really cool," said junior leader Heidi Sibole.

Sophomore girls worked in groups to build friendships and to learn to trust each other. "My group was great, they really participated and had really good contributions and it was really fun to see how they got closer throughout the night," Sibole said.

A Business Savvy Brown Bag Lunch



Doug Wilson and Jonas Kungys talk to students about business careers. Photo by Tatiana Davis

By Austin McIntire

Two business veterans shared their knowledge with Marist students this Thursday in room 200 at a business-themed brown bag lunch. They informed the listeners about their experiences in business.

Marist grad and entrepreneur Jonas Kungys '94 talked about why he chose to pursue a career in business.

"I always told myself, I want to do something that interests me," Kungys said.

Doug Wilson, Beth Wirth's father, spoke as well.

Kungys and Wilson also said that there are a lot of options for people without a degree, and having a business major can open a lot of doors for someone interested in business.

Marist Garners High Praise

By Brandon David

Marist was recently ranked fourth best private high school in Oregon in the 2015 Niche Ranking. Based on its academics, student culture and diversity, and survey responses. Marist is the least expensive of the top eight schools in the ranking, which included 44 schools in Oregon.

Stacey Baker, Marist's Assistant Principal for Admissions, is excited that Marist was able to accomplish this because she believes that Marist works hard to be affordable to all who wish to attend.

Seniors "Sit-In" For Sign-Ups



Campus Ministry Assistant Terrie Clemens explains the sign up process. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Joe Laver

Last Wednesday, seniors intent on claiming a spot on a Metanoia lined the hallway of the Administration Building as early as 7:50 during a late in.

"It's a bit of a tradition to camp out in the morning for the Metanoia sign-ups," said Campus Ministry Assistant Terrie Clemens.

Roughly eighty senior boys and girls signed up Wednesday morning and filled up the thirty spots on the first and second Metanoias leaving some room on the third.