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Teachers Travel to Pittsburgh

By Maureen Pappin & Cory Park

Four Marist teachers June Miller, Becky Boyd, Rick Martin, and Andrew Oldham left early Monday morning for Pittsburgh, PA to gather with thousands of other Catholic educators to share ideas and reflect upon the catholic school pillars of teaching the faith and maintaining academic excellence, access, and opportunity at the 2014 National Catholic Educational Association Convention and Expo.

"[It's] very exciting being around seven to eight thousand educators from around the country. [We] really get a sense of being part of something much larger than just Marist," Oldham said.

They returned this afternoon bolstered with ideas of how to improve faith-based curriculums and a new awareness of the importance of incorporating technology into classrooms.

"Technology is becoming an important part of Catholic schools and lots of people are trying to figure out how to do it well and for the right reasons," Oldham said.

Japanese Program Honored



Consul General Furusawa and Principal Jay Conroy hold the Marist award. Photo by Miyoko King

By Natalia Zreliak

This past Monday, Marist's Japanese program was awarded a commendation from Consul General Furusawa. General Furusawa has been traveling around the state presenting awards to the schools that have successful Japanese programs. According to the Consular Office of Japan in Portland, Oregon has the second-highest percentage of students who study Japanese in the country. Miyoko King and Principal Jay Conroy proudly accepted the commendation for Marist's excellent Japanese language program.



Senior Lucas Mirabella plays the drum during a joint concert with Paul Biondi and Milepost 7. Photo by Toni Cooper

THE GREAT GIG AT THREE SIXTEEN MINISTRIES

Marist Rock Band Jams for the Arts

By Erica Landers

Pink Floyd's, classic album, "Dark Side of the Moon" was covered by the Marist rock band bringing back the 70's to Three Sixteen Ministries Eugene church last Thursday.

The Marist Rock Band performed with special guests and well-known jazz performer, Paul Biondi, and a local band, Milepost 7.

Altogether, the performance raised around \$150, with all the proceeds going to Marist's performing arts department.

Fine arts teacher and music direc-

tor, Jim Reinking, practiced with the students for a month and a half for their big performance. With a total of 18 students in seventh period rock band, the class worked hard to learn the album in the class time allowed.

"Working with my old middle school teacher [from Saint Paul] is pretty awesome, because we both know each other really well and know each other's playing style. We both play drums, as he has been giving me lessons since I was in fourth grade", senior drum player and two year attendee of Three Sixteen, Lucas Mirabella said.



The Marist Rock Band performs at Eugene Three Sixteen Ministries church. Photo by Toni Cooper

Marist Math Minds Dominate

By Karlin Andersen

Twelve Marist students who excel in subjects from algebra to calculus were exercising a different muscle last Friday at the 2014 Lane Community College Math Fair.

Math teacher Amber Patterson and the carefully selected Marist mathletes spent the day at LCC in different competitions including quizzes with varying levels of difficulty. Marist had many top finishers including freshman Spencer

Wedmore and sophomore Dharma Prime who each took first in their quiz round. Prime even qualified for the Oregon Invitational Mathematics Tournament at OSU in May.

In the final event, a relay of different questions, the team tied for first in the first race and was a top three finisher in the second race. This propelled Marist to be the overall winner of this year's Math Fair.

"Marist rocked the 'Solve That Problem' competition to start off

the day," Patterson said, "and the team had a very strong showing."



The Marist Mathletes stand with their winning ribbons after the competition. Photo by Sarah Akers

Coming Down the Home Stretch

By Garrett Stollar

As the rest of the school began a day of grueling standardized testing, seniors congregated in the theatre to continue their journey to graduation.

After listening to Marist Sarah Jamieson '10 reflect on her college experience in a question and answer format, seniors were herded in the courtyard where they assembled to

form a "14" for their class picture. Those who won senior awards such as "Most Changed" and "Best Hair" then had their pictures taken while the rest of the Class of 2014 proceeded to the library to vote for prom court, most courageous class member, and student and staff graduation speakers. They also filmed their graduation video before fleeing campus for an early lunch.



Seniors Pedro Rivas, Garrett Brous and Zach Capri focus on their computers as they complete their senior exit survey. Photo by Toni Cooper

Choices for Healthy Relationships

Theology teacher Chad DePaoli address the sophomores before the two sides ask each other questions. Photo by Zac Oldham



By Karlin Andersen & Katie Tarrant

In an effort to help sophomores navigate the often complex world of friendships and dating, the theology department hosted a Sophomore Choices Day Away retreat at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Thurs. and Fri.

Each day, half of the theology classes took the day off from classes and focused on learning how to make healthy relation-

ship choices through activities, small group decisions and a senior question and answer panel.

Of all the day's activities the sophomores most enjoyed the comment and question session between genders.

"I liked the conversation because it gave us the chance to understand [the girls] more," sophomore Alex McQuaid said.

SPARTAN SPORTS with HART and THOMPSON

BOYS LACROSSE

4/15: Varsity lost at Thurston 1-6.

4/17: Varsity beat Roseburg 4-3 in OT.

4/22: Varsity lost at Sheldon 4-12. JV won at Sheldon 12-2.

4/24: Varsity beat North Eugene 14-7 at home.

4/26: Varsity plays Harney County at home at 11:30 a.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

4/15: Varsity beat Sheldon 12-7.

4/22: Varsity beat Thurston 20-6.

BASEBALL

4/14: Varsity beat Thurston 10-9 at home. JV lost 7-12.

4/16: Varsity lost 0-4 at Thurston. JV lost 7-17

4/21: Varsity beat North Eugene 12-2 at home.

4/22: JV game canceled.

4/23: Varsity lost 2-3 at North Eugene. JV game canceled.

4/24: JV beat North Eugene 9-3 at home.

4/25: Varsity plays at home against North Eugene at 5 p.m.

4/26: JV plays at North Eugene at 1 p.m.

SOFTBALL

4/14: Varsity lost 3-5 to Thurston at home.

4/16: Varsity won 9-5 at Thurston.

4/21: Varsity lost to North Eugene 3-5 at home.

4/23: Varsity won 3-2 at North Eugene.

4/25: Varsity plays North Eugene at home at 5 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS

4/15: Marist lost to South Eugene.

4/22-24: Matches canceled.

GIRLS TENNIS

4/15: The team beat South Eugene

4/22-24: Matches canceled.

4/25: Girls travel to Marshfield and play at 3 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

4/14: Varsity finished 5th at the Eugene Country Club Invitational.

4/16: JV finished 2nd at Emerald Valley Golf Course.

4/24: Varsity tied for 1st with Willamette at the Shilling Memorial Tournament.

TRACK AND FIELD

4/22: Marist and South competed in a three-way meet at Churchill.

4/26: Top three competitors in each event travel to the Summit Invite in Bend.



JV lacrosse players fight with their Sheldon opponents for the ball. Photo by Zac Oldham