

## MARIST PREVIEW DAY

Saturday  
January 10th  
Registration begins  
at 1 p.m. or register  
online at  
[www.marisths.org](http://www.marisths.org)

## Food For Thought



Past parents and alumni help serve dinner at a staff retreat on Wednesday. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Jordan Pickrel

Gathered around tables in the cafeteria and surrounded by Christmas decorations, Marist staff came together for a meal Wednesday evening in a creative weaving of the school's charism, the Feast of the Epiphany and food organized by Campus Ministry.

Staff enjoyed a five course meal prepared by returning alumni and their families, which was punctuated by readings, reflection and prayer.

"It was refocusing on why we teach here," said French teacher Ryan Baker. "It was a meal shared with some friends but also inspiration."

## STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



Sophomore Jack McGaughey

By Emily Jewett

Shout out to this week's Strong Spartan, sophomore Jack McGaughey, for his spectacular performance in the annual Rose Children's Theatre Christmas show, "Christmas at the Movies". He has been participating in Rose Children's Theatre for six years and is the drummer for Proclaim.

McGaughey also sings and writes a cappella arrangements for the Oregon Children's Choir. His enthusiasm for performance stems from his love of theatre and music.

Congratulations, Jack, for your musical accomplishments!

## MEET THE SPARTANS



Front Row: Bridgette McAllister, Courtney Alldridge, Natalia Zreliak, Carley Weixelman, Sara Lange, Emily Laing, Michelle Campbell, Lauren Griffin, Katie Barker and Natalie Weymouth. Middle Row: Braden Bromley, Joe Wagner, Jack Kiesewetter, Whit Daniel, Sean Kimball, Abby Crowell, Tate Rupp and Madisyn Bryant. Back Row: Randy Patterson, Jacob Hubbard, Jacob Kiefer and Max Spinner. Not pictured: Julia Hastings. Photo by Toni Cooper

### Annual Mr. Spartan fundraiser kicks off another year of saving babies

By Michael Baird and Natalia Zreliak

The 2015 Mr. Spartan Team is official! Before Christmas Break, the senior girls voted for ten Mr. Spartan candidates from the senior class.

Girls applied in early December and were notified over the win-

ter break.

The team convened for the first time on Wednesday, where Mr. Spartan Advisors Bill Ferrari, Christina Hocker and Lex Schmidt handed out sheets outlining the future dates and events that would take place.

The Mr. and Ms. Spartans

were paired and headed to the steps of the chapel for a group photo.

"I'm very excited to be a part of something special like this, especially since it's helping such a great cause," said senior Braden Bromley.

## Ramping Up Chapel Accessibility

By Danika Shepherd

After years of knowing the limited accessibility of the chapel, Marist finally had the opportunity to put in what was needed the most – a ramp for those with handicaps.

A grant from the Archdiocese was received and construction on the ramp outside of the chapel began during Christmas Break by the company Haney General Construction.

Although the ramp is still not quite finished, the school is eagerly looking forward to its completion.



It's a ramp. Photo by Danika White

## Scarf Making and Blackberry Scraping

Marist's NHS members step up their community involvement

By Austin McIntire

Due to their desire to be more outgoing in the community, six members of The Marist National Honors Society went to Alton Baker Park last December to clean out blackberry bushes near the canoe canal, as the start of their outreach.

They worked for several hours with the volunteer program City of Eugene Parks and Open Spaces. NHS is also considering adopting a park for more permanent service.

NHS also made 122 scarves for the homeless as the cold of winter was about to set in with Marist students who volunteered.

Members gave up their early release before winter break to meet in the library and cut fleece to make the scarves.

Next Tuesday NHS plans to volunteer at Food For Lane County to re-package food. A sign-up sheet is in the counseling center for members who are interested.



Senior Heather Clarke admires the scarf she made on her model senior Clara Lee. Photo by Jordan Pickrel



Caedyn Kimble trims blackberries from the landscape at Alton Baker Park. Photo by Jordan Pickrel

## Reaching Out With St. Vinnies



St. Vincent volunteers pose for a group photo after helping out. Photo courtesy of Heather Clarke

By Clara Lee

A handful of Marist students along with counselor Jerry Ragan helped the local St. Vincent de Paul chapter to make the holidays a little warmer and fuller for the people in Eugene community.

The annual St. Vincent de Paul sponsored food drive was held the Saturday before Christmas, fulfilling lots of requests from those in need at designated sites including St. Paul School where Marist members worked.

Serving over 200 people, St. Paul School was full of smiles and expressions of thanks.

"The drive turned out great this year. We stayed very productive the entire time and the great group of student volunteers was really cooperative and eager to work," Marist NHS Co-Moderator Jerry Ragan said.

## EXTRA FUNKY CREDIT



Seniors Christ Keylock and Clara Lee play their instruments for physics teacher Ryan Moser. Photo by Brandon David

By Chris Keylock

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star. That was the song played last week by two AP Physics students who made musical instruments during winter break to expand their knowledge of sound vibrations and waves.

Extra credit was earned by those who showed an understanding of how their instrument produces the sound we hear. Some of the instruments included a tiger-striped guitar and a copper pan flute.

"As much as I enjoy music, making an instrument was a whole new experience for me," senior Clara Lee said.