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Seniors Begin Metanoia Season



Senior Annabelle Geisler sits by the McKenzie River and reflects in her journal. Photo by Claire Farrington

By Natalia Zreliaik

Five teachers, seven Marist grads returned to St. Benedict's Lodge to lead thirty eight seniors through a weekend filled with hiking, bonding, a heated game of Apples to Apples, and spending time in small groups.

Retreat Moderator Bill Ferrari invited the alumni back to talk to the seniors about the transition from high school to college and offer advice to some of the stressed out seniors.

"The Metanoia made realize how many people I didn't know well and really inspired me to make more friends before I graduate," said Senior Carley Weixelman.

STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



Student guides get instructions from Preview Day Coordinator Tammy May. Photo by Jalan Hart

By Natalia Zreliaik

Shout out to all of the students and adults who helped out at Preview Day last Saturday!

Thanks to all of the students who volunteered to be greeters and guides, without you guys Preview Day wouldn't be possible.

A special shout out to Assistant Principal in charge of Admissions, Stacey Baker, and Spartan for a Day Coordinator, Tammy May, for organizing a great event to introduce prospective students to the Marist community.

PROUD TO BE DUCK FANS



A group of seniors gather for a group picture in their Duck gear on Monday of this week. Photo by Julia Hastings

No matter the final score, Marist students love their Ducks

By Emily Jewett

The campus was splattered with green and yellow. With over sixty percent of students and staff showing up in Duck gear, the excitement for the game buzzed with a nervous energy, in hopes that the Ducks would finally have their National Championship trophy.

However, Monday was a tragic loss. The Oregon Ducks were defeated in the National Championship by the Ohio State Buckeyes with a score of 42-20.

"I felt like we played really poorly. We had four turnovers and didn't capitalize on them. We had

a great season, but this game was one of our worst" freshman Sage Rauenzahn said.

Struggles to convert turnovers into touchdowns and several fumbles and dropped passes left the typically efficient Oregon offense lagging.

"I had a feeling going in that the Ducks were going to lose. The offense didn't execute well. The offense really lost the game for them" sophomore Brittani Silver said.

Even though the offense was able to get down the field, thanks to passing and running by quarterback Marcus Mariota, they gave

up too many red zone scoring opportunities, which contributed to the relatively low Oregon score.

Ohio State had a good game plan and executed it efficiently, dominating Oregon's defense and slowing the proficiency of the Oregon offense. Ohio State quarterback Cardale Jones proved himself to be a force to reckon with, despite playing in only two games in his college career previous to the championship.

Despite losing the game, the Ducks still had a great season and proved themselves to be one of the best teams in the nation.

ASSEMBLY PEPS UP STUDENTS

By Jordan Pickrel

Shouts of support and cheers rang out across the gym where students and staff gathered on Wednesday for a pep assembly recognizing fall activities and a semester full of students and athletes of the month.

Senior Kaitlyn Witschger, the Philanthropy Chair



During an intense second game of dodge ball crowd favorite, freshman Brian Pina slides as he throws the ball to get someone out. Photo by Toni Cooper

for Marist's chapter of the National Honor Society, began the assembly by introducing NHS' upcoming Project Starfish fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul's Connections Transitional Housing and its fundraising goals for the school year. A recipient of assistance took a few minutes to thank the Marist student body for contributing funds, some of which helped her regain stable housing. Over the last eight years Marist has donated over \$63,000 dollars to St. Vincent de Paul through Project Starfish.

The assembly concluded with a tournament intense dodgeball which pitted the fall teams against each other. The combined boys and girls basketball team was the victor. However the crowd favorite was freshman Brian Pina who played for the pétanque and dance combined team and received the loudest applause from the crowd, especially the senior class who rewarded his acrobatic-style abilities to avoid the ball with a standing ovation.

Marist Showcases School For Upcoming High Schoolers

By Austin McIntire

Last Saturday, perspective families headed to the AC for preview day to check out all of the clubs and activities available at Marist.

"It provides opportunity for students to be on campus and meet the teachers and staff," event organizer and Assistant

Principal in charge of Admissions, Stacey Baker said when asked about the benefits of preview day.

Many students helped to inform prospective students about the campus, and show them what the Marist community is about.

Families were toured campus and listened to presentations

from all of the departments at Marist. A panel was also held in which parents could ask Marist students from all grades about their experiences in attending Marist.

"I wanted to be able to talk to the upcoming freshman," Said junior Mary Akers when asked why she joined preview day.



French Teacher Ryan Baker talks to a potential student about the sport of Pétanque. Photo by Sophia Bethel

Students Explore Engineering

By Michael Baird

Ten Marist students, along with moderators Jerry Ragan and Shari Pimental, ventured to Corvallis this Wednesday to partake in Explore Engineering Careers, a three hour long engineering workshop hosted by Oregon State University that featured seminars on the 14 engineering programs offered there. High school students and first-year general engineering students at the university comprised most of the audience.

Following a brief presentation on general engineering, three 45 minute long sessions were held, each offering nine seminars, led by Oregon State professors and engineering students, that attendees could select to attend.

An Arresting Brown Bag Lunch



Hemmy, a police dog, demonstrates his drug-sniffing abilities with something that his owner, Oregon State Trooper, Clay Core planted. Photo by Sam Scherer

By Joe Laver

This past Wednesday, Marist was visited by Eugene Police Detective Brian Holmberg, Police Forensic Scientist Justin Crossland and Oregon State Trooper Clay Core for the Brown Bag Lunch Program.

Each of the visitors gave a brief description of their occupation along with what a typical day was like for them. "There really is no ordinary day for, I think, any of us," said Holmberg.

Core was accompanied by Hemmy, his ten year old drug sniffing dog, and concluded the session with a demonstration of Hemmy's abilities by hiding something in the room and having him find it.

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