

Bustin' Out for the Babies



Students break out their best moves at the Mr. Spartan Dance Thursday. Photo by

By Jordan Pickrel

Dressed as criminals and convicts, Marist students danced alongside cop-costume-clad Mr. Spartan candidates in the cafeteria to raise money for Children's Miracle Network Thursday night at the annual Mr. Spartan Dance.

Robotic Challenges



Marist's Robotics Team works on their robot. Photo by Josh McIntire

By Austin McIntire

Last Sunday the Marist Robotics Team participated in the First Tech Challenge at Benson High School in Portland. The Challenge is a robotics competition pitting participating teams' robots against each other in a series of challenges and obstacle courses.

For each match, a random partner was selected for the Team to work with against two other robotics teams.

Marist placed second for an award in design.

STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



Junior Bridgette McAllister draws her bow at last weekend's tournament. Photo courtesy of Bridgette McAllister

By Brandon David

Shout out to junior Bridgette McAllister who over this past weekend came in 2nd in the young woman's Bowhunter Freestyle at the Oregon Bow Hunter's State Indoor Archery tournament.

McAllister has been competing in archery since 2014 and plans to also compete in the State Outdoor and State 3-D competitions.

McAllister is the reigning 2014 State Triple Crown champion and feels she has a good chance of winning a Triple Crown again this year.

ENCOUNTERING EACH OTHER



Girls sit on the bank of the McKenzie river and reflect during the Winter Girls Encounter last weekend. Photo by Toni Cooper

Junior girls find community and friendship by the McKenzie

By Kayla Backer & Gabby Mujica

Beautiful sunshine and ten smiling seniors greeted the 26 juniors girls who attended the Winter Girls Encounter last weekend at St. Benedict's Lodge.

The last retreat of the year was themed after the classic Disney-Pixar movie, *Monsters Inc.*, focusing on relationships and community through the quote, "I wouldn't have nothing if I didn't have you."

Despite strong winds and falling branches, which prevented them from taking a hike, the girls enjoyed steaming mugs of hot chocolate, the beautiful scenery of



Top: Junior Marcella Buser writes in her journal.



Bottom: Juniors Leah Helfrich and Jordan Baird embrace. Photos by Toni Cooper

the McKenzie River and sitting by the warm fire. Many

energetic games of ping-pong were played, and the group spent their time in laughter and light-hearted conversation.

Insightful small groups encouraged the girls to grow closer with each other and develop new friendships.

"I think that I have a lot more confidence to walk up to whoever and say hi," said junior Mattie Di-Mercurio.

Both juniors and team members spent time journaling in self-reflection, embracing the peace and tranquility that the weekend provided.

Team Wins Not Debatable



Speech and Debate Team members break for lunch between rounds at the Robert D. Clark Invitational Tournament at the University of Oregon. Photo by Steve Barth

By Emily Jewett

The Marist speech and debate team participated in the annual Robert D. Clark Invitational tournament at the U of O last Friday and Saturday.

Teams from all over the United States and even Canada participated in the tournament.

"It's a lot bigger and a more diverse tournament. It's interesting doing it at a university and seeing all the college students

on campus," sophomore Sunny Childers said.

The team won many awards and represented Marist well. Junior Jessica Lynch placed 4th in junior Oratory Speaking, sophomore Madeleine Shojai placed 3rd in junior After Dinner Speaking, senior Heather Clarke placed 2nd in Open Expository Speaking and junior Jane Park placed 1st in junior LIBELL.

Is There a Lawyer in the House?

By Livia Kokkino

Thursday's Brown Bag Lunch featured careers in the legal profession.

Donna Brann, Alex Gavrilidis, and Chris Cardani shared about their jobs respective as Presiding Administrative Law Judge for the State of Oregon, a family law lawyer, and Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon. Cardani and Brann are both current Marist parents.

The speakers spoke both about what they do on a daily basis and the process of entering the legal field. "I'm not trying to steer you away from law school, but make sure it's the right choice for you," Cardani said referring to the debt that accompanies law school. "I have absolutely no regrets though about the choice that I made."



Alex Gavrilidis, Donna Brann and Chris Cardani speak to students. Photo by Tatiana Davis

Lenten Masses Begin

By Joe Laver

Rather than sleeping in, many Marist community members came together in the cafeteria for the first of four weekly optional Masses offered during Lent.

The Masses have been organized for 15 years by Liturgy Coordinator Julie Ferrari and theology teacher Chad DePaoli.

This week's Mass was celebrated by Father Vincent Benoit O.P. of the Newman Center. Fr. Benoit centered his homily on the experience of Jonah as he was sent by God to save the city of Nineveh.

After jokingly asking the congregation if they had signed up to spread God's word in of Africa or China, Fr. Benoit concluded that the calling could be lived out through simple actions anywhere.

"It's a nice change of pace from the traditional Masses offered," said senior Tyler Fechtel.

The next three Masses will be offered on Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

Swim to State



The girls relay team prays before their race at the State Championships last Saturday. Photo by Josh Christian

By Jan Hart

Following their impressive performance at the Midwestern League District meet, many Marist swimmers competed at the OSAA 5A Swimming State Championships held at Mt. Hood Community College Aquatic Center in Gresham last Friday and Saturday. The girls team placed 8th out of 16 teams and none of the five boys sent to state placed in the finals.

Sophomore Rachel Larsen finished 5th in the finals of the 50 yard freestyle race and 4th in the 100 yard freestyle. Junior Marissa Gibson finished 6th in the 500 yard freestyle.

The relay team of freshmen Amanda Allender and Jaclyn McQuaid, along with Larsen and Gibson, finished 4th 400 yard freestyle relay.

Gibson said that just being there was a good experience. "Our team is just one big family, and the team aspect gets us through big events like these. It was the best state meet I've been to out of the three," she said.