

The Prevention Project

By Michael Baird

Human trafficking is a rapidly expanding epidemic across Oregon, especially in the Portland metro area and along the I-5 Corridor. In response to the growing problem of sex and labor trafficking both globally and locally, Marist student counselor Jerry Ragan and Christian Leadership Class teacher Rick Martin are piloting a new human trafficking prevention curriculum that may be included in Marist junior class curriculum next year.

Deemed the Prevention Project, the curriculum centers around six lessons designed to educate and empower students to join the battle against this tragic abuse.

The majority of Marist juniors in CLC are participating in this curriculum, which was designed by the Richmond Justice Initiative, a faith-based, non-profit organization devoted to eradicating modern slavery.

The first three lessons were offered from 6-9 p.m. on both Monday and Wednesday night this week, and the last three lessons will be offered next Monday and Wednesday evening.

"I think it's had an impact already," said Ragan. "Some of the reactions [show] me that [students] are processing the information."

Good Morning Marist



Principal Jay Conroy reads the morning announcements to the school. Photo by Kayla Backer

By Austin McIntire

Every Morning at eight in the morning, students stand to hear Principal Jay Conroy say a random prayer before starting class. But where does that prayer come from?

The inspiration comes from two sources: The Notre Dame Gospel for the Day website and The Lasallian/Christian Brother's daily reflection website.

"I take from those sources and I put my own inspirations from the week into it," Conroy said.

Marist has adopted much from the LaSallians over the past few years; it is from them that we get the saying, "Let us remember that we are in the Holy Presence of God."

A NIGHT IN PAIR-O-DICE



After being crowned prom king and queen, seniors Dylan Achter and Bri Stowell dance together. Photo by Toni Cooper

Students dance the night away at prom last weekend

By Joe Laver

Dressed in dapper clothes, Marist juniors and seniors gathered in the University of Oregon's Ford Alumni Center last Saturday to play casino games and dance the night away at the Casino Royale-themed 2015 Marist Prom.

The night was planned by the 2015 Marist Prom Committee, which was made up of members of the junior class and was moderated by Student Counsel Advisor Beth Wirth.

The music which kept kids on the dance floor all night was provided by junior Caleb Coulombe.

The theme was complimented by a roulette wheel, a craps table and multiple blackjack tables, all run by Marist staff members and parents.

The night included the crowning of Prom King and Queen, seniors Dylan Achter and Bri Stowell from among the eight senior prince and princesses.

"It's just a fun night when

people get together and just have fun," said senior Emily Boyd, "it's a great way to cap-off senior year."



Juniors Henry Rear, Selene Konyon, Rylan Knepler, and sophomore Sunny Childers play blackjack. Photo by Toni Cooper

Annual Senior Ashland Trip



A few Marist seniors climb the climbing net at Lithia Park. Photo by Kayla Backer

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There was much ado about Ashland when 40 guys and dolls road-tripped down for the annual senior trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

Organized by Marist teachers Andy Oldham,

Becky Boyd, and Tony Rust, the students spent hours shopping in the unique stores, singing songs on the bus, climbing the spider web of ropes in the playground, geocaching the town, and drinking from the famous Lithia water fountain. But the main attractions of the trip were the two plays performed for the world-renowned Festival.

The 1950 comedic musical "Guys and Dolls," written by Frank Loesser, had the Marist members laughing and sitting on the edge of their seats Wednesday night. Tilted fedoras and glossy pumps danced across the stage in a classic story of love and crime.

Rewind about four centuries, subtract the singing, and add some Old English to get Shakespeare's dramatic play, "Much Ado About Nothing." The witty humor, ironic miscommunication, and memorable characters drew the audience into the world of sixteenth century Sicily.

A highlight of senior year for many, the trip was an adventure the class won't forget.

And Ashland won't easily forget our parkour skills and magical abilities.

Marist Garden Update

By Emily Jewett

The Environmental Club garden is beginning to sprout. Produce growing in the garden includes tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, raspberries, blueberries, and peaches.

"The berries are going to take years to develop and harvest, so it's kind of a long term thing" junior Madisyn Bryant said. The crops were planted on the Friday, May 1st.

Environmental Club is always looking for help with the garden, located near the science wing.



An eggplant emerges from the ground. Photo by Gabby Mujica

Districts Galore!

By Janan Hart and Livia Kokkino



TENNIS

Six girls and five boys of the Marist tennis program are headed to state after a strong first day of the Midwestern League District Championship.

The girls have locked up the district title this year after a strong first day of competition in thanks to juniors Madisyn Bryant and Renee Lee, who won their first two matches, qualifying for state, and will continue today in the semifinals.

In addition to the singles qualifiers, the doubles teams of Ellie Cross and Margo Werner and of Claire Sick and Nicole Spellman are also advancing to state. A total of 5 boys players are in the semifinals and are guaranteed a state berth, senior Jordan Gorman in singles, and the doubles team of Whit Daniel and Nick Nipatasaj as well as the defending 5A state championship team of AJ Bartko and Austin Tyner.



TRACK AND FIELD

The first day of track districts are now over and Marist has one state qualifier so far. Senior Cole Rogers placed 2nd in the pole vault with a vault of 12'6". Twenty other athletes, including Rogers, qualified for Saturday's finals on the track in 12 other events.

Also being decided on Saturday will be the remainder of the field events and the 1500 meters.

GOLF

On Monday and Tuesday, the Marist boys golf team competed at the 5A District 2 Championships at the Ridge Course at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond. They finished 8th out of 14 teams, and shot 668 in two days counting the best four scores each day. The team missed qualifying for state by 11 strokes to Eagle Point High School, and junior Davis Walter led the Spartans with a two-day total of 162.



GIRL LACROSSE

Excitement filled the field of Hood River High School as the Marist girls' lacrosse team prepared to compete in their first playoff game against Hood River on Monday afternoon. The girls lost 2-14 bringing their season to a close.