



New Staff - Part 1

Over the summer, Marist welcomed nine new staff members. Introductions to the four new teachers are below and the remaining five staff will be featured next week. An unexpected farewell was said to Spanish teacher Debbie Cullen who decided to retire (again!) and theology teacher Matthew Oppe who moved back to Washington to be closer to his family.



Erica Gingerich

Marist welcomes a new art teacher, Erica Gingerich. She previously taught at Thurston High School. Gingerich said she is optimistic about her future at Marist and enjoys the energy from the students.



Britton Reeser

Freshman and sophomore literature teacher Britton Reeser is already enjoying his time at Marist, especially the staff retreat. "It was refreshing being in a group that is committed to intentional community," Reeser said.



Henry Harper

Theology teacher Henry Harper is new to the Marist staff, but not the Marist family. Harper graduated in 2010 and remembers fondly being a part of the Mr. Spartan Program and the retreats. You can find Harper with his signature man bun around the halls of Marist.



Karen Zeller

Karen Zeller joined the Marist community to teach AP Psychology and AP Government. Zeller is most excited about talking with all the students and is "delighted to discover" that many Marist teachers have also studied Latin and ancient Greek.

IT'S A WHOLE NEW WORLD



Taylor Proden and other freshmen enjoy an amusing game of Rock-Paper-Scissors chain during Freshmen Orientation. Photo by Toni Cooper

Class of 2019 gets to know each other as they start their journey at Marist

By Emiy Jewett

Marist welcomed a year of changes this week. With construction beginning on the new science wing, the addition of nine new staff members, but perhaps the most exciting was the arrival of the class of 2019.

The freshmen gathered as a class on Tuesday to meet each other and acclimate to the Marist campus with the help of returning student leaders.

Some freshmen were meeting their classmates for the first time, whereas others already knew each other from the Root Beer Social in August.

The orientation began with an address from Principal Stacy Baker, followed by a prayer from Father

David Cullings and an introduction from Student Body President Ryan Helbling. The overall messages were ones of welcome and excitement for the new year.

The freshmen also played ice-breaker games, divided into small groups, watched skits, and toured the campus to avoid getting lost in the chaos of the first day of school. School began for the entire student body on Wednesday.

Many freshmen appreciated the opportunity to explore campus. "I like touring around the classes, because I knew I was going to get lost really easily" freshman Danielle Shojai said.



Freshman counselor Shari Pimental and boys soccer coach Corey Gabriel pass out root beer floats to students at the Root Beer Social. Photo by Gabby Mujica

Change Is On Its Way

By Livia Kokino

The Marist community gathered on a sunny morning last Friday to celebrate the groundbreaking of the new science wing.

Marist President Suzanne Graf opened the ceremony with a welcome address expressing her gratitude for the generosity of the community and all of the past supporters of Marist who have made this endeavor possible.

Marist School Board member and Pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church, Fr. David Brown, followed with an opening prayer. Also taking a moment to speak were School Board member and alumni parent, Charlie Kimball, and the Chair of the Marist Foundation Board and alumni parent, Jerry Harper.

Father David Brown

blessed the site with Holy Water before the thirteen people joined Marist principal Stacey Baker, retired principal Jay Conroy, and Graf to dig in and move some dirt to the applause of the crowd. The 13 included Brother William Dygart, Kimball, former School Board Chair and alumni parent Chris Cardani, Fr. Brown, Harper, graduates of Marist's first senior class Mark and Terrie Clemens, student council vice president Kim Knudtson, Advancing Marist co-chair and alumnus and current parent Rex Hughes, Marist alum, parent and member of the campaign leadership committee Michelle Laing and science teachers June Miller, Amy Becker and Renee Cool.

The construction for the



new turf field and stadium face-lift started in August. Construction should wrap up in mid-October with an opening ceremony on the Friday of Homecoming Week. Marist will play Churchill in its first official contest on the new turf at 8 p.m. on October 16.



Marist science teachers June Miller, Amy Becker, and Renee Cool take a shovel of dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new science wing. The Marist community gathers to celebrate this milestone. Photo by Toni Cooper

Construction workers continue to work on the turf football field. Photo by Michael Henderson