

New Staff - Part 2

During the summer Marist welcomed five new staff members, as well as four new teachers who were featured last week, to the Marist Community.



Kim Bastable

Kim Bastable joins the Marist community from Jesuit High School, where she worked in Christian Service. Bastable is ecstatic to encourage prospective students to come to Marist and welcome students into the community.



Rebecca Larson

The new Advancement Director, Rebecca Larson, previously worked for St. Vincent de Paul. "I felt like I was being called to come and work at Marist" Larson said.



Christi Nicholson

Marist's new Dean of Student Affairs Christi Nicholson joined the Marist Community after spending the past years raising her children. Nicholson previously worked at Springfield middle schools, where she was a Children Services Director.



Jerry Rosa

Jerry Rosa has joined the Marist community as a new custodian. Rosa enjoys Marist's hard working environment and the students' great manners.



Brent West

Marist's new IT Support Technician Brent West joined the community after having worked in IT for 22 years. Prior to working in IT West taught history at a middle school in Belvidere, Illinois.

DIVING INTO THE NEW YEAR



A group of freshmen kiss the 'M' to signify the start of their journey at Marist. Photo by Maddi O'Bannon

Students and staff celebrate a week of welcome traditions

By Megan Mersino and Caroline Gonyea

This week was full of exciting events for the new-to-Marist, Class of 2019.

Freshmen kicked off the annual Welcome Week with a new twist in the form of a scavenger hunt designed to help freshmen find and meet upperclassmen by collecting signatures from seniors adorned in crowns.

Activity Day on Tuesday included group singing of the fight song under sprinklers, a water balloon toss, and more.

Welcome Week concluded on a sunny Friday with the traditional Kissing of 'M' to signify

their "baptism" into the Marist community. Alongside the freshmen, the newly hired staff and transfer students also had the opportunity to participate in the unique activity.

"It was way more fun than I anticipated, I've been kind of dreading it for the last couple of weeks and thinking about what it would be like because I don't like to get my face or hands wet," new art teacher Erica Gengerich said.

"But once I was in the atmosphere of everyone doing it and once Father Dave got up, it just felt like the excitement of the event is definitely contagious

and this is a community I want to be a part of, and its apart of being a part of it so I just went in there and kissed the 'M!'"

All kinds of costumes were spotted around the school's courtyard during the ceremony. Upperclassmen dressed up their younger siblings for the occasion of diving into the water to kiss the fountain's 'M.'

"I could feel the unity and the love that everyone had for each other," freshman Jason DePaoli said

Natalie Reed a sophomore and transfer, who had the chance to kiss the 'M', said her favorite part was "the laughter and joy."

Marist Kicks off the Year with Mass of the Holy Spirit

By Livia Kokkino

Wednesday morning, the Marist community gathered together for the first time this year to celebrate the traditional Catholic Mass of the Holy Spirit. Celebrant Fr. Vincent Benoit, O.P. invoked the Holy Spirit and "ask[ed] for His power and love to transform our lives through the academic year."

The Mass kicked off the year with the celebration of a new academic year.

Fr. Benoit's homily put emphasis on Marist's motto "We Are One" saying that we are not one individual, but that we stand as one community. "If we are one, if we really are one, then we can change the world as children of God" Benoit said.

Senior Student Body President Ryan Helbling welcomed the Class of 2019 with the traditional letter of advice from the Class of 2015. This letter advised the freshmen to be kind and sincere, not to be intimidated of the upperclassmen or teachers, and amongst other things, that "High School Musical is indeed real." Helbling ended the letter adding that freshman year is full of memories and opportunities.



The priests bless the Eucharist during Mass. Photo by Toni Cooper



Student body president Ryan Helbling reads the advice from the 2015 class after mass. Photo by Toni Cooper

Upperclassmen Prepare for the Future

By Emily Jewett

Juniors and seniors are realizing that it is time to start seriously thinking about college, with the arrival of two important events this week.

Senior students and their parents gathered in the ARC on

Wednesday evening for Senior College Planning Night. Mr. Wirth provided the audience with information about the college research, application, and admissions process.

College visits began this week and will continue for several

months. Notre Dame University, Claremont McKenna College, Portland State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology all sent representatives to meet with junior and senior students to discuss information about their colleges and the application

process.

Students can register for college visits on Naviance or by meeting with their counselor. College visits next week include Gonzaga University, University of Portland, Whitworth University, and George Fox University.

Giant Sequoia Removed from Future Courtyard



The giant sequoia stands before its final removal. Photo by Gabby Mujica

By Maddie Decker and Ashton Stowell

On Tuesday morning, a Giant Sequoia that was in the way of the new addition to the Marist 400 wing was cut down.

Originally, it had been planned for the tree to stay in what will be the courtyard of the new science wing. The decision was debated for a period of time, but eventually the reality of the situation was expressed by the contractors.

After taking a closer look at the redwood they determined it to be a poor idea to leave the tree, due to the fact that the root system was already too large.

"[It's] sad such a beautiful tree had to go down" said Mr. Gardner, the Facilities Director and Project Manager. However, if it was left it would eventually cause damage to the sidewalks and the foundation.

MARIST DIAPER DRIVE

Help Marist For Life reach their 1,000 diaper goal to aid First Place Family Center! Drop diapers off at the front of the school from now until Tuesday