

## Seniors Earn Recognition



Stacey Baker presents Jordan Haggas, Avery May, and Emily Scherer with their certificates. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Caroline Gonyea

On Wednesday, Marist seniors Avery May, Emily Scherer, and Jordan Haggas received news that they have been recognized as commended students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their exceptional performance on the PSAT taken in the spring of their junior year. Principal Stacey Baker presented the students with certificates from the corporation in recognition for scoring in the top 3% of around 1.5 million entrants, which means the top 50,000 students in the nation.

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test assesses critical reading, mathematics and writing skills.

## Brown Bag Lunches Are Back!



Marist counselor and NCAA Eligibility Advisor Shari Pimental presents information regarding college athletics to students. Photo by Gabby Mujica

By Maclain O'Leary

During lunch on Thursday, Marist had its first Brown Bag Lunch of the year. Freshman counselor Shari Pimental stood in front of a group of about 20 individuals, and spoke about collegiate sports.

Pimental discussed the requirements to play sports after high school, as well as steps to take each year to prepare for the challenge. "She talked a lot about GPA and academic eligibility that many of the athletes didn't know before, that was very helpful" senior Matthew Jones said.

# LEARNING TO LEAD



Retreat Team members lead others in song. Photo by Toni Cooper

## Retreat team members prepare for upcoming retreat season

By Bridgette McAllister

Last weekend, in order to build leadership skills for the upcoming retreat season, 38 junior and senior Marist retreat team members joined Marist staff and graduates at Camp Tapawingo to develop their leadership skills in various workshops and activities.

They practiced essential leadership skills by simulating different small-group situations. "We learned how to ask the questions to the kids, and how to lead small groups," senior Alex Korth said.

By leading in songs, dramas, prayers, and ice breakers throughout the weekend the retreat team members received the practice they need before leading the junior and sophomore retreats.



Brittan Silver journals during the Formation Retreat. Photo by Toni Cooper

However, the retreat wasn't all work. In their off time, the retreat team members played an assortment of games. When asked what his favorite activity was during free time, Korth answered, "Gaga for sure." He added that "Marist should implement it, pronto."

While the retreat was a time

of learning and skill building, the weekend was also a chance for the students and adults to open up to one another. "I like how everyone opened up to each other. We've all gone through different things that makes us unique. But in the end it makes us closer," senior Rylan Knepler said.

## Diaper Drive



Sophomore Robyn May and juniors Susmi Helbling and Lincy Helbling help theology teacher Heidi Sušec count diapers on Tuesday after school. Photo by Gabby Mujica

By Megan Mersino

Marist's annual Diaper Drive concluded this Thursday after collecting an astounding 2,178 diapers. The Marist for Life Club, who ran the drive, counted the diapers yesterday and were grateful for the unsurpassed participation.

All diapers will be donated to 1st Way, a non-profit organization, which according to their website is determined to help families "distressed by unplanned pregnancies."

## Fan Faux Pas

By Maddie Decker and Ashton Stowell

Last Friday at a Marist home football game, played at Willamette High School, against North Bend there was an unfortunate display of poor sportsmanship coming from the Marist student section.

It began with booing and then transformed into chanting 'it's all over' at the rival team.

"It was honestly quite embarrassing," Student Body President Ryan Helbling said.

Since the game, Principal Stacey Baker and Helbling have sent formal apologies to North Bend, as well as other members of the Marist community that were equally offended by the poor behavior.

# Pope Francis Calls All Americans to Actively Pursue Peace and Justice

By Emily Jewett

This Tuesday, Pope Francis began his first papal visit to the United States since becoming pope in 2013. He was greeted by President Barack Obama at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland and after a welcome ceremony on the lawn met privately with the president in the Oval Office.

Pope Francis also addressed a joint session with the Senate and the House of Representatives on Thursday morning. This was the first time in the 229 year history of the United States that a pope has addressed Congress.

He emphasized the importance of legislators in the protection

of vulnerable and downtrodden people throughout the country. He called for politicians to welcome refugees from Syria with open arms and to see them as faces instead of numbers.

The pontiff also expressed his opposition to the death penalty, citing the Golden Rule as the reason to respect life at all stages of development.

Some Marist staff members gathered early Thursday morning, complete with breakfast and coffee, to view the pope's address to congress live together.

Pope Francis also visited New York City and took time to speak to the United Nations General

Assembly; challenging those in power to assist the impoverished throughout the world.

He reproached international powers for prioritizing political standing over assisting the oppressed in the Middle East. He also reminded those present to work to protect the environment and the earth, as he said in his encyclical released this summer, "Laudato Si".

Pope Francis was one of 12 religious leaders present from Sikh, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, and Christian faiths that attended an inter-religious ceremony today at the 9/11 Memorial.

He also plans to lead a proces-

sion through Central Park before celebrating Mass at Madison Square Garden this evening.

He will travel to Philadelphia tomorrow and will visit the World Meeting of Families. He also plans to visit Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility on Sunday, before leaving to return to Rome.

Pope Francis also performed the first canonization on United States soil. The pope canonized controversial figure Junipero Serra, an 18th-century Franciscan friar who founded missions in California, at a Mass in his native Spanish at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

## Parents Assemble For Information About The Upcoming School Year

Freshmen Counselor Shari Pimental informs freshmen parents about the resources available at Marist. Photo by Gabby Mujica



By Livia Kokkino

Parents of Marist students gathered in the main gym for Welcome Back Night on Wednesday evening to receive information from teachers about the new school year. Parents spent the night in their child's shoes going from class to class, spending 5 minutes in each period. This time allowed for introductions to be exchanged and

course descriptions to be reviewed. Freshman Parents also met in the Bob Devereaux Theater on Monday evening with freshman counselor Shari Pimental to get information about the counseling services offered at Marist, common concerns and problems students face, upcoming parent events, Schoology, and Naviance.