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Peace Out, PSAT

By Emily Jewett

Marist juniors gathered in the Activity Center on Wednesday morning to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test, or PSAT to provide an opportunity to practice for the SAT as well as to determine which students are eligible for National Merit Scholarships.

In past years, the PSAT had been administered on a Saturday. The test was moved by the College Board this year to a Wednesday, to better accommodate students nationwide who work or participate in sports on weekends.

Having the test on a school day also increased student participation.

"We had every single junior take the test, that's never happened before," assistant principal of academic affairs, Andy Oldham said.

Speech & Debate Success



The speech and debate team celebrate after their tournament. Photo by Steve Barth

By Caroline Gonyea

The Marist speech and debate team competed in their first tournament of the season last Saturday at Marshfield High School in Coos Bay.

A team of seven traveled to the Oregon coastal town to take part in multiple events at the South Coast Invitation.

Senior Jessica Lynch placed first in expository, Junior Emily Jewett placed second in poetry, and Junior Maya Dotson placed third in impromptu.

The speech and debate season lasts six month and will end with the state tournament in May.

Kick Off to the Arts

By Bridgette McAllister

The Arts Angels fundraiser kicked off Tuesday with an informational meeting in the Bob Deveraux Theater. Theater director Tony Rust spoke at the meeting, addressing the budget for music, theater, visual arts, and journalism.

Rust said, "This is the main fundraiser to gain \$10,000 to supply the program with new equipment for theatre and the arts."

The arts department is looking for \$100 in sponsorship from each student. Ad sales and all ticket sales from plays and concerts go to the arts department budget.

"This will help put out better entertainment, music, art, etc." Rust said.

FINALLY!



Top: Malay Johnston strikes a pose during the class dance. Photo by Toni Cooper

Above: Art teacher Erica Gingerich teaches in her pajamas for PJ day. Photo by Michael Henderson '16

5. Nicholas Clark, Daniel Riechers, and Christopher Allender dress alike for twin day. Photo by Joshua Haggas '16



Above: Booy Rogers, Emily Yeh, and Grace Rosier relax in a hammock on campout day. Photo by Toni Cooper



Left: DJ Tomcal interacts with the crowd during the lip-sync competition. Photo by Toni Cooper

The Class of 2016 finally wins the coveted class dance and lip-sync competition

By Livia Kokkino & Megan Mersino

Starting Monday and ending tomorrow, the student body is taking part in a fun-filled Homecoming Week giving them the chance to show off their school spirit and class pride.

It was a "senior sweep" with the Class of 2016 winning the dance competition and senior DJ Tomcal winning the lip sync contest.

All classes showed off their school pride in an hour long assembly showcasing their well-choreographed dances and lip syncing skills. The hours of work and dedication that went into preparation paid off.

The class dances marked the end of the school day festivities.

The school started the week off strong with Pajama Day on Monday, and people were seeing double on Tuesday with Twin Day. Students dressed up in their favorite color or pattern for Color Block Day on Wednesday.

On Thursday, students dressed up in their most "outdoorsy" clothes for Campout Day. The classes went back in time on Friday for Decade Day, with the freshmen dressing up in their best fifties outfits, sophomores in their sixties, juniors in their seventies, and seniors in their eighties.

The students will hopefully bring their energy from the week to the Homecoming football game against Churchill this evening.

The Kevin Teller turf field dedication will take place prior to the football game where the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced during halftime.

Tomorrow evening, Marist will host the traditional Homecoming dance in the gym at 8. The event ends a long but memorable week with a bang, giving everyone a chance to dress up and have fun. Tickets will be sold for 10 dollars at the door. Student body ID cards are required.

Showcasing Marist Clubs

By Ashton Stowell

Last Tuesday student council held a Club Fair during lunch to get students involved with a variety of clubs that will meet regularly throughout the school year.

Along with well-established clubs like Marist for Life and Marist Outdoor Adventure Program, students were invited to create and advertise their new clubs. The newer clubs like Kendama Club, Ski Club and Movie Club will hopefully provide an opportunity for more students to get involved.

In addition to the clubs, the cheer, shooting and dance teams were at the fair to encourage people to join.



Dharma Prime, Alcaya Newman, and Marcella Buser advertise for their new Movie Club. Photo by Molly Holmberg '17



Spencer Nelson represents Kendama Club at the Club Fair. Photo by Toni Cooper

HEARTS FOR LIFE



A Marist student draws one of many hearts in the Marist courtyard at lunchtime Tuesday to illustrate the 3,500 lives lost to abortion in the United States each day. Photo by Molly Holmberg '17