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## Willamette Winterfest

By Emily Jewett

The Marist Speech and Debate team got into the joy of Christmas with the Willamette Winterfest Tournament at the University of Oregon last Saturday.

The tournament was hosted by Willamette High School and featured a Christmas theme and fun events, such as Salesmanship, where participants must sell an object given to them thirty minutes prior, as well as the popular Fortune Cookie Impromptu, an event where participants must give a five minute speech about a fortune given to them in a cookie.

Juniors Madeleine Shojai and Emily Jewett placed first in Impromptu Dual, an event that featured acting out a vague script. Shojai also placed first in Panel Discussion.

Juniors Angela Agnew and Maya Dotson tied for first and freshman Danielle Shojai placed second in Fortune Cookie Impromptu. Dotson also placed second in Salesmanship.

Freshman Chase Bond placed second in Job Interview and freshman Lindy McCool placed third in extemporaneous speaking.



Photo by Alicia Meyer '16



Sophomore Viola Watts and freshman Kirah Bernard play Christmas songs for the Sawyer House. Photo by Jeff Dreiling



Sophomore William Thompson, senior Jordan Haggas, and junior Jack Lund perform Christmas carols at the Sawyer House, a local assisted living community. Photo by Jeff Dreiling



Friday morning, before students were released early from school due to a water main shut off, the 20th century pop culture class builds gingerbread houses. Photo by Gabby Mujica '16



Senior Taylor Gorham loads the van with gifts from her theology class. Photo by Sarah McNutt

## How Well is Your Well?



Senior Mary Akers tests a sample during Ecology. Photo by Gabby Mujica

By Caroline Gonyea

The Marist science department including a handful of students are now providing a free service to the community. Yesterday was the second day that the front office was used as drop off point for Lane County residents to have their well-water screened for nitrates, bacteria, and arsenic and the pH and conductivity of the water.

The Water Well Screening Program started in November and will continue the monthly service until the spring. Their next water screening day is Jan. 14.

Water was tested not only as a service, but also as a learning experience for students as a hands-on opportunity to explore science careers and to give back to the community.

## Thank You, Coach Hummel

By Benny Flores and Ashton Stowell

Last Friday, we celebrated a friend, teacher and coach of 55 years.

Ed Hummel was honored at a reception, followed by a ceremony in the main gym.

Hummel had been teaching and coaching at Marist since 1960, when the school was still called St. Francis.

He has done everything from coaching football to teaching accounting. Hummel did this for 55 years until he retired from teaching in 1998, but he still continued to help coach.

At the ceremony, former



Ed Hummel and his family stand with the 55 men representing the 55 years he's coached. Photo by...

mer athletes from Hummel's baseball, basketball and football teams held a sign of their graduating year and gathered around Hummel as he received a plaque for his

dedication and hard work during his many years at Marist.

Those students who attended got an "Ed Head," pictures of Hummel over the years on a

popsicle stick and free pizza.

Hummel left feeling very honored for everything the school and the community had done for him.

Marist students and staff spread the Christmas cheer

By Bridgette McAllister

With the orchestra playing, and band and choir singing great carols of cheer, it's the most wonderful time of the year.

Last Wednesday, the music department hosted it's annual Christmas music concert in the Bob Devereaux Theatre. The concert opened with the strings orchestra, conducted by strings teacher Alisa Kincade, followed by jazz band, choir, and rock band, conducted by music director Jim Reinking.

"The concerts last night were amazing!" business manager Reba Stephens said on Thursday. "It is clear that our music program is thriving. Every group had more kids than I've ever seen. And they are incredibly talented."

The music department also spread Christmas cheer last Friday by performing for multiple local retirement communities. The orchestra traveled to three retirement homes in the morning while the choir walked to the Sawyer House in the afternoon to sing a mix of Christmas Carols.

"Spreading cheer is one of the greatest things a person can do, especially through music," senior Jordan Haggas said.

Due to a broken water pipe, the water main was shut down and students were sent home after second period. In lieu of the scheduled Christmas prayer service, Julie Ferrari with campus ministry said a prayer at the end of the school day.

## Speech and Debate Class Focuses on Social Issues



Senior Lauren Teel presents to the speech and debate class about the importance of supporting organizations that benefit those affected by rural poverty by donating their time or money. Photo by Toni Cooper