

## In with the Old(ham)



English teacher Andy Oldham meets with seniors in his AP Literature and Composition class. Photo by Sam Scherer

By Brandon David

Marist president Suzanne Graf announced new members of the school's administrative team on Wednesday on behalf of new principal Stacey Baker.

Current Assistant Principal for Academics and assistant football coach, Rick Gardner will succeed current Athletic Director Sharee Waldron as the Director of Athletics and Facilities.

English teacher and Dean of Students and Instruction, Andy Oldham, will leave the classroom with his appointment as the Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs.

A new Dean of Student Affairs will be announced by the end of April.

## March Madness

By Madisyn Bryant

Students and staff up for a student council-initiated "Marist March Madness bracket tournament," turned in their brackets on Thursday.

With no buy in, the friendly competition promotes interaction between students and staff, and offers incentives to participate.

There are awards for first place, second place, "keeping the faith" (choosing the catholic school that goes the farthest), "biggest longshot" (choosing the lowest ranked team that goes the farthest), and a secret award. The tournament will conclude on April 6th.

## STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



Peter Benedict Haggard

By Jordan Pickrel

Shout out to Peter Benedict Haggard, who was born last Wednesday at 12:15 a.m.

Peter is the son of Marist religion teacher David Haggard and his wife Katie.

Weighing in at 9 lbs. 10 oz. and measuring 20.75 inches long, Peter "is already like a teenager," according to David. "He sleeps all day and is up all night."

# LENTEN RECONCILIATION



Senior Allie Thompson reads to students in fourth period religion classes during a Lenten reconciliation service in the Bob Devereaux Theatre Thursday. Photo by Sam Inouye

## Students take a step back to reflect on their spiritual lives

By Michael Baird

The sacrament of reconciliation was celebrated during students' block day theology classes this Wednesday and Thursday in the Bob Devereaux Theater.

Fathers Vincent Benoit and Francis Goode, both of the Newman Center, heard individual confessions on Wednesday after a

thirty-minute guided reflection led by campus minister Julie Ferrari, theology teachers from attending periods, and student readers. Fr. Peter Do, also of the Newman Center, and Fr. David Cullings took over on Thursday.

Ferrari began the service by asking students to humble their hearts and focus on their rela-

tionship with God. Each service brought attention to brokenness with God and invited students to repent and ask for His forgiveness.

"We don't take enough time in our lives to slow down, think, pray, and reflect on our lives," Ferrari said. "I hope that everyone would take advantage of the opportunity to...take a step back in their lives."

## Marist Music Thrills



Sophomores Gloria Wang and Alex Steele accompany the Marist rock band on the keyboard. Photo by Kate Zhang

By Jordan Pickrel

With drum beats pounding and violins squealing, Marist Music presented a two night symphony Tuesday and Wednesday in the Bob Devereaux Theatre featuring rock band, strings, jazz band, and

choir.

The Banned, Marist's own rock band took to the stage on Tuesday with hits from Queen, the Eagles, and the Beatles.

Sophomore Jack McGaughey's vocals and senior Chaney Hart's guitar solo in band's performance of B.B. King's "The Thrill is Gone" was a highlight.

Reflections choir, strings, and jazz band featured a variety of music on Wednesday night from rock to jazz.

Freshman Madie Louie's trombone solos during the jazz band performance stole the show.

## Students try Shakespeare

By Austin McIntire

Freshman in English teacher Sarah Reed's class took part in mock trials this Thursday, putting characters from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet on trial against two groups acting as the defense and prosecution.

The defense and prosecution took turns saying their opening statements in front of a jury comprised of fellow freshman, and then examining different witnesses played by Reed.

The proceedings followed the same configuration as a real trial, with the jury coming to a verdict at the end of the trial and recom-

mending a suitable sentence.

Reed ended the unit with this activity both to help students review the play and to help foster analytical skills when reading texts.



English teacher Sarah Reed acts as the nurse, a witness in defense of Balthasar, in a mock trial overseen by senior judge Drew Pearson. Photo by Tatiana Davis

## Baked Goods do Good



Sophomores Bella Schlesinger and Lauren Burke buy baked goods at the NHS-sponsored St. Patrick's Day bake sale. Photo by Tatiana Davis

By Joe Laver

In the spirit of Lent, the Marist community teamed up with the National Honor Society and International Club to raise money for needy families both locally and internationally through a series of fundraisers including bakes sales and an Irish-themed dinner.

Project Starfish, a fundraiser sponsored by the National Honor Society, has raised roughly \$7,000 of the \$10,000 goal to assist impoverished families in the community.

International Club has raised roughly \$125 of their \$200 goal to provide stoves for families in third world countries.

"We saw it fits our mission statement to serve others and help families, it just makes sense," said NHS co-moderator Jerry Ragan.

## Spartan Sports Spring to Life



Freshman Megan Kimball clears the bar at Wednesday's Cottage Grove Icebreaker meet at Cottage Grove High School. Spring sports began this week with wins by baseball, golf, lacrosse, softball and track and field. Photo by Maddi O'Bannon

## Bunco for the Babies



Marist mom Laura Hubbard celebrates a Bunco at the Mr. Spartan Bunco Night. Photo by Natalie Weymouth

By Clara Lee

Marist's Academic resource Center was filled with energetic women Monday night as the Mr. Spartan team held its annual Bunco Night, which raised over \$900 with a great turnout.

"It was fun to see the Mr. Spartan team spread so much energy," Junior Coordinator Madisyn Bryant said.

Mr. Spartan candidates passed out desserts and put on an obstacle course show while participants had fun playing Bunco.

## Closing Crowd goes "Mad"



Senior John Kerns offers tea to Alice, played by senior Natalie Tichenor, as the Mad Hatter. Photo by Megan Fahy

By Emily Jewett

Wrapping up a successful two-weekend run, Marist Theatre's winter production of Alice in Wonderland, directed by theater director Tony Rust, showed to a sold-out crowd Saturday night.

Rust's casting for the show, which was adapted by his son Glenn from Lewis Carroll's classic novel, was perfect.

Senior Natalie Tichenor played a dreamy and contemplative Alice. The Cheshire Cat was played by ever-smiling senior Katherine Rivas.

Senior John Kerns was his exuberant and energetic self in his role as the Mad Hatter. Senior Nikki Mirhosseyni was delightfully evil as the Red Queen. Seniors Wille Johnson and Joe Laver had the audience in stitches as Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, and stole the show with their antics and jokes.