

Juniors Look Ahead to College

By Lincy Helbling

In preparation for college applications and the upcoming senior year, counselor Court Wirth and guest speaker Nate Manner, admissions director at Gonzaga University presented to junior students and their parents in the Bob Devereaux Theatre for the annual junior college planning night on Thursday evening.

Manner and Wirth offered parents and students advice and an overview of college which included discussion of the application process and course selection for the upcoming year.

A Cultural Beat

By Maddie Decker

Last Friday Japanese teacher Miyoko Nakajima King took her Japanese 1 students on a field trip to The John G. Shedd Institute for the Arts to watch a Taiko drumming performance by the World Culture Program.

The students have been doing very well in class and King felt that they deserved a reward for their good behavior.

Taiko drumming is an ancient Japanese art of percussion where snare-sized to car-sized drums are played to create intense musical harmony.

"It had this vibration, like being in an earthquake, but it was enjoyable" freshman Lindy McCool, a former Taiko drummer said.

STEM Academy



Junior Brittan Silver (top left) and sophomore Emily McAllister (bottom right) pose with other participants at the STEM academy, a club that advocates for women in science, engineering and math, at OSU. Photo by Christiana Fountain '18

BOOTCAMP FOR THE BABIES

Where: Marist Cafeteria

Price: \$5

Date: Tonight!

Time: After the basketball game until 11 p.m.

Wear camo!

JUST KEEP SWIMMIN'



Juniors Grace Bullock and Kate Zhang sit on the bank of the McKenzie River during a time of reflection on the Girls Winter Encounter. Photo by Maya Peterson '16

Junior girls close out the retreat season with a splash

By Livia Kokkino

As the bus carrying 24 junior girls pulled up to St. Benedict's Lodge last Saturday afternoon, nine senior leaders, including rectors Heidi Sibole and Margo Werner, and six adult leaders welcomed them to the Winter Girl's Encounter.

The last retreat of the year followed the theme "just keep swimming" from the Disney Pixar Movie "Finding Nemo," because

no matter how hard junior year gets, it's important to "just keep swimming" to get through the rough parts.

The girls enjoyed the tranquility and the shimmer of the McKenzie River while spending time journaling and reflecting on their relationships with their peers, families, God, and themselves.

The group got to know their classmates better through hiking, small group discussions, and many

games of ping-pong and board games.

"I really enjoyed the encounter because I was able to open up about things that I don't usually talk about and I was able to get some insight into some of my classmates lives," junior Madeleine Shojai said.

The group was welcomed back on Monday afternoon by their friends and family.

First Round Hopes for Basketball

By Kelsey Fuller

The basketball season is coming to an end. The Spartans beat Woodburn 56-37 on Wednesday in a play-in game and are headed to Liberty this Saturday for a first round playoff game.

Girls basketball begins their playoff run tonight at Marist against Milwaukie at 7 p.m. for their first round game. They're currently ranked sixth in state with a record of 15-9 overall.

Last Friday the girls team celebrated their senior night their last regular season home game against Ashland. The Marist girls won 81-15 with Maya Peterson scoring a high of 11 points.

"We've been playing together since 8th grade and I'm going to miss the many memories we have made throughout the years and will always cherish the time I have spent with all of them," senior Anilese Haney said.



A group of seniors basketball teammates gather with their coach Terry Harrison during their senior night celebration. Photo by Michael Henderson '16

Also honored were team managers, seniors Caedyn Kimble, Taylor Gorham, and Lindsey Chapman along with pep band seniors Jordan Baird and Carl Lemhouse during the senior night festivities.

Financing and Faith



Financial planner Dominic Corletto outlines the basics of fiscal responsibility. Photo by Christiana Fountain '18

By Emily Jewett

Grant Gilchrist and Krista Hocker's Algebra 2/Trigonometry classes invited financial planner and friend of Gilchrist Dominic Corletto to teach about financial responsibility on Tuesday.

Corletto highlighted five key principles of finance: spend less than you make, avoid debt, maintain savings, liquidity, and margin, plan for the future, and live generously because God owns it all.

For each principle, Corletto included an applicable Bible verse to relate finance to the Christian lifestyle.

Corletto also discussed the importance of investing early and patiently allowing interest to grow your savings, with an example of two twins, one who invested early and allowed interest to increase

his savings by over 30 fold, while the other twin waited and although he invested more money, only increased his savings by seven fold.

Students were introduced to retirement funds, both 401ks and Individual Retirement Accounts. With IRAs, Corletto explained to students the differences between Traditional IRA and the Roth IRA and the tax benefits of both. He also encouraged students to start contributing to a retirement fund early in life, so, as he put it, they do not become a slaves to their job as they grow older.

Advising Sophomore Parents

By Caroline Gonyea

On Tuesday night in the Bob Devereaux theatre, counselor Jerry Ragan informed sophomore parents about what sophomore students should be doing to ensure future success in college and careers.

Ragan emphasized that the pathway to college is a process, not an event, and advised sophomore parents and students to focus on interests and strengths instead of solely worrying about finances.

Springing into the Season



Sophomore John Pollock practices at Shadow Hills Country Club on Wednesday. Photo by Justin Potwara '18

By Ashton Stowell

The Marist spring sports began on Monday after school. Marist has boys and girls tennis, lacrosse, shooting, golf, and track and field along with boys baseball and girls softball. Marist also offers the club sports petanque and Ultimate.

This spring is the first chance for boys and girls lacrosse to use the new Kevin Teller turf field. They get to practice under the lights on the field after Track and Field practices are over.

Competitions begin the second week of March with an Ultimate tournament and boys baseball and girls softball at St. Helens on Mar. 14.

The spring sports season opens are on the following dates:

TRACK AND FIELD
Cottage Grove Icebreaker
March 17.

BOYS TENNIS
@ Thurston, March 15

GIRLS TENNIS
vs. Thurston, March 15

BASEBALL
@ St. Helens, March 14

SOFTBALL
@ St. Helens, March 14

BOYS LACROSSE
@ Corvallis, March 15

GIRLS LACROSSE
vs. Bend, March 16

BOYS GOLF
@ Tokatee Golf Club, March 16

ULTIMATE FRISBEE
@ Corvallis, March 12

SHOOTING
Practices on Tuesday @ Cottage Grove Shooting Club