

New Marist Staff

Nicole Mombell



By Nick Nepute

Nicole Mombell, Marist's newest Spanish teacher and 1998 Marist graduate, once studied Spanish in the same hallways that she teaches in today.

After high school, she went on to study at the University of Oregon and Yale, where she got her Ph.D. in Spanish. Before teaching at Marist, Mombell taught at the college level at Yale, the University of Oregon, and at Saint Michael's College.

Mombell is continuing her maternity leave on Monday to take care of her 7-month-old. Former Marist Spanish teacher, Debbie Cullen will be filling her place until Mombell returns in January to finish off the year.

Joseph Starkweather

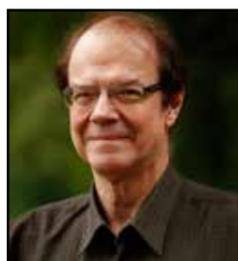


By Cole Vendetti

Marist welcomed Joseph Starkweather to the theology department this August. After six years in seminary school and teaching three years of high school in Fresno, he is loving his new life in Oregon.

He remembers hiking and camping from his trips to Roseburg. With a black belt in karate and a masters in theology, Starkweather seeks to mentor students within his dojo of theology.

Norman Miller



By Emily Jewett

New science teacher Norman Miller has 25 years of teaching experience at both the collegiate and high school levels. He is teaching all freshman physical science including honors and also a class period of astronomy. Miller is excited to have small classes of engaged students here at Marist.

2020 VISION



Freshman Connor Cunningham rises up after Kissing the M. Photo by Tomi Cooper

Freshmen, the class of 2020, welcomed to Marist

By Maya Dotson and Livia Kokkino

Now officially a part of the Marist community, the class of 2020 is seeing blue and gold after two weeks full of welcoming festivities.

The new students were welcomed to the Marist campus on Freshmen Orientation Day to meet their classmates and teachers, as well as to get acquainted with the school before their official debut as Spartans.

The orientation began with a welcome address from Principal Stacy Baker and a prayer from Father Ken Olsen, as well as an introduction from the Associated



Fr. Ken Olsen gives the homily during the Mass. Photo by Tomi Cooper.

Student Body representatives, including Student Body President Brennan Franssen, Vice President William Loveall, Public Relations Officer Jack Lund, and Secretary Caroline Gonyea.

After the introductions, the freshmen moved into ice-breaker games, separated into small groups, and toured the campus with their student leaders.

Monday, the welcome continued as freshmen were encouraged to introduce themselves to seniors, who could be identified by cardboard Burger King crowns.

The new freshmen spent Tuesday afternoon singing under sprinklers, jumping through hula hoops, tossing water balloons, and relay racing with sponges.

The first Mass of the year opened on Wednesday with statements from both Baker and President Suzanne Graf. For his homily, Father Ken Olsen used a story from his experience as a pastor to illustrate how important it is to treat everyone with the same respect as they would with Christ. The Mass concluded with advice



Freshman Chris Jorgensen throws a water balloon on Tuesday's Activity Day. Photo by Tomi Cooper for the class of 2020, written by the class of 2016.

The Welcome Week activities concluded on Friday with the annual Kissing of the 'M', officially christening the Marist class of 2020.

"It was awesome, I was accepted into the Marist community," said freshman Zane Brainard.

All in all, Welcome Week accomplished its mission: welcoming the new class of 2020 into the Marist family.

Mission Accomplished

By Jack and Liesl Benda

The official dedication of the new science wing on Sept. 1 ushered in a new era at Marist High School with the culmination of many years of fundraising and nine months of construction.

Science instructors Ryan Moser, Renee Cool, Patrick Wagner, and new teacher Norman Miller enjoy the four modern classrooms. "It's going to make it safer because we can separate labs from day-to-day lecture and class activities," said Cool.

Marist president and former development director Suzanne Graf is ecstatic about the recent dedication. "It's very exciting to fulfill a dream and a promise that we made to the community," Graf said.

When asked about future plans in the project, Graf said, "We are working right now on our next fundraising priorities for the continuation of the campaign. Some of those priorities include but are not limited



Principal Stacy Baker, President Suzanne Graf, and Director of Facilities Rick Gardner cut the ribbon for the official opening of the new science wing while ASB President Brennan Franssen and science teachers look on. Photo by Griffin Puls

to replacing the track and then security upgrades on campus."

Sports UPDATES

BOYS SOCCER

Varsity vs. Springfield **TIE** (0-0)
JV vs. Springfield **L** (2-3)
Varsity vs. Thurston **TIE** (3-3)
JV vs. Thurston **W** (3-2)
Varsity @ Churchill **W** (4-0)
JV @ Churchill **W** (4-1)
Varsity vs. Crescent Valley **W** (1-0)
JV vs. Crescent Valley **L** (1-6)

CROSS COUNTRY

Marist Invitational, Richardson Park, Fern Ridge. The girls placed 3rd in the varsity meet and the Marist boys placed 5th led by Jerik Embleton who won the varsity meet.
@ Ash Creek Invitational, Monmouth. Girls JV placed 14th, girls varsity placed 9th, Boys JV placed 14th, and Boys varsity placed 4th.

FOOTBALL

Varsity @ Crescent Valley **L** (14-40)
JV vs. Crescent Valley **L** (0-22)
Varsity vs. Lebanon **L** (28-37)
JV @ Lebanon **L** (6-40)
JV @ South Albany **W** (28-6)

GIRLS SOCCER

Varsity @Springfield **TIE** (0-0)
JV @ Springfield **W** (7-0)
Varsity @Thurston **W** (3-0)
JV @ Thurston **TIE** (0-0)
Varsity vs. Churchill **TIE** (2-2)
JV vs. Churchill **TIE** (0-0)
Varsity @ Crescent Valley **L** (1-3)
JV @ Crescent Valley **L** (1-3)

VOLLEYBALL

Varsity @ Summit **W** (15-25, 25-17, 25-17, 25-23)
Varsity @ Mt. View Tourney **1ST PLACE** (Championship Match - Bend 17-25, 25-23, 15-13)
Varsity @ Churchill **W** (25-14, 25-16, 25-23)
JV @ Churchill **W** (2-1)
Varsity vs. Ashland **W** (25-17, 25-16, 25-16)
JV Volleyball vs. Ashland **W** (2-0)
JV2 Volleyball vs. Ashland **W** (25-23, 25-21, 15-17)
Varsity vs. Springfield **W** (25-10, 25-10, 25-12)
JV Volleyball vs. Springfield **W** (2-0)
JV2 Volleyball vs. Springfield **W** (25-9, 25-9, 15-8)
Varsity vs. Thurston **W** (26-24, 25-15, 25-12)
JV Volleyball vs. Thurston **L** (0-2)
JV2 Volleyball vs. Thurston **W** (25-27, 25-14, 15-11)

WATER POLO

vs. Cottage Grove (Amazon Pool) **L** (3-17)

Changes Aboard



Japanese teacher Miyoko Nakajima King teaches in her new classroom. Photo by Gloria Wang

By Benny Flores

Teachers played a game of musical rooms over the summer with teachers moving into different areas of the school.

Classroom doors around campus now feature one-way locking mechanisms and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant door handles.

"It creates a safer environment," said Director of Facilities Rick Gardner regarding the new security measures. These security changes include a new lockdown procedure involving student-involvement in barricading doors with chairs.