

## NEW STAFF PT. 2

Kim Gennarelli



A new face welcomes all who enter the front office this year. Kim Gennarelli is the new front office coordinator, answering phone calls, greeting visitors, and sending messages. "I enjoy helping people, and the satisfaction that comes with it," Gennarelli said.

Fatima Mora Flores



By Cole Vendetti

Fatima Mora Flores, who wants to be known as Ms. Mora to the students, replaced Tammy May as the new Marist attendance officer this fall. To help Mora Flores learn her new job, May even came back for a few days to show her the ropes. "I feel blessed and excited to be a part of the Marist Community," Mora Flores said.

Mora Flores was the attendance officer for four years at Kelly Middle School, and has two younger brothers at Marist.

Rodrigo Hernandez



By Livia Kokkino

Rodrigo Hernandez has joined the Marist community as the Admissions Director and head of the Girls' Soccer Program after working as the Project Manager for fundraising at the University of Oregon.

Hernandez is excited about getting to know the students and staff better.

Erica Cross



By Nick Nepute

Marist's new Advancement Events Manager, Erica Cross, graduated from Marist in 2010. After graduating from OSU in 2014, she decided to come back and work at Marist. When she attended Marist, Cross' favorite class was newspaper. Cross returned to Marist because she enjoys the smaller and more personal community.

# GAGA FOR RETREATS



Theology teacher David Haggard celebrates with seniors Brittan Silver and Anna Rochon during a game of Ga Ga at the Formation Retreat. Photo by Ryan Moser

## Retreat team spends weekend away to bond

By Emily Jewett

The 2016-17 Marist Retreat Team and adult leaders joined together at the annual Formation Retreat at Camp Tapawingo last weekend to prepare for the new year and new retreat season.

The team gathered to bond with one another, learn new leadership skills, and grow in their faith. The Formation Retreat offers the opportunity for retreat team members

to learn how to lead the Sophomore Doug Tooke Retreat, the Sophomore Journey Retreats, and the Junior Encounters.

"We had a great experience. One of the things that I noticed was that this group was very inclusive from the beginning. We didn't see a lot of separation between juniors and seniors and they bonded as a group very quickly," theology

teacher Julie Ferrari said.

Every year, the team and adults play Ga Ga, a dodgeball-esque game played in a designated pit. The game is a favorite among students, who each year advocate for a Ga Ga pit on the Marist campus. "I don't think it's going to happen, but I would fully support it if it does," Ferrari said, regarding the possibility of Ga Ga at Marist.

# Speech and Debate Sweeps Competition

By Liesl Benda

This past Saturday, Marist's speech and debate team competed at the University of Oregon in a pre-season speech and debate tournament. The event was catered to beginners, which gave them the chance to try competitive speaking.

Several Marist students placed in the competition. Senior Madeleine Shojai placed 4th in creative storytelling and 2nd in philosophy SPAR, sophomore Chase Bond placed 3rd in pop culture SPAR, sophomore Danielle Shojai placed 3rd in pop culture

SPAR, sophomore Hannah McLaughlin and sophomore Claire Coughran placed 2nd in novice parliamentary debate, senior Angela Agnew placed 1st in impromptu speaking and 4th in creative storytelling, and sophomore Phoebe Peterman placed 1st in creative storytelling.

Speech and debate coach Steve Barth stated in an email to all Marist staff that "the Marist squad took the opportunity to kick off the season in style with great results."

# She's Baaaack!

By Livia Kokkino

Retired Marist Spanish teacher, Debbie Cullen, will be a long term substitute for Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 teacher Nicole Mombell.

Mombell is taking time off of work to be with her 7-month-old baby for the rest of the semester.

"It's really, really good, but really, really tiring," Cullen said, about being back at Marist. She is most excited about getting to know the students, spending time with the faculty, and continuing her tradition from previous years of teaching her classes Christmas carols that are sung from classroom-to-classroom.

"The holidays are always fun in Spanish class, so we'll probably end up caroling again," Cullen said.



Spanish teacher Debbie Cullen responds to a student's correct answer. Photo by Toni Cooper

# Parents Not Too Cool for School

By Jack Benda

It was a busy week for parents at Marist Catholic High School.

At Monday's Freshman Parent Night, freshman counselors Shari Pimental and Jerry Ragan presented information about a variety of academic tools, including PowerSchool, school counseling, and Naviance. Parents were also given advice regarding family adjustment to high school life.

Parents filled the hallways on Wednesday night as they visited the Marist campus. After brief introductions from principal Stacey Baker and president Suzanne Graf, parents picked up their children's schedules to find their classrooms and teachers. Like new high school students, many parents faced difficulty locating rooms around campus. "If they had been handing out tardies, there would have been lots

## Sports Updates

### CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday, the varsity boys beat Crescent Valley in the Marist Halftime Mile dual, led by 1st place finisher junior Jerik Embleton. Isabella Zachem was 3rd in the girls mile. Crescent Valley won the girls race.

### FOOTBALL

Varsity lost to Crater 20-34 last Friday.

### PETANQUE

Marist tied Sheldon 5-5 on Thursday.

### BOYS SOCCER

Varsity won at North Eugene 4-0 on Tuesday. JV won 8-1.

Varsity lost 0-4 at Corvallis on Thursday. JV lost 1-9.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Varsity tied with North Eugene 1-1 on Tuesday. JV tied 2-2.

Varsity tied 2-2 with Corvallis on Thursday. JV won 3-1.

### VOLLEYBALL

Last Saturday, JV won the consolation bracket at the Lebanon Tournament.

JV2 beat South Eugene in four sets on Saturday.

Varsity beat North Eugene 3-0 (25-15, 25-22, 25-21) on Thursday. JV won 2-0.

### WATER POLO

The co-ed team lost to North Eugene 8-18 at Amazon Pool last Friday.

## Loads of Diapers for Loads of Babies



Sophomore Everett Dowdy loads diapers from the annual Diaper Drive. Photo by Dylan Parsons

By Maya Dotson

The annual school Diaper Drive, organized by the Marist for Life Club, began with the new school year, ran for three weeks and concluded this Thursday.

"The community really came through," said Marist theology teacher Heidi Susec. A total of 4,611 diapers were donated setting a new school record.

After the project ends, all of the donations are given to 1st Way, an organization that offers free services for pregnant women such as ultrasounds, counseling and referrals.

of parents in detention," Marist's journalism teacher Toni Cooper joked.

Finally, Yale assistant admissions director Grant Bronsdon spoke at Marist's Bob Devereaux Theater on Thursday in an event open to the public. Bronsdon presented information about Yale, as well as many other top-tier schools.