

We Are Thankful For...

"...for my family and everything that they do for me" -sophomore Maegan Cary

"...being born in America and to the family that I have." -senior Joe Noonan

"...for Mrs. May because she made me feel welcomed when I first came to Marist." -sophomore Theresa Britt

"...having two great kids and a great wife, for a four day weekend, and for having the opportunity to have a good job and teach good kids." -history teacher Tripp Nelson

"...my kind and supportive mother." -senior Nicholas Olmos

"...for every new day." -sophomore Britney Duvall

"...Brayden Riley, my legs, my skis, and my hair." -senior Jake Harwood

"...a brother who loves me." -freshman Julia Flores

"...lax." -sophomore Sam Barker

"...four days off." -math teacher Noah Breslaw

"...the slim chance that the Washington Huskies will make the college football playoff." -junior Claire Hoffman

"...Jenna Jablonski." -sophomore Kayley Elliot

"...the fact that Americans recognize my honor." -General Charles de Gaulle (definitely not history teacher Jon Nuxoll)

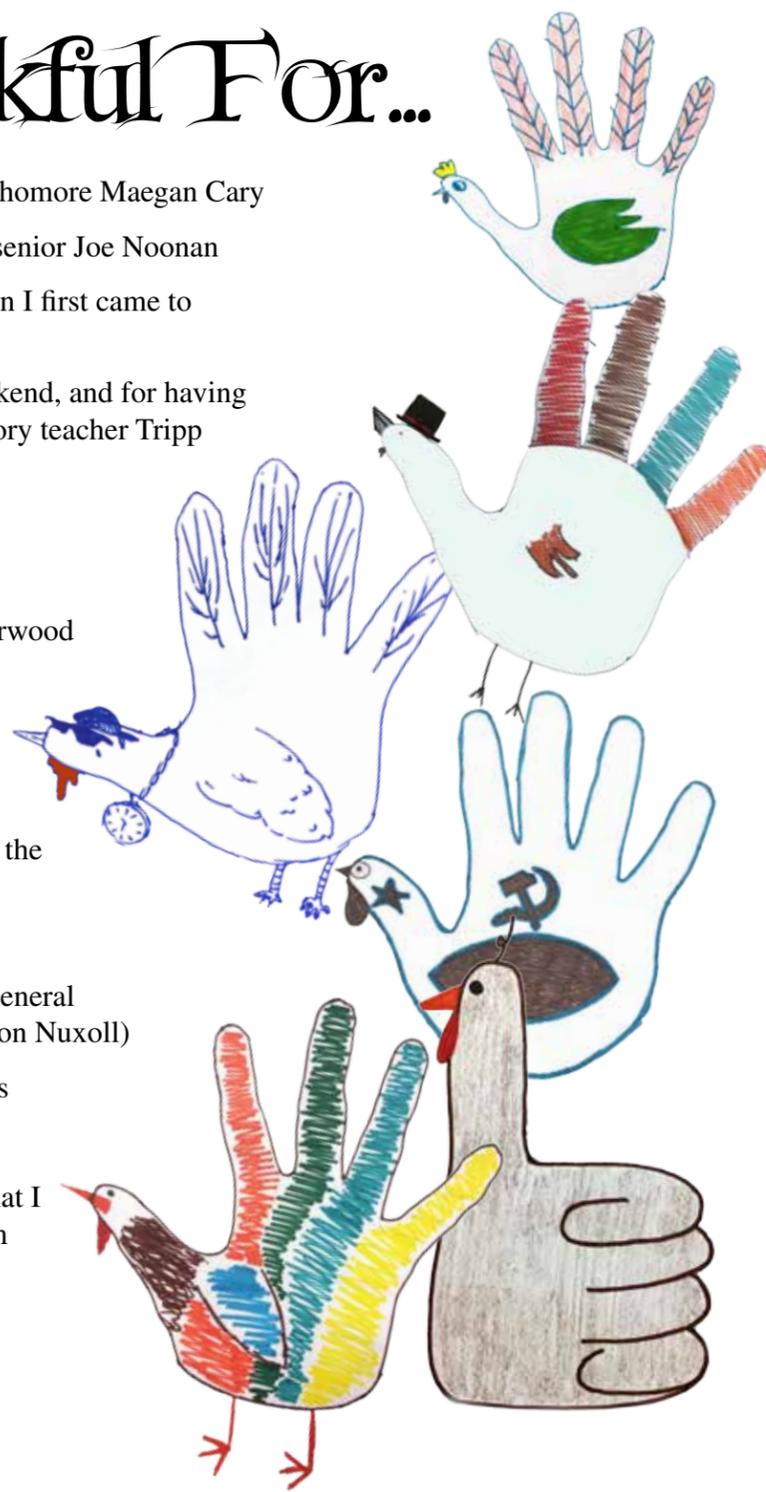
"...my family." -sophomore McKenna Williams

"...rice." -junior Kai Fuji

"...family, friends, and the education that I receive." -junior Keaton Cunningham

"...eggnog." -sophomore Andrew Dryden

"...family and faith." -guidance counselor Shari Pimental



Juniors Seek Adventures Up the McKenzie

By Livia Kokkino

Russell and Mr. Fredricksen, from the Disney Pixar movie *Up*, were looking for adventure as they joined a group of forty-three junior girls, ten senior leaders and ten adult leaders, including moderator Principal Stacey Baker, at St. Benedict's Lodge for the Fall Junior Women's Encounter last weekend.

Senior rector, Molly Holmberg and Ellie Cross led the retreat, impersonating Russell and Fredricksen from *Up*. "Adventure is out there" was the guiding phrase for the junior's journey in finding themselves, God, and were also encouraged to seek adventure in new relationships with each other.

"One of my favorite parts of

the encounter was the hike because everyone was depending on each other which strengthened the bonds between us," junior Haley Dotson said.

Retreats are an opportunity to escape from the stresses of everyday life, which is often easier in the presence of a natural beauty such as the McKenzie River.



Junior girls, retreat team members and faculty stands together next to the McKenzie River. Photo by Toni Cooper

Marist Freezes for Mannequin Challenge

By Benny Flores

The mannequin challenge has put the nation on hold, from its origins in a Florida High School to the Gonzaga University fans in Spokane Washington. The mannequin challenge people freezing like mannequins while someone else walks through and films and sets music to the video. The mannequin challenge's viral popularity on social media prompted the Marist 20th Century Pop Culture class to make one of their own. "We wanna be on the edge of pop culture," teacher Walt Fox said.



Walt Fox and his 21st Century Pop Culture class perform their own rendition of the Mannequin challenge.

Check out the video by junior Jacky Gong [here](#).

Senior Cellist Wins Solo Opportunity

By Liesl Benda

In two weeks the Eugene Springfield Youth Orchestras will be presenting the Eugene/Springfield Youth Symphony Fall Concert featuring five Marist students. Senior cellist Margaret Walters will be soloing a Shostakovich cello concerto, a privilege she auditioned for and won last spring. "It's a really fun opportunity to be able to play with this amazing orchestra," said Walters.

Four other Marist students are a part of the youth symphony that



Senior Margaret Walters plays her cello during the All Saints Day Mass. Photo by Toni Cooper

practices at South Eugene High School every Monday evening during the school year: senior violinist and concertmaster Grace Rosier, senior violinist and assistant concertmaster Jack Benda, sophomore and principle violist Liesl Benda, and senior violinist Emily Yeh.

The concert will be held in the South Eugene High School auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds go toward providing need-based scholarships for aspiring musicians.