



NEWS briefs

Diaper Drive

The Marist for Life annual Diaper Drive, to replenish the shelves at 1st Way Pregnancy Resource Center, began on the first day of school and finished today, collecting a record breaking amount of 11,017 diapers. On Thursday after school, the first 10,066 collected diapers were delivered by theology teacher and moderator of Marist for Life, Heidi Susec, to the program center in Springfield.

Back to School Night

Wednesday evening parents gathered in the gym where Principal Stacy Baker and Marist President Suzanne Graf welcomed parents and introduced Marist staff before sending parents on their way. Parents were each provided with a copy of their student's schedule and were invited to walk through their student's classes. This gave parents the opportunity to meet teachers and learn information about specific courses.

Theatre Auditions

Auditions for the school production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" were held by theatre director Tony Rust on Sept. 11 in the Bob Devereaux Theatre. The performance dates for the upcoming play are Oct. 27-28 and Nov. 6-7 at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Bob Devereaux Theatre.

Kissing of the "M" Update

Marist's annual Kissing of the "M" ceremony will take place next Wednesday, after being postponed last week due to the smoke.

CONNECTING WITH KIDS



Chris Herren speaks to the Marist student body on Friday morning about combating addiction. Photo by Ashley Zhao.

Former NBA player challenges students to ask "the why" of drugs and alcohol abuse

By Nick Nepute

Earlier this morning former NBA player Chris Herren spoke to Marist about his and others' struggles with addictions. Herren has been sober since Aug. 1, 2008 and has been traveling around the country ever since as a motivational speaker; speaking to over a million high schoolers around the country.

After speaking around the nation, Herren met many people that were personally affected by his story. He learned that their sto-

ries were more important than his own when connecting and relating to others. This morning Herren shared some of these stories.

Many Marist students were surprised by Herren's speech. Most expected that Herren was going to come in and give a run-of-the-mill presentation on how drugs were bad for you. Herren's powerful speaking clearly impressed many, as several classes had discussions about how he was able to connect on an individual level; emphasizing

that it was about their story and not his.

Herren started using in high school when he was one of top basketball prospects in the country. He originally went to Boston College, but after failing multiple drug tests he transferred to Fresno State to finish his college career before being the 33rd pick overall in the 1999 draft. While in the NBA Herren was still struggling with drug use and by 2002 Herren's NBA career was over.

Forming the 2017-18 Retreat Team

By Sarah Cavinee

To prepare themselves for the upcoming Marist retreat season, the Marist Retreat Team of 39 juniors and seniors spent the weekend at Camp Tapawingo last weekend with seven Marist graduates and seven staff members, focusing on leadership roles and getting to know each other.

The team spent their time in small group activities and ice breakers while also having plenty of free time to hike, play GaGa, or other games.

"My favorite part is always the tight knit group of individuals that participate as a part of the team and make it such an amazing experience. It definitely is a great reminder as to what my faith is all about," senior



Retreat Team stands arm-in-arm around the campfire on the Formation Retreat last weekend. Photo by Andres Herrera-Cerna.

Griffin Puls said.

The retreat concluded the team making team roles of how they are to Establishing their identity as a unique group of individuals including how they want to represent themselves and set an example for others.

Sports UPDATES

FOOTBALL

9/15- Varsity won at Crater 21-20.

BOYS SOCCER

9/19- Varsity beat North Eugene 2-1. JV won 3-2.

9/21- Varsity lost to Corvallis 0-4. JV lost 1-4.

GIRLS SOCCER

9/19- Varsity lost at North Eugene 0-1. JV won 3-0.

9-21- Varsity lost at Corvallis 2-4. JV tied 1-1.

VOLLEYBALL

9/16 JV came in 4th place at the Lebanon Tournament

9/19- Varsity lost at North Eugene 2-3. JV won 2-0.

Where's the Dotted Line?



The entrance to the Marist parking lot with lack of lines. Photo by Dylan Parsons.

By Dylan Parsons and Cameron Gray

This past July Marist's parking lot was redone. The repaved parking lot lacked the solid, white lines separating lanes resulting in backed up traffic and an increased risk of an accident.

The absent line stems from pothole repairs in Winter 2016. The lines were not painted at that time which resulted in no lines being painted when the lot was fixed.

Welcome New Staff-Part 2

Father Theo Lange



Father Theo Lange, priest for the Archdiocese of Portland, has become apart the Marist family as Chaplain and a senior theology teacher. He says he has felt "happy, encouraged, and loved" during his time at Marist so far. A fun fact about Father Theo, he has "done all night vigils in the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem."

Josh Byrum



Josh Byrum, the new Dean of Students, is familiar with the Marist community; previously working as a juvenile counselor for Lane County. He is excited to work at Marist because he can profess his faith at his workplace and has the opportunity to work with kids.

Mike Stephens



Mike Stephens joined the Marist staff as part of Landscape Maintenance this year. Stephens says, "[He] has the best job [at Marist]!" When asked to give a fun fact, Stephens said "[he] likes tractors, old tractors." He is also the husband to financial director, Reba Stephens.

Connie Tapp



Marist welcomes Alumni Relations and Advancement Events Manager Connie Tapp to the Marist community. Tapp is in charge of organizing class reunions and other alumni activities, as well as helping with the auction, and stated that she finds Marist a very nice place and enjoys watching student life.

Rhonda Boechler



Ronda Boechler, the new Finance Department Assistant, joins the Marist community after 10 years in the 4J school district. Boechler has over seven years of experience working in a Catholic school to date and expressed that the "positive Marist community" is the place to utilize her finance and marketing degree.