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## NEWS briefs

### Catch "Peter and the Starcatchers" Tonight!



Senior Corrie Patton as Molly Aster is comforted by freshman David Cornwell as Leonard Aster. Photo by Ivonne Perez.

Tonight is opening night for this year's winter play, *Peter and the Starcatchers*. The show will run for two weekends, showing on Jan. 11, 12, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bob Devereux theatre. Featuring senior Corrie Patton as Molly Aster and junior Cole Jones as Peter Pan, *Peter and the Starcatchers* puts a new twist on the origin of Peter Pan.

### Ba Ba Sheep Brains



One of the sheep brains dissected in Anatomy class on Thursday. Photo by Eric Blonde.



Seniors Andres Herrera-Cerna and Pierce Lacoste show off their dissected sheep brain. Photo by Eric Blonde.



Students dissect a sheep brain. Photo by Eric Blonde.

## SPOTLIGHT in the Luminaries



Senior Robyn May's luminary. Photo by Dylan Parsons.

By Dylan Parsons

Sculpture class has been creating luminaries, a project that was centered around designing three-dimensional geometric shapes out of clay that represented them on a personal level. "I choose designs that represented my life's journey so far. The three places I've lived mean a lot to me and I wanted them to shine in this project," senior Megan Mersino said.

## CLASSES CLASH AT ASSEMBLY



Senior Jace Krier collides with freshman Ben Koleno in a live game of "Hungry Hungry Hippos". Photo by Chris Allender.

### Marist recognizes student athletes and classes compete in dodgeball

By Jason DePaoli

Gathering to celebrate the athletes who competed last spring, this fall, and who are currently competing this winter, the Marist community enjoyed the annual Winter Pep Assembly this Wednesday in the gym.

At the beginning of the assembly, the co-presidents of the Environmental Club, juniors Maria Alcazar and Maddie White, provided important information regarding the new compost bins that Marist will have soon. The two mentioned that this is another way Marist is trying to "go green," and combat climate change.

Director of Athletics and Facilities, Rick Gardner, invited all of the athletes onto the gym floor in order to properly recognize them for all of their hard work and dedication to their sport.

After the conclusion of the athletic recognition, two members from the theatre department, Brandon Foster and Corrie Patton, performed a preview of their show to entice the school into attending the winter play.

With the completion of the announcements and recognitions, the Marist Student Council prepared two different games for the student body to participate in. The

first competition had the freshmen pitted against the seniors in an aggressive round of "Hungry Hungry Hippos." Students laid on a board holding a laundry basket and were pushed into the center of the gym by their partner in order to gather as many dodge balls as possible.

After a round that was dominated by the seniors, the school, as a whole, decided to move onto dodgeball, a year after year crowd favorite. After multiple competitions with the classes pitted against each other, the seniors came out victorious and defeated the second place juniors.

## 2022 Tours Marist

By Harper Kast

Last Saturday, student ambassadors, coaches, musicians, athletes, staff and administration welcomed the class of 2022 to campus to show off all that Marist has to offer to students and their families.

During the tours, excited student ambassadors, club members and athletes answered many questions, gave information, and shared personal experiences about their individual sport or club. "I answered any questions incoming freshmen or their families had about being a student athlete, especially in track & field," sophomore Georgia Karam said.

Athletic teams, music groups, clubs, and academic organizations all had booths where incoming freshmen could sign up to get information on the sports or activities that they are interested in joining next year. "I signed up for soccer, track, and cross country. I enjoyed Preview day and it was nice to have the high



Junior Chris Allender, sophomore Wiley Watts, and junior Sydney Wright stand outside the gym to greet future Spartans. Photo by Teresa Molina-Gomez.

schoolers tell us their perspectives," incoming freshman Reece Fitzpatrick said.



Seniors embrace in the Ministry of Greeting. Photo by Teresa Molina-Gomez.

## Celebrating the 12th Day of Christmas

By Liesl Benda

In honor of the feast of the Epiphany, students and staff gathered in the gym last Thursday for Mass, which was celebrated by Father Theo Lange.

As one of the oldest Christmas celebrations, the Epiphany traces all the way back to the end of the second century.

It commemorates the first two events that affirmed Jesus' divinity: when the three kings visited the baby Jesus, and when Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan. The Catholic Church stresses the visit of the Magi in the celebration of the Epiphany.

To close the Mass, Biology

## Sports UPDATES

### BOYS BASKETBALL

1/5- Varsity beat Thurston 48-45; JV won 55-50; Freshman lost 35-44

1/9- Varsity lost at Springfield 50-70; JV won 53-48

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

1/5- Varsity won at Thurston 65-42; JV lost 34-41

1/9- Varsity beat Springfield 41-31; JV lost 40-44

### SWIMMING

1/5- Both boys and girls beat Junction City and Cottage Grove

1/9- Girls won at Cottage Grove 111-43. Boys lost at Cottage Grove 69-82



Junior Chris Allender swims at the meet against Junction City and Cottage Grove. Photo by Teresa Molina-Gomez.



Boys varsity basketball celebrates after their win against Thurston. Photo by Toni Cooper.

### Nuxoll Wins Teacher Citizenship Award



History teacher Jon Nuxoll receiving the VFW award in December. Photo by Andy Oldham.

By Nick Nepute

Marist history teacher Jon Nuxoll won the award for the Smart/Maher Veterans of Foreign Wars National Citizen Education Teacher Award for the Eugene area.

Last fall, Nuxoll was nominated by the Marist administration for being a stellar example of what a citizen should look like, alongside with his service to his students.

Nuxoll advanced and has the potential to win the award for the local VFW district and advance even further. He received his award on Dec. 14 with winners of other awards.