



NEWS briefs

Val-O-Gram Sales Continue

Want to send a note to that someone special? Buy a Val-O-Gram! Val-O-Grams are notes that you can write and send to your friends with a piece of candy. They are available for purchase in the hallway outside of the cafeteria and will continue to be sold until Monday. Prices are one for 50 cents and three for a dollar. All proceeds go to prom.

Scholarship Information for Seniors

Seniors, if you were not able to attend either of the meetings last Monday and Thursday about getting third party scholarships, see Mr. Wirth's post in the senior class Schoology group which contains helpful scholarship information.

SPOTLIGHT in the Bacteria in Biology



Biology teacher Patrick Wagner and sophomore biology students examine glow-in-the-dark bacteria. Photo by Griffin Puls



Science teacher Patrick Wagner helps seniors Kaleia Walden and Mina Buchanan with their E. Coli lab. Photo by Ivonne Perez

By Harper Kast

This week, AP, Honors and Regular Biology did exciting labs using bacteria that students either grew or collected.

AP Biology, taught by Patrick Wagner, used the fast growing E. Coli bacteria as a base to grow DNA from jellyfish in an attempt to make it glow in the dark.

Honors and Regular Biology, a predominately sophomore class, taught by Renee Cool and Patrick Wagner, either collected bacteria from surfaces around the school or put different substances on slices of bread. Students then put their bacteria samples or bread slices in incubators, dark rooms, light rooms or freezers to see which bacteria collection would grow the most mold.

GROWING AS ONE IN THE SUN



Sophomore retreat rector Andres Herrera-Cerna leads an activity at the Sophomore Boys Journey Retreat last weekend. Photo by Angel Montes-Michel

Sophomore boys have fun over weekend on Journey Retreat

By JJ Anderson

Last Saturday and Sunday at Marist, 31 sophomore boys and their leaders gathered for this year's Sophomore Boys Journey Retreat on a sunny and beautiful spring-like weekend.

The boys participated in many icebreaker and small-group activities. In some the boys were not allowed to speak which gave them a chance them to work on their ability to communicate and cooperate with each other. The retreat also provided many opportunities to reflect on past life experiences and share in small groups.

From the eyes of the leaders, the boys of the class of 2020 did a great job of working together. "I thought they always seemed like one group, which was growing throughout the whole retreat" junior retreat leader Chase Cutsforth said.

There was also plenty of room for fun including many impromptu singing and dancing. Sophomore Matthew Hopkins' favorite was adult leader David Haggard lip-syncing of "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey.

As the first day came to a close, the group joined for worship and song in the chapel before an evening of free time which ended

with a slumber party on the stage. Although some of the boys woke up sore from either sleeping on the ground or from the countless hours of playing basketball in the gym late into the night, it was worth it.

In past years, the sophomore retreats were held at both Marist and St. Peter's Catholic Church. But last year, due to space issues at St. Peter's, the girls had to hold their first retreat completely at Marist. It went so well the retreat team decided to have all boys and girls sophomore retreats at Marist so all of the sophomores have the same experiences on the Journey Retreat.

Spartan For A Day: The China Edition



Two visiting students work with freshman Briahna Guevara in physical science. Photo by Ashley Zhao

By Cam Gray

On Tuesday, Marist welcomed a group of Chinese students from the Beijing Institute Education of the Affiliated High School for the day. The visiting students took a tour of Marist before sitting in on various classes to be able to experience what Marist learning is like.

During 4th period, they worked

with groups in Ryan Moser's Chemistry to solve equations, joined Patrick Wagner's AP Biology to do a lab about E. Coli, built paper roller coasters in Ryan Elliott's Physical Science and painted with Erica Gingerich's Studio Painting.

"Americans are very friendly. There's nice weather here, it's quiet, I like it," one student said.

Visiting math teachers Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Xu liked the atmosphere of the classrooms and how students were participating.

At the end of the day, History teacher Mr. Fox's dog, Casey, was very popular when she came to visit the group in the courtyard. They took pictures with her and gave her lots of love.

The students had been at the University of Oregon on Monday and have many other places they plan on visiting while in the U.S.



A visiting student with senior Zoe Notenboom and Science teacher Patrick Wagner in AP Biology. Photo by Ashley Zhao

Cheer Back in Action

By Jason DePaoli

For the first time since 2013, the Marist Cheer Team participated in their first official showcase at Thurston High School on Wednesday evening. After countless hours of practice, preparation and rising anticipation, the girls took to the THS gym floor to deliver an exciting routine filled with intricate flips and exuberant cheers.

Thurston High School invited the Marist Cheer Team last Tuesday and without missing a beat, they accepted the invitation. The team thought it would be advantageous to seize this opportunity, as they are hoping to return to competitions next year.

Since they competed against teams with years of experience, the pressure was on for the Marist girls. "Everyone

kept strong and really worked together as a team," junior cheer team member Haylee Kempf said.

The cheer team normally practices five days a week for around two hours, but since accepting the invitation to be in the showcase, they have practiced more often and for longer periods of time to prepare. Kempf wants "to encourage the student body to come check out more cheer related events."

Sports UPDATES

BOYS BASKETBALL

1/19- Varsity lost 40-66 to Crater; JV and freshmen won.

1/26- Varsity won 43-38 at Ashland; JV and freshmen won.

1/30- Varsity lost 50-61 at Churchill; JV and freshmen won.

2/2- Varsity lost 54-60 at Thurston; JV lost 39-45; freshmen lost 39-49.

2/6- Varsity lost 40-60 to Springfield; JV won 58-43; freshmen lost 47-50.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

1/19- Varsity won 47-21 vs Crater; JV won.

1/26- Varsity won 69-26 vs Ashland; JV won.

1/30- Varsity won 72-28 vs Churchill; JV lost.

2/2- Varsity won 44-16 at Thurston; JV lost 30-42.

2/6- Varsity lost 37-40 at Springfield; JV lost 20-29.

SWIMMING

1/23- Girls beat South Albany; boys beat South Albany.

1/26- Girls beat North Eugene; boys beat North Eugene.

1/27- Girls beat Ashland/Crater; boys beat Ashland/Crater.

1/30- Girls beat Junction City/Marshall; boys beat Junction City/Marshall.

2/2- Girls beat Thurston; boys beat Thurston.

SKI

1/20- Boys took 4th; girls—no team score

1/27- Boys took 4th; girls—no team score

2/3- Neither boys or girls had a team score

Senior Sports Signing



Senior Connor Fitzpatrick signs to Loras College for soccer. Photo by Griffin Puls



Senior Jack Courtemanche signs to Oregon State University for football. Photo by Griffin Puls



Senior Isaac Zachem signs to Colorado College for basketball. Photo by Griffin Puls

By Liesl Benda

The second of three sports signings for seniors was held on in the gym on Wednesday after school. Marist friends and family gathered to recognize the senior's athletic achievements.

The event was run by Marist Director of Athletics & Facilities Rick Gardner, who read of each athlete's achievements as they signed with their future school.



The Marist Cheer Team at Thurston High School. Photo by Teresa Molina-Gomez