



## NEWS briefs

### CLC/Retreat Team Sign Ups due Tuesday

Retreat Team and Christian Leadership Class (CLC) applications are due to Terrie Clemens in the front office no later than Tuesday, March 20. Late applications are not accepted.

### Separation Preparation for Parents

Cora Bennett, a representative from the University of Oregon, spoke to senior parents on Wednesday night about the transition they will experience as their senior(s) leave home and go on to college. A similar mandatory event for seniors will be held on Apr. 24.

### SPOTLIGHT in the Strings Perform at Music Festival



Freshman cellist Sarah Rosier performing at a concert earlier in the year. The strings will perform in the Late Winter Concert next Wednesday. Photo by Angel Montes-Michel

Today, the Marist Advanced Strings Class performed in their first music festival ever, the Springfield Music Festival at Springfield High School.

Local school orchestras came together to listen to one another and hear critiques from a panel of four professionals. While some orchestras competed for placements, Advanced Strings teacher Alisa Kincade decided to "test the waters" by taking the critique-only option.

Marist was the second group to perform in the event and played "Scherzo" from Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony*, an arrangement of the *Firebird Suite*, and *Symphonie Espagnole* by Lalo. Following their performance, Eugene Symphony conductor Francesco Lecce-Cong joined them on stage and gave some advice for how to add to their strong performance.

Off stage, the students received group coaching from former Willamette University band teacher Martin Behnke. He told the students how their music presented immense power for such a small group of musicians.

"I feel honored and proud to be here with these young and talented people for our first orchestra festival," Kincade said, "I'm looking forward to returning with the group next year to compete."

# SHOOTING FOR THE CROWN

## Girls basketball battle through quarters and semis to play in 5A State title game



Sophomore Kayley Elliott shoots a free throw late in the fourth quarter. Photo by Toni Cooper

The girls race onto the court to celebrate their win against Silverton in the semifinal round on Thursday. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Hunter Bloom and Dylan Parsons

In their third consecutive state appearance, the girls basketball team finally has the chance to battle for the title of 5A State Champions at 6:45 p.m. at Gill Coliseum against the state-defending La Salle Falcons.

The team kicked off the OSAA 5A State Tournament at the quarterfinals this Tuesday at Gill Coliseum with a 53-43 victory against the 8th

ranked Crescent Valley Raiders.

Junior Emma McKenney led the Spartans offensively, scoring 24 points, and senior Lauren Eagen recorded 6 blocks to help lock down the Raiders defensively.

The Spartans then pulled out another win in the semifinal game against the 5th ranked Silverton Silver Foxes in a 46-39 nail-biter on Thursday.

After being down double digits

at the start of the second half, the Spartans rallied back with a 22-9 fourth quarter run with junior Kayley Elliott leading the offensive charge. Elliott scored 10 of the fourth quarter points to help the Spartans secure the victory.

The Marist community has been carpooling and caravanning up to Corvallis all week dressed in different themes in order to fill the stands.

Administration passed out

free tickets that were donated by Marist supporters for the student body. A rooster bus has been available for all state tournament games for students who would like to go.

The Marist administration changed the class schedule to allow a Thursday early release so students and staff could attend without missing school.

The theme for the championship game tonight will be black-out.



Sophomore Charlie Moore skies the slalom event at the OSAA state qualifier. Photo by Teresa Molina-Gomez

## Sophomores Shine at Skiing State Qualifier

By JJ Anderson

The sophomore-loaded ski team competed at the state ski qualifier on March 2-3. The girls finished fourth in Slalom and fifth in Giant Slalom. Sophomores Sally Moore and Ellie Gonyea finished within the top 25 in both races. For the boys team, sophomore Charlie Moore cracked

the top 10 in the Giant Slalom while fellow sophomore Andrew Bascom finished 28.

The race the Spartans will be competing in this weekend is the OIRSA state tournament. The OIRSA was created in 1961. After a split in 2011, a new league called OSSA was cre-

ated, comprised of the Bend, Southern Oregon, Corvallis and Eugene schools. The Spartans will be competing against more than 50 other schools in the state tournament this weekend. This is a good opportunity for the Spartans to test their skills against the state of Oregon as a whole.

## Banking Big Bucks at Bunco

By Liesl Benda

Ladies of the Marist community gathered in the ARC on Wednesday, raising over \$1500 for the Mr. Spartan program in a fun-filled night of Bunco to save the babies.

Over 100 women attended the event, including daughters, moms, friends and grandmothers.

For the Bunco game, 26 tables were set up in the ARC and four players sat at each table. Each person partnered with the person next to them. Pairs played against one another in various rounds and moved tables each round based on who won.

Each round began when the head table rang the bell and a different number was chosen to be the Bunco number for each round. When players rolled three of a kind, they earned five points, and if they rolled three of a kind of the Bunco number they earned 21 points and yelled "Bunco!" Throughout the game, a baby doll was passed around to those

who scored a bunco. At certain times throughout the night, whoever had the baby doll received free Mr. Spartan Pageant tickets.

During the Bunco-filled evening, three intermissions took place. During the first break, two Mr. Spartans and two Mrs. Spartans participated in a baby food eating contest. In the second break they held a relay race where two teams composed of Mr. and Mrs. Spartans had to dress baby dolls one piece of clothing at a time and get them in

car seats as quickly as possible. Finally, the night came to a close after the last Bunco round with a raffle for a weekend getaway in Sunriver.



Senior Madelyn Nowicki joins women of the Marist community to play bunco. Photo by Hadley Peterson



Seniors Kai Fuji and Annie McNeil race to dress their babies in a competition at Bunco Night. Photo by Toni Cooper

## Spartans Speak and Debate

By Harper Kast

The Speech and Debate team had an amazing day of competition at the Oregon City tournament at Oregon City High School last weekend. They competed against a total of 27 other schools, including some powerhouse teams from Portland. While the team did not place, junior Lindy McCool had a great performance and placed third in Oratory.

The district tournament will be held tonight and tomorrow morning here at Marist in the Academic Resource Center.