



NEWS briefs

Togas for the Tinies

Tonight, the annual Mr. Spartan dance is taking place in the cafeteria from 8-11 p.m.. Admission is \$5 and come dressed in your best bedsheet toga, but be sure to wear clothes underneath. Swimsuits do not count as clothes. All proceeds from the dance go to the Mr. Spartan program.

Irish Echo Sing-A-Long

Tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m., Marist will be hosting it's annual Irish Echo Sing-A-Long in the Activity Center. Admission to this fun event is \$5 and all proceeds go towards Project Starfish.

March Madness

By Nick Nepute

For Marist's March Madness tournament, 48 students and staff submit 128 brackets. Of the brackets submitted 21.2% of them predict Virginia winning the tournament. 1st place gets a \$30 gift card and a trophy, 2nd gets a \$15 gift card and 3rd gets a \$10 gift card. The gift cards can be for Starbucks, Dutch Bros., Amazon or Jamba Juice.

in the SPOTLIGHT Speech and Debate Goes to State



Several members of the speech and debate team show off their medals at the end of Districts. Photo courtesy of Danielle Shojai

By Jace Krier

Last weekend seven members of the Marist Speech and Debate team qualified for state at the Speech and Debate District Championship held Friday and Saturday at Marist High School.

The students who will get another chance to sharpen their public speaking abilities as well as compete against other programs around the state are Danielle Shojai in After Dinner Speaking, Lindy McCool for Original Oratory, Katherine Thayer for Dramatic Interpretation, Claire Coughran for Prose, Phoebe Peterman for Duo Interpretation, and Chase Bond for Student Congress and Hannah McLaughlin for Expository Speaking and Duo Interpretation. The OSAA State Championships will be held April 20-22 at Western Oregon University.

GIRLS DIG GOLD



The girls scream in excitement as they celebrate their win against LaSalle in the State Championship game last Friday. Photo by Tomi Cooper

Lady Spartans win state title in a holy war at Gill Coliseum

By Cam Gray and Claire Hoffman

The road to state has come to an end with the Spartans on top. The Marist girls basketball defeated defending state champions LaSalle 59-44 in the OSAA State Championship last Friday at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis to secure their title after an amazing 25-3 season.

Coach Terry Harrison started a new tradition this year where he would give the player who worked

the hardest that game a shovel. The shovel was earned by digging deep and giving everything they had on the court.

Junior Emma McKenney fought hard and earned 19 points in the game against LaSalle. Seniors Claire and Lauren Eagen dominated the boards and were a strong physical presence.

All throughout play-offs Marist

had strong student section support, filling the stands every game. For every game the girls played, there were more Marist fans in the crowd than their opposing school.

Along with a title of state champion, McKenney also was named unanimously first team all state tournament. Both Claire and Lauren Eagen were voted second team as well.

Sports UPDATES

BOYS TENNIS: 3/14 Boys won at Sheldon 7-1 in a non-league match
GIRLS TENNIS: 3/14 Girls lost to Sheldon 5-7 in a non-league match
BOYS GOLF: 3/14 Boys won their tournament with a score of 313 at Emerald Valley Golf Club
BOYS LACROSSE: 3/14 Boys lost to Sprague 16-5 in a non-league match
GIRLS LACROSSE: 3/14 Girls lost at South Salem 8-5 in a non-league match
SOFTBALL: 3/15 Varsity beat Arbor View (NV) 8-0 and Farmington (NM) 4-2 at the Bishop Gorman Tournament in Las Vegas.
3/16 Varsity lost to Bishop Manogue (NV) 4-6

Snow More Ski

By JJ Anderson

Over the past weekend the ski team competed in the OISRA Alpine State Ski Championships at Mt. Bachelor. The girls finished 11th in Giant Slalom with sophomores Ellie Gonyea finishing 23rd and Sally Moore 26th. The boys finished 11th with sophomore Charlie Moore finishing 25th. In the Slalom race, the girls did not place but Gonyea finished 50th. In boys Slalom, Marist was 13th and Charlie was 36th.

Marist, who is a part of OSSA, competed in the event as a temporary member of OISRA who opened up their state meet to include any skier who wanted a chance to compete against the entire state.

Take A Stand, Lend A Hand

By Liesl Benda

Today marks the close of the Rise Team's Ally-Building Week, made to educate and raise awareness about the issue of bullying. "Take A Stand-Lend A Hand" was the motto for the week, emphasizing the importance of spreading positivity and love in our school community.

On a sunny Monday morning, students walked onto campus, greeted with the site of the "Take a Stand-Lend a Hand" banner. Throughout the school day, Rise leaders visited English and Theology classes to introduce students to the campaign and discuss its importance. Leaders played the campaign

video, directed by junior Jason DePaoli, for the classes and listened to student responses. Then, leaders gave a presentation on the meaning and effects of bullying, allowing students to learn that bullying actually plays a role in our very own school community.

On Tuesday, Ally-Building week ensued with the Rise Team handing out delicious free donuts during break. Rumor has it, there were around 600 donuts passed out! Students also put up positive message signs in the hallways and campaign T-shirts were handed out to the entire student body.

Students were invited to wear

their campaign T-shirts, which were designed by junior Taylor Proden, on Wednesday. If they wore the shirt, they were allowed to be in relaxed dress.

Rise Team and National Honor Society members came to school early on Thursday morning to set up the "Chalk Talk" in the "Parking Lot." They wrote positive sayings all over the entrance to Marist in colorful chalk.

Today, the Ally-Building Week concluded with students putting their paint fingerprints on a wooden Marist "M." This "M" will serve as a memento from the week for years to come.



Junior Daniella Giansante writes an uplifting message in chalk on the asphalt next to the fountain. Photo by Jason DePaoli

Singing Goodbye to Winter

By Harper Kast

Music directors Jim Reinking and Alisa Kincaid showcased their music classes to the community this week. Marist's jazz band, choir, and strings group performed Wednesday night and rock band performed Thursday night in the Bob Devereaux Theatre in their annual End-of-Winter Concerts.

The strings ensemble invited members of the jazz band, juniors Brandon Foster on percussion and Timothy Kong on piano, to join in their performance of Beethoven's *Ninth Symphony* "Scherzo" and an arrangement of the *Firebird Suite*.

Rock band was super energetic in their performances of "Layla", "Gravity", "Edge of Desire" and "White Room." "The best part of the concert was Skylar's godly guitar solos," said junior Chase Bond.

Prayers for Parkland

By Megan Mersino

Exactly one month after the 17 people were killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, a group of around 50 Marist students participated in a nation-wide "walk-out" by walking out of school on Wednesday morning. The "walk-out" lasted seventeen minutes, one minute for each of the Parkland victims.

The student led event also included a prayer service to stand in solidarity with the lives lost and as a group



A group of Marist students embrace each other at the end of the prayer service. Photo by Angel Montes-Michel

individual prayers were said for each victim. "I thought that adding the service to the walkout was a good way to show Marist's encouragement of the students, and

having some teachers out there with us really made it feel like there's some people who are actually listening to our voices," senior Stevie Davisson said.