

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

I AM THANKFUL FOR...

“My husband, my grandchildren, my second period Sacraments class, and the snowflakes that fell on my house this morning.” **Mrs. Ferrari**
 “Elon Musk and Dwight Howard.” **Hunter King, 11**
 “My hilarious family, my friends, and my cute pets!” **Amanda Jewett, 12**
 “My family, friends, and dogs.” **Amoline Foerstler, 11**
 “Family, friends and athletics.” **Alec Vendetti, 11**
 “JJ Anderson and Slocum.” **Matthew Hopkins, 12**
 “Mr. Pollard.” **Ben Morehouse, 11**
 “Airplanes so we can visit other places of the world” **Ellie Christian, 11**
 “Some of my family...” **Kenadi Witschger, 12**
 “Tanner Niegel.” **Hannah Welch, 12**
 “Swimming.” **Jackson Anderson, 09**
 “My bangs because they cover my huge forehead.” **Bella Zachem, 12**
 “A home and a roof over my head.” **Maddie Holmes, 09**
 “All the raw plants and animals that have gone into the 3 days worth of cooking that ensued as of yesterday.” **Tanner Niegel, 11**
 “A stable food supply.” **Connor Mullen, 09**
 “My nephews, my friends, and my future.” **Lizzie Wisely, 12**
 “Family, friends, hot cocoa and tea.” **Billy Christiansen, 12**
 “My dog, family, friends, my brother and sports.” **Talon Larson, 10**
 “My mom, Mrs. Cool, and my entire family tree.” **Caroline Robinson, 12**
 “My children, my husband, my siblings, my parents, all of my wonderful friends on the Marist staff, my Growing through Grace green group from the last encounter, and of course, most importantly, my wonderful newspaper staff... Oh yeah, and yearbook and photography kids as well.” **Ms. Cooper**

SEASON ENDS IN SEMIFINAL

Football loses rematch against No. 1 Banks in 4A state playoff match



Sophomore Lucas Tuski bursts through a hole created by the offensive line in the OSAA 4A State Championships semifinal game against Banks on Saturday. Photo by JJ Anderson '20

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All good things must come to an end. Last Saturday night, the No. 5 Spartans met with the No. 1 reigning champs, the Banks Braves, in an OSAA 4A State Championships semifinal game at Hillsboro Stadium. From the opening kickoff, the Spartans faced an uphill battle of having to play in a hostile roadgame-like atmosphere at Hillsboro stadium, as Banks, Oregon is just 12 miles from the stadium. The Spartans started on a high note, marching down the field on their first possession and taking a 7-0 lead. On the ensuing possession, the Braves responded with a touchdown of their own, tying up the ballgame at seven a piece. After a field goal by

sophomore Ty DePaoli, the Spartans went into the second quarter with a 10-7 lead. In the second quarter, the Braves offense came alive, scoring three touchdowns, the last of which pushed the deficit to two possessions with 45 seconds left in the first half. The Spartan's scoring in the second quarter came from an errant snap going through the back of the endzone on a punt attempt from Banks, resulting in a safety and two points for the Spartans. The other was the most explosive play for the Spartans offense on the night, a 52-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Max Campbell to junior receiver Lucas paterson. Going into halftime, the Spartans

trailed Banks, 19-28. After losing two starting defensive backs to injuries, the Spartans were forced to play their less experienced players. Banks capitalized on this, scoring four more touchdowns in the second half. The only scoring for Marist in the second half came on two, one-yard touchdown rushes by sophomore Lucas Tuski, who finished with 131 rushing yards in the game, also earning the Moda Health Player of the Game for Marist. The 31-56 semifinal loss marked the end to a successful season, consisting of a Sky-Em League championship and making it to the semifinal round for the first time as a program since 2014.



Junior Whitney Korth takes time to reflect by the roaring river on the Fall Women's Encounter. Photo by Toni Cooper

FALL WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER BRINGS THANKFULNESS

Junior and senior girls have a blast at St. Benedict's Lodge

By Nikola Sušec, '20

This weekend's Fall Women's Encounter transported 23 junior and senior girls and ten senior leaders into the magical world of nature, friendships, and long conversations at Marist-famous St. Benedict's Lodge along the McKenzie River. The water rumbled by the girls, and the tall trees lifted fir needles above them as they stepped into the Lodge, which has welcomed generations of juniors. "St. Benny's is as pretty and special a place as everyone says it is," said junior Whitney Korth. To her classmate Ava Eklund, "sitting by the river and [hearing] the water rushing

through might be the best sight ever?" Retreatants were invited to put away their phones for the retreat. "A weekend away from distraction and real life can help you really connect with teachers and classmates, and learn more than just surface level things," Korth said. Junior Ellie Christian called the retreat "a weekend away from reality." The weekend brought the junior girls closer as a community. Christian says she learned about each girl there and grew deeper in her relationships. "The amount of love you feel throughout the whole

weekend is almost overwhelming, but in the best way," she said. When asked what her biggest takeaway was, Junior Amoline Foerstler replied with "the memories I made and the time I got to spend with my friends." Foerstler wanted to encourage the rest of her class to attend the upcoming Winter Women's Encounter. "It is an amazing opportunity to get to know new people and form new friendships," said Foerstler. The next Women's Encounter February 22-24, after the next Men's Encounter is on February 8-10.