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## Sports UPDATES

**Cross Country:** Both the boys and girls cross country competed in the huge Nike Portland meet on Sept. 25. The boys competed in the men's 5000m Division 2 varsity race where Elias Santin placed 50th, Gabe Olsen placed 52nd, and Aaron Pina was in 54th. The girls competed in the 5000m Damer Championships race at Nike Portland where Jennifer Tsai was our top finisher in 52nd place. On Saturday, Oct. 9 both teams participated in the Paul Mariman Invitational. Junior Kellen Crammer was the boy's top finisher in 17th with a final time of 17:46.2. Senior Jennifer Tsai won 1st place with a finishing time of 19:24.9 and other top finishers were senior Emilie Nelson in 4th, senior Alina Niggli in 6th and junior Reeve Helvoigt in 9th.

**Football:** Varsity is now 6-1 after losing 38-33 to non-league opponent Cascade at the Marist Homecoming Game. They are now ranked No. 3 in 4A after being No. 2 in the coaches poll all season long. They are still undefeated in the Sky-Em league and have their last home game on Oct. 22 against Elmira.

**Boys Soccer:** Varsity has a record of 5-5-2. They tied with Cottage Grove in their game on Wednesday at home in their last regular home game of the season.

**Girls Soccer:** Varsity is now 8-1-2 and undefeated in the league with a record of 5-0. They beat Cottage Grove 5-0 last Wednesday and have two more regular season home games left.

**Volleyball:** Varsity is 4-10 overall, and 2-6 in league. They won in a competitive five-set game against Junction City on Sept. 23 at home to a crowd of excited fans. Senior night and their last home game will be next Thursday at home against Elmira.

**Waterpolo:** Waterpolo's record is 0-6. They scored 6 goals in their loss against Willamette.

## STUDENTS SHOWCASE SPIRIT WITH STYLE



Seniors Lucas Franssen and Bree Kosinski show off their dance moves in their 80s themed performance in the Class Dance competition last Thursday. Photo by: Drew Prickle.

### Classes celebrate Homecoming Week by dancing and dressing up

By Alex Chavez '23 and Rachel McConaghie '23

'We Are One' was brought to life as students came together to celebrate Homecoming Week after a year's absence. The week of spirited events heightened the mood, stirring up excitement for Saturday's Homecoming Dance.

The Marist students kicked off the week with Pajama Day on Monday complete with relaxed and comfortable attire. Tuesday's theme was Mathlete vs. Athlete, where a majority of students sported their favorite jerseys. Country vs. Country Club was a huge hit on Wednesday as a large number of students came dressed in cowboy hats and boots while others sported tennis skirts and polos. Thursday was the ever-favorite Decade Day where the grades dressed up in their correlating decade and got to dance!

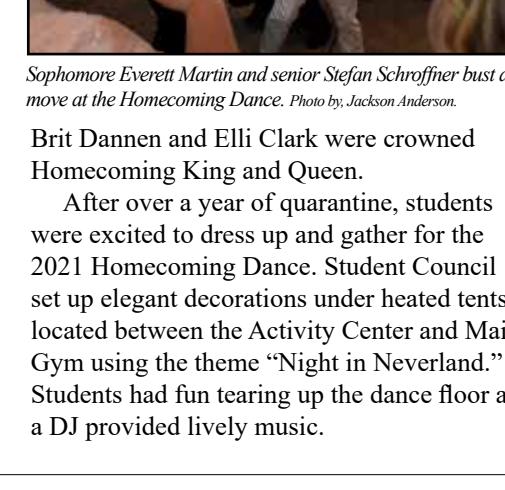
The Class Dance Competition on Thursday afternoon brought back the sense of community as each grade competed for first place bragging rights by performing class-crafted dances in front of a panel of judges made up of Marist staff.

The freshman class started off the competition with their well-rehearsed 50s themed performance and the sophomores showed their dedication and talent by incorporating many props with ample 60s references.

The juniors brought the energy — despite issues with the sound system — in their 70s attire but it was the seniors who owned the competition. They had the highest class participation with not only dancing but also bringing their acting talents to the stage with scenes straight out of 80s movie sets.

The seniors' energy delivered a first place performance, with the sophomores a close second, juniors receiving third and freshmen were fourth.

After a day off from school on Friday, Marist hosted Cascade High School that evening in a competitive and exciting Homecoming Football Game which they lost 33-38. The student section was loud and energetic, showing their school spirit for both the team and when the Homecoming Court was announced at halftime. Seniors



Sophomore Everett Martin and senior Stefan Schroffner bust a move at the Homecoming Dance. Photo by: Jackson Anderson.

Brit Dannen and Elli Clark were crowned Homecoming King and Queen.

After over a year of quarantine, students were excited to dress up and gather for the 2021 Homecoming Dance. Student Council set up elegant decorations under heated tents located between the Activity Center and Main Gym using the theme "Night in Neverland." Students had fun tearing up the dance floor as a DJ provided lively music.

## LOCK-IN BACK ON TRACK



Marist freshmen and retreat leaders participate in class bonding activities in the gym during the 2021 Freshman Lock-In. Photo by: Macarena Perez

### Class of 2025 welcomed with open arms

By Talon Larson '22 and Diego Montes-Michel '22

"This is the best school ever," was a phrase overheard by one staff member while attending the Freshman Lock-In two Saturdays ago. Students from the Christian Leadership Class along with Student Council and photography students ran and helped with the event for the freshman class as a way of bringing them into the Marist community. They were also pleased with its success. "It was just a grand old time — the freshmen had a blast and even had some good dance moves," said junior Madison Holmes who spent the time taking pictures and

interacting with the class of 2025.

The leaders arrived early and stayed late because they know how important it is to create great experiences for the freshmen. They set up their small group rooms, as is the tradition, using themes such as winter camping and under the sea to create a comfortable and warm atmosphere for the freshmen to get to know each other.

Freshmen had a blast meeting each other in large group games,

then gathering in small groups before attending Mass in the Activity Center. After Mass, a dance was held in the courtyard. The dance was followed by pizza and lots of free time to play

sports in the gym or watch a movie.

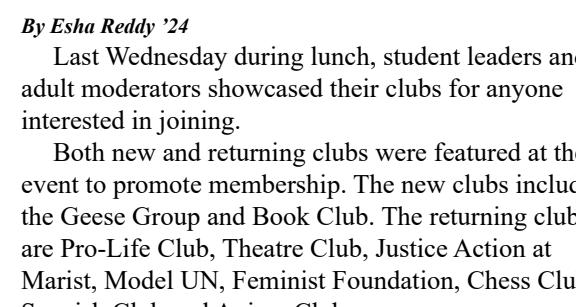
The evening ended with a final small group session so they could be silly and create hilarious music videos that the freshman starred in. "I liked the Mass and the small groups," said freshman Miranda Hopkins who felt like the day went by really quick.

The Lock-In has been a tradition at Marist for almost 20 years now and after a year off due to COVID, this year's Lock-In was an eight-hour day instead of the usual overnight event.

"I still had a good time but it would have been better overnight because it would have given us more time to meet new classmates," freshman Connor Thompson said.

## CLUB FAIR

Marist clubs look for new members



Senior Tim Taylor promotes Spanish Club to intrigued students. Photo by: Peyton Anderson

By Esha Reddy '24

Last Wednesday during lunch, student leaders and adult moderators showcased their clubs for anyone interested in joining.

Both new and returning clubs were featured at the event to promote membership. The new clubs include the Geese Group and Book Club. The returning clubs are Pro-Life Club, Theatre Club, Justice Action at Marist, Model UN, Feminist Foundation, Chess Club, Spanish Club and Anime Club.

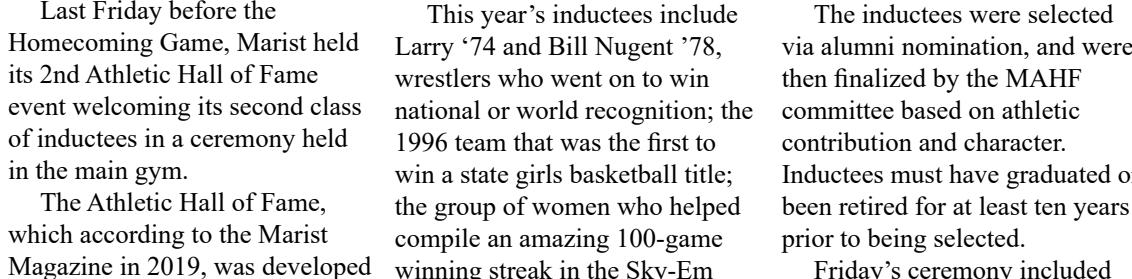
The newly-founded Geese Group, run by sophomore Haley Ross, gained a wide variety of interested members. "I'm very interested in Geese Group and I have a passion for animals on our planet," freshman McKenna De Lee said. The mission of this club is to find a safe and harmless way to keep geese poop off of campus, while connecting over the common interest of geese.

One returning club is the Anime Club run by junior Baylee Simmonds who has taken on the role of leading and sharing her passion with others after its absence for a few years. "Anime is inspiring and I am excited to join the club!" said sophomore Savannah Crawford. The Anime Club meets Mondays and Thursdays after school to watch anime and read manga.

Another returning club is the Pro-Life club led by senior Ezra O'Connell and new theology teacher Jo Montoya. Heidi Sušec, the previous club monitor, moved to Croatia last year, leaving an opportunity for a new leader. "I am most excited that this club will encourage Marist students to value and support life on a deeper level," Montoya said.

## A NEW CLASS OF FAMERS

Marist admits its second class of inductees



Members of the 2000-2003 basketball team stand with their coach Terry Landre before being inducted into the Marist 2020 Athletic Hall of Fame. Photo by: Toni Cooper

By Amelia Watts '22

Last Friday before the Homecoming Game, Marist held its 2nd Athletic Hall of Fame event welcoming its second class of inductees in a ceremony held in the main gym.

The Athletic Hall of Fame, which according to the Marist Magazine in 2019, was developed to "recognize Marist alumni, athletes, coaches, administrators and supporters who excelled in their respective sport or roles and who helped bring honor, recognition, distinction and excellence to Marist and the community by their conduct both

on and off the field."

This year's inductees include Larry '74 and Bill Nugent '78, wrestlers who went on to win national or world recognition; the 1996 team that was the first to win a state girls basketball title; the group of women who helped compile an amazing 100-game winning streak in the Sky-Em League from 1997-2003; the late Dr. Thomas Kerns who was the St. Francis and Marist football team doctor for 35 years, along with being an innovator in Eugene health and education communities; and the late Bernie Conklin '69 athlete, parent and supporter of

Marist athletics for years.

The inductees were selected via alumni nomination, and were then finalized by the MAHF committee based on athletic contribution and character. Inductees must have graduated or been retired for at least ten years prior to being selected.

Friday's ceremony included

photos, speeches and a catered dinner.

"It was exciting to be able to celebrate the great success of each inductee in this second class of the Marist Athletic Hall of Fame" said Katie Underwood, who coordinated the event.

## SENIOR NAMED COMMENDED SCHOLAR

Senior Mia Michel acknowledged for her academic achievement



Andy Oldham presents award to Mia Michel. Photo by: Alya Samy

By Mathilde Espinosa '22

Senior Mia Michel was recognized as a Commended Scholar by the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program for her academic excellence and promise. She was one of nearly two million high school students across the country who took the 2020 PSAT/NMSQT last spring

to qualify for entry into the National Merit competition.

Of the top 50,000 students who took the test, the National Merit Scholarship Program named 34,000 as Commended Students. She received a Letter of Commendation, but will not continue in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship competition.