

Sports Updates

VARSITY FOOTBALL:
09/09 v. Springfield **W**41-20

JV FOOTBALL:
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JV VOLLEYBALL:
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09/15 v. North Bend **L**1-3

JV2 VOLLEYBALL:
09/15 v. North Bend **L**0-3

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER:
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09/15 v. Stayton **L**0-4

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER:
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09/15 @ Stayton **W**8-0

JV GIRLS SOCCER:
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WELCOME TO THE FIREPLACE



Members of the class of 2026 dive into the water on Wednesday afternoon during the Kissing of the 'M' ceremony. Photo by Natalia Zreljak '15
By Alex Chávez

To celebrate the first full week back at school, Marist participated in a variety of fun Welcome Week traditions. Upon walking into campus on Monday, seniors were given crowns by members of Student Council to acknowledge their new status as the "top dawgs" on campus.

"It was really exciting to get to see us all in this final milestone," said senior ASB secretary Rhysa Huffman as she handed out crowns to her fellow seniors.

Also on Monday, the entire school was greeted to decorated hallways for each of the classes by Marist parents over the weekend.

"The senior parents reached out to decorate the hallways for the seniors but as

we got to talking we decided that it's the beginning of the year and we have all these new students and chose to decorate the hallways for all the kids," assistant principal Stacy Baker said.

On Wednesday, new Marist students and staff took part in the longstanding tradition of the Kissing of the 'M.' Students dressed up in costumes, gathering around the fountain to kiss the 'M' as their names were called out – adding their names to a long list of Marist students and staff who had undergone this tradition before them. "I thought it was really fun to have the whole school there. It was a fun experience," freshman Alyssa Witt said.

To end the week, the entire school

gathered in the gym on Friday to celebrate the first school Mass of the year celebrated by Fr. David Cullings and three other local priest. Following the tradition, senior ASB Vice President Reeve Helvoight read a letter addressed to the freshmen from the Class of 2022, giving advice for how to handle the upcoming school year. Fr. Dave spent the start of the Mass teaching the freshmen about the Catholic ritual and he used his homily to explain the importance of community, using a skit to make his point. Father used four senior actors to help demonstrate the importance of staying involved in the Marist community, comparing the school's environment to a fireplace that keeps students warm.



Senior Blake Herring leads the team taking the field last Friday in their game against Springfield. Photo by Name Toni Cooper

MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Father Dave enlists the freshmen in helping the miracle of the gym turning into a church. Photo by Toni Cooper

CROSS-COUNTRY



Senior Kellen Cranmer sprints to the finish line at the Marist Invitational last weekend. Photo by Rachel McConaghie '23

By Rachel McConaghie

The Marist Invitational held last Saturday was a successful meet for the Spartans. With smoke visible in the air and ash falling from the sky, nine teams from around Oregon competed in four races throughout the morning.

The varsity boys were led by seniors Kellen Cranmer and Elias Santin. "It's awesome to compete at Marist and see so many familiar faces from school. We usually have to travel for every other meet we run, so it was great to have one at home," senior co captain Cranmer said.

The varsity girls were led by senior Avery Hedden who was competing in her first Marist cross country race.

The JV girls were led by freshman June Robinson. The JV boys were led by junior Jax Martin.



"I'm excited to return to the Marist community because it's a truly beautiful community." "I'm also very excited to be teaching health because I think it's one of those classes that you take with you your whole life. On a funny note though it's been weird calling the teachers I had as a student by their first names." - Danielle Ragan '08



"I'm most looking forward to watching all of our athletes compete for the fall sports season. And getting to know everyone on campus." - Bob Fraley



Dwyer comes to us from Florida with 25 years of volleyball coaching experience. "I'm excited to get to know the students here and see the sports programs compete. I'm not looking forward to the five months of rain." - John Dwyer



"I'm excited to get to know Marist more ... I like talking about theology and I like teaching it. I make and study analog and digital collages and I embroider and recreate historical designs." - Randy Derrick



"I wanted to keep teaching French like I did in Jacksonville, Florida and Marist seemed like a good connection for me to keep teaching French which I love." - Kiara Wessling



"I have been teaching for five years now ... what I like about Marist compared to other schools is the focus on teaching the whole person, so it's not just about what you're learning in your classes or what you have to do for exams, but how do we take all of that and then go into the world and continue to be good people and treat others with respect and being value driven." - Kiernan Michau

WELCOME NEW STAFF