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Sports Updates

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL:

12/02 @ Seaside 64-68 L
12/06 v Stayton 52-54 L
12/09 v Henley 37-53 L
12/10 v Gladstone 52-43 W
12/13 v Ridgeview 47-48 L

JV BOYS BASKETBALL:

12/02 @ Seaside 37-29 W
12/06 v Stayton 42-37 W
12/09 v Philomath 32-42 L
12/10 v Philomath 22-40 L
12/13 v Ridgeview 49-39 W

FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL:

12/13 v Ridgeview 57-50 W

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL:

12/02 @ Seaside 48-24 W
12/06 v Stayton 44-39 W
12/09 v Henley 55-56 L
12/10 v Philomath 40-17 W

JV GIRLS BASKETBALL:

12/02 @ Seaside 41-33 W
12/06 v Stayton 42-33 W
12/09 v Philomath 41-42 L
12/10 v Philomath 20-40 L

SWIM:

12/02: Against six teams at the Cottage Grove Relays Invitational placing 2nd overall.

12/08: Both the boys and girls placing 2nd in the 200 Medley Relay against Philomath.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

Watch Here!



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Music teacher Jim Reinking and his Rock Band finished out Friday's Christmas Prayer Service with a rockin' rendition of "Little Drummer Boy" to the applause of the crowd. Before the bands played, a few senior boys did a shortened version of the Christmas Carol by Dickens and theology teacher Alice Meyer shared her thoughts on Christmas. Photo by Tomi Cooper



Senior Greenley Robinson plays Jenga with freshman Emilie Liles during freshman conversations on Monday. Photo by Jessica Arteaga-Bocanegra '23

SENIORS AND FRESHMEN TALK IT UP

By James Warner

On Monday, Marist seniors in Dr. Martin's Christian Leadership Class participated in the annual Freshman Conversations where each freshman was paired with a CLC senior as a great opportunity for the seniors to share their Marist experiences with the freshmen, make them feel comfortable, and help them transition smoothly into their new school.

Freshmen met with their seniors during

their theology period. To make the 45-minute class time fun and memorable, seniors also brought food and games to share with their freshmen partners as they talked about subjects from school to food to pop culture or anything to get to know each other better.

One conversation between a senior and freshman Daniel Gay went well. "It gave me a real insight into what I'm going to expect here at Marist," freshman Daniel Gay said.

FLIP or FLOP: DWYER EDITION



By Kaylynn Guervara and Elizabeth Tucker

New Marist athletic director John Dwyer, took it upon himself to clean and redesign rooms 105 and 106, which are by the tennis courts and is where Marist houses opposing teams and officials. Dwyer took the trash out, painted the walls and floors, did some sprucing and voila, the guest locker rooms have been transformed from mortifying to gratifying.

He made the changes because he knows that first impressions are important and he recalls feeling "completely embarrassed" to have to lead the other teams into a room that was unclean and disorganized.

The makeover started two weeks prior to Thanksgiving and Dwyer finished working in time for our first home games.

HONORING OUR LADY

By Alex Chávez

Last Thursday, Marist celebrated the Feast of Mary with a Mass said by Fr. Vincent Benoit, a Dominican priest from St. Thomas More in Eugene and a long-time member of the Marist community.

Before the Mass began, senior Avery Hedden spoke about what Mary meant to her and the role model Mary has been in her life.

In the homily Fr. Benoit shared about the love that existed between Mary and Jesus and how our actions are a crucial part of expressing our love for others.

At the end of Mass Fr. Benoit shared that he will be moving to Seattle to be with his family in the upcoming months. He expressed his love for the Marist community, which he has been a part of since the 90s, and that this past Mass was most likely his last celebrated at Marist.



Fr. Benoit leads congregation as they join hands in the Our Father at Feast of Mary mass last Thursday. Photo by Tomi Cooper

CULTURAL SPOTLIGHT DAY

By Jordan Andreasen

Sophomores Violet Garcia-Mell and Andrea Piña had an idea inspired by a TikTok, to create a day to celebrate different cultures at school. The first one, celebrating Mexico, took place on Dec. 7 during lunch period to allow for ample student participation.

Student Council chose to help with this idea because it was a great opportunity to bring fun and culture to the school. Cultural Spotlights are a good way to, "highlight cultures of interest or heritage and learn about as well as celebrate

diversity," moderator Beth Wirth said. The hope is to validate diversity and remind us to get to know our classmates and neighbors better.

Many different foods were served, such as tamales, horchata, Mexican hot chocolate and tacos, made by Garcia-Mell and Piña's families, and an assortment of candies. This event also highlighted senior Elizabeth Mojica Gonzalez and her performance of the traditional Mexican dance, folklorico.

Spanish teacher Dr. Nicole Mombell was eager to make this idea come to life as she re-

members participating in similar events when she was a student.



Senior Elizabeth Mojica Gonzalez dances folklorico. Photo by McKenna De Lee '25

ADVENT ANGELS

Spreading cheer across Lane County

By Sophie Mahalak

Advent is the season of giving as we prepare for the birth of Christ. This Advent season Marist is partnering with Catholic Community Services (CCS) for the Advent Angels Project. This helps families in need spreading Christmas cheer by providing each family with stocking stuffers and gift cards. This year Marist has 17 families to provide for.

"Our donation of gift cards allows the parents to purchase their own gifts for their children, a luxury that most of them don't have because they need to prioritize

paying rent and grocery & heating bills," said service coordinator Julie Ferrari.

Each theology class sponsors a separate family and each student has the opportunity to bring in \$10 in cash or in gift cards to stores like Target or Walmart. Two or three volunteers from each class will purchase the gift card, stocking stuffers and a stocking. They will also make a personalized Christmas card that the class can sign, and CCS will collect the items and distribute them to the families across Lane County at the end of the week.