

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

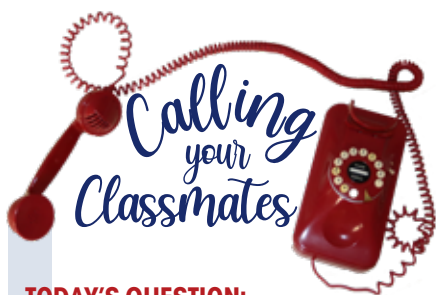


Sophomore CJ Guistina poses after scoring against Mazama during a home game last Friday. Photo by Toni Cooper

At last Friday's first home game, varsity football had a nail-biter against Mazama. With both defenses making strong stands, Marist closed the first half with a lead of 14-13. The battle extended long into the second half, each score quickly getting returned by the rival. As the clock neared one minute left in the fourth quarter with the Spartans down by two points, tension was high as they searched for the end zone. Sophomore CJ Guistina answered our prayers in the backfield, as he completed the pass and breezed easily into the end zone untouched.

Can't Miss Match-ups

In possibly the best volleyball game of the season, the #2 ranked Spartans will host the #1 ranked Marshfield Pirates in a battle of unbeaten league rivals. Hope to see you on Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. cheering for the varsity squad.



TODAY'S QUESTION:

HEY! IF YOU COULD BE THE FACE OF A BRAND, WHAT BRAND WOULD IT BE?

Hudson Cheesman

Freshman



"Nike, I already wear a lot of it."

Kai Holmes

Sophomore



"Sweet Tarts 'cause it's yummy."

Violet Garcia Mell

Junior



"Gucci because then I would be famous."

Esha Reddy

Senior



"Dave's Hot Chicken because it's tasty, and because I like Drake, and he's a part owner."

DIVING INTO A NEW YEAR

Rituals new and old welcome the class of 2027 into the Marist community



Members of the class of 2027 Kiss the "M" on Wednesday afternoon during the welcome week festivities. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Rory Yasenchak and Taylor Murphy

The first week of school was chock-full of fun activities to welcome new and returning students. The week kicked off with the annual events of Kissing the M, the Freshman Retreat, Ice Cream Social, Welcome Mass along with a Welcome Assembly that was held to share important information about the new year.

Welcome week started with a bang when freshmen students enjoyed a day off in the Activity Center with exciting games and icebreakers to get to know their new classmates better. Led by Director of Campus Ministry Dr. Rick Martin and upperclassmen, the freshman class broke into small groups, and their perspective was expanded with meaningful group discussions and prayer.

The Welcome Assembly was a pivotal moment for the freshman class as they were introduced to what it means to be a Marist student. Assistant Principal of Teaching and Learning, Andy Oldham, made a point of informing all students of the respect and kindness towards others that they're expected to display on a daily basis. He also addressed the dissatisfied senior class about the controversial decision to require them to remain on campus during study halls with a reminder that the Marist campus is

stronger together.

Before school began at the Ice Cream Social, Staff and returning Spartans helped prepare the freshmen for their first weeks of high-school with fun games and icebreakers in hopes of building new connections with their peers.

The fun didn't end there! Marist freshman, transfer students, and the new Marist staff members were all encouraged to participate in the Kissing of the M — a

tradition in which hilarious costumes are worn while groups take turns kissing the M in the fountain while being cheered on by the Spartan community.

Welcome Week closed with the traditional Welcome Mass, celebrated by Fr. David Brown, Fr. Dave Cullings and Fr. Ken Olsen. Student Council president Haley Ross shared some thoughtful words of advice for the freshman from the 2023 senior class after the closing of Mass.



Fr. David Brown leads congregation as students join hands in the Our Father at Welcome mass last Friday Photo by Toni Cooper

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW STAFF: PT. 1

Introducing the first 4 of 12 new staff joining Marist in 2023

MR. KIESEWETTER



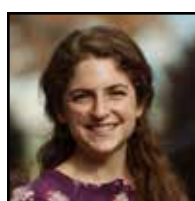
Marist alumni, Jack Kiesewetter is the newest member of the theology department, and is eager to be back to "serve the next generation of Marist Students." When he's not teaching, he spends his time making kombucha. You may be wondering, what was his nickname during his time at Marist? But he'll never tell...

COACH LANDGRAF



Coach Charles Landgraf is the new PE instructor and football coach who was "inspired to start teaching and coaching because of the positive impact teachers and coaches had on me as a student growing up." He was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. When he's not on the football field, you can find him hitting the links!

PROF. KEPPLER



Claire Kepple is the new Spanish teacher, who was inspired to become a teacher by her History and Spanish professors. She is a vintage clothing collector, and if she wasn't a teacher, she'd have her name in lights on a Broadway stage!

MS. SARAS



Cynthia Saras, also known as "Smiley" in high school, is the new dean of students, and a former teacher at the Genesis Reading Academy. Her favorite part of Marist is the community, and as the new dean, she is looking forward to building relationships with students and staff.