

## SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

### Micah Hugo 500m Victory!

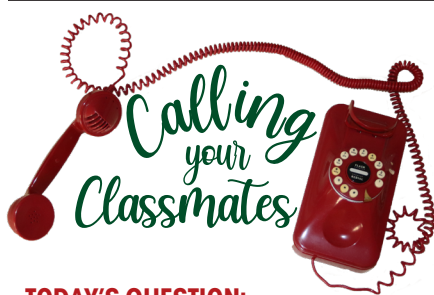


Senior Micah Hugo races at a swim meet last season. Photo by Don Barth

On Dec. 12 at the old Sweet Home pool, senior captain Micah Hugo won his 500m race. According to the boys and girls swim coach Alexis Krivchuk, the 500m is an, “exceptionally difficult race.” Krivchuk says Hugo is an “Incredible person ... and a fantastic leader in and out of the pool.” Hugo will be a key part as the boys try to win their 5th consecutive district title. Both the boys and girls have their first home meet today at 3 pm vs. Willamette High School at Echo Hollow Pool. Their next meet is Tuesday at Philomath.

### Can't Miss Match-ups

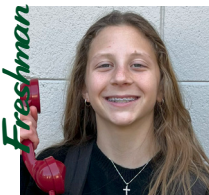
The boys and girls basketball teams have a home match vs. Creswell on Wednesday the 20th. Both JV teams play at 3 pm, the boys freshman team and the girls varsity team play at 4:30 pm, and boys varsity is at 6 pm.



### TODAY'S QUESTION:

WHAT'S ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST THIS YEAR?

Tori Sherman



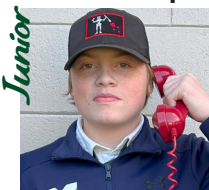
“A new phone.”

Joselin Ochoa Tolento



“I asked Santa for some dunks and ugs.”

Tanner Malpass



“I want gym equipment.”

Austin Murray



“I want Santa to get me stuff from LuluLemon!”

## DECKING THE HALLS

*A week of spirited celebrations honor Christmas traditions*



Junior Bailey Cole sings the rock and roll Christmas anthem Run Rudolph Run. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Rory Yasenchak '24

Over the past week, Marist spread the Christmas spirit through gathering funds for local families, lots of music, and community prayer.

The Advent Angel Project connects Marist with Catholic Community Services families who are taking positive steps to move out of poverty. Marist students were urged to bring in \$10 gift cards to class this week in order to sponsor a few specific children in need. Marist's gift card donations allow parents the opportunity to buy a few Christmas gifts for their children. Marist is sponsoring 55 children this year.

The Marist Jazz and Rock Bands held a loud and festive concert on Wednesday. The quick, 41 minute concert showcased the many talents of Marist students. Both bands, directed by Marist Music Director

Jim Reinking, embodied the Christmas spirit through their Christmas song covers.

To bring the Christmas themed spirit-week to an end Marist had a Christmas Prayer Service organized by Campus Ministry. Principal Bob Fraley shared a heartfelt Christmas story about receiving a thank you from his brother after 25 years. It was followed by prayers for victims of violence across the globe, members of our Marist community, and then names of the Advent Angel children Marist is sponsoring were read.

The audience was also treated to some wonderful music. There was an impressive performance of “A Hallelujah Christmas” by Marist staff members Jack Kiesewetter, Rick Martin, Claire Kepple and Rebecca Larson. “I enjoyed it,” said Dennis Jackson Jr., who was lucky to be seated in the front

row. “Their harmonious voices worked well together.” The service ended with a hard-core drum solo as an annual treat to the Marist community.



Seniors James Harvey, Aiden Hazen, and Kaden Erlenbush sing along at Mass. Photo by Abigail Schombert '24

## FRIENDS WITH FRESHMEN

*Sharing knowledge across the age gap*

By Hailey Trank '24

On Monday, seniors from the Christian Leadership Class met with the freshmen for the annual “Freshman Conversation” with them, to give advice for finals and create a tighter community between the biggest age gap in the school. Many freshmen and seniors laughed while playing games and talking about school, extracurriculars, home life and other activities. “It was nice to have a conversation with them and it was fun to get to know what they wanted to do for the next four years.” senior Javi Sandoval-Gongora said. This year had the biggest change, freshmen could decide to pair up with one of their classmates for their conversations.



Senior Mya Snyder talks with freshmen Dalaney Clark and Ireanne Gutierrez during Freshman Conversation. Photo by Erika Arteaga-Bocanegra '25

## SPARTY'S PEPPY DEBUT



Sparty appears at the winter pep rally. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Kaylynn Guevara '24

Hey Spartans! It's the New Sparty here and I just wanted to thank you for your support on Wednesday. I can't explain how exciting it was to officially meet everyone! I loved being able to go around giving fist bumps and shaking hands and taking my photo with all the fall sports who went to state. It was especially fun to take a picture with the 2023 volleyball state champs! I've been taking lessons

from my mentor Old Sparty, learning how to be the best Marist supporter I can be and they finally think I'm ready to take the reins.

Even though I was nervous about my debut, I knew this was my first step to becoming a part of the Marist community. I can never fully replace Old Sparty, but I'm ready to leave my mark by attending games and events to cheer on my fellow Spartans.