

SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

Overtime Thriller

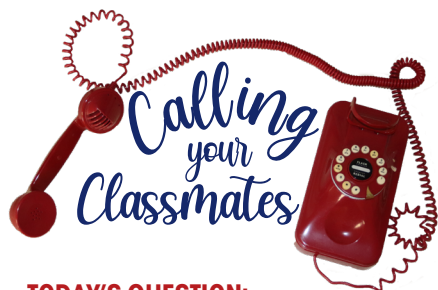


Junior Christian Guerrero drives towards a hoop in an overtime hoop against cascade. Photo by Erica Arteaga-Botanegra '25

On Jan. 4, the Marist varsity boys basketball team showed out against No. 5 ranked Cascade in what became a thriller of a match. The tone was set early as the boys developed a quick 10-0 lead as the passionate student section fueled the fire. Each side battled for the lead resulting in a tie at the end of regulation. The game ultimately concluded with a 60-63 loss to the Cougars.

Can't Miss Match-ups

After a delayed opening day, Willamette Pass is finally ready for some skiing! The Marist ski team has their first two on-mountain practices this weekend and their first race this Wednesday, Jan. 17 at Hoodoo ski area. If you don't want to miss a C-Day but still want to cheer on the team, they will also race next Saturday, Jan. 20 at Willamette Pass.



TODAY'S QUESTION:
WHAT WAS YOUR
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Lucy Shah



"My new years resolution is to drink less Celsius in a day."

Sophia Copley



"To stop procrastinating."

Elias Michel



"To make it out of my classes with all B's"

Cameron Kline



"To visit an island or something."

A WINTER FORMAL



At last Friday's winter formal, students packed into the gym for a night of dancing and fun, complete with a DJ and photo booth. The dance was hosted by the student council and also marked the third annual Sadie Hawkins dance, in which the girls asked boys with creative signs. Photo by Abigail Schombert '24

WE HAD AN EPIPHANY!

By Taylor Murphy '26

This past week the Marist community celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany on Jan. 6. The celebrations consisted of getting more familiar with learning new traditions in theology classes, an Epiphany Mass on Friday and if you were lucky enough to be in a Spanish class, you got to learn more about how Mexico celebrates the event.

Profesora Mombell's class celebrated the holiday by making origami crowns in memory of The Three Kings, whom Catholics celebrate on the Epiphany, marking the moment the baby Jesus was recognized as the Messiah. Mombell's students wrote letters to the Three Kings in Spanish about gifts they wished to receive. "I think it is really important to be exposed to other cultures and not stuck to one viewpoint, especially when it comes to cultural celebrations," senior AP Spanish student Ava Konrady said.

Along with the students the staff got to celebrate the Epiphany. Front office coordinator Fatima Mora Flores brought in a traditional Kings' cake called a Rosca de Reyes. "It was an important part of my childhood," Mora Flores, who was born in Mexico, said. This delicious Mexican sweet bread includes many hidden symbols that represent the history behind the holiday. The cake is a circle to represent the Kings' crowns. The person who finds the bean inside the cake has to do the dishes and whoever finds the plastic baby Jesus is said to receive good luck and prosperity for the year. Assistant principal Andy Oldham found it this year.

The week concluded with an Epiphany Mass which brought everyone together. The Mass was celebrated by Father David Brown from Saint Paul's Parish. Although parts of his homily were controversial, his under-

lying message was that Jesus will always be with us like the stars. Principal Bob Fraley made an announcement at the end of the day that anyone who had concerns about that homily were welcome to come speak with him.



Assistant principal Andy Oldham holds the baby Jesus found in the Rosca de Reyes. Photo by Taylor Murphy '26

ENGINEERING THE FUTURE

By James Smythe '24

Last Friday during lunch a representative from Oregon State's School of Engineering stopped by Mr. Moser's room to tell attendees about the many engineering majors they offer - from bio-engineering, to construction management, to computer science. The representative, Ishita Joshi, discussed some of the research opportunities provided at OSU, and showcased some of their humanitarian efforts through "engineers without borders,"

including 2 projects to provide fresh drinking water to communities in need.



Ishita Joshi. Photo by James Smythe '24

BIG JOSH WINS BIG MONEY



Joshua Josiah poses with veterans after winning his award. Photo courtesy of Jerry Rosa

By Asher Pellegrini '24

On Dec. 11, freshman Joshua Josiah won first place and a \$300 prize for his essay in a contest held by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Willamette Post #293. Josiah's award-winning essay responded to the prompt: "What Are the Greatest Attri-

butes of Our Democracy?" and on Dec. 16 he won another \$300 for placing third at the District level. O'Hara 8th grader Fletcher Pollard, son of English teacher Bart Pollard, won third place in the Patriot's Pen essay contest and won \$100.