

## SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

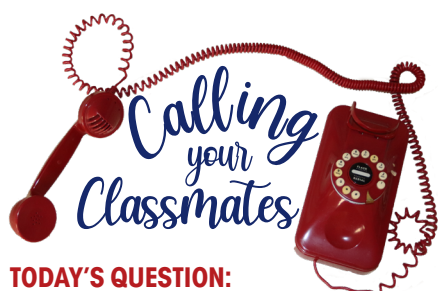
### Battles in JC

On Tuesday, the varsity boys basketball team traveled to Junction City for a match that was crucial for their league standings. With one quarter remaining in the game Marist was up by double digits, but half way through the quarter, JC caught up. The game went back and forth until there were 10 seconds remaining when down by one, senior Peyton Tyner drove to the basket and made an off-balance, left-handed layup to take the lead.

After multiple timeouts, junior Christian Guerrero guarded their best player, Keivon Davis, in the backcourt as the rest of the team positioned themselves behind half court.

Davis got a screen, caught the ball, and shot it from the top of the opposite key. It was perfect; It hit nothing but the net. The entire gym went crazy except the Marist section, that was stunned into silence. The Marist students kept their composure despite the taunting of the JC students.

Before the boys game, the girls varsity basketball team controlled the game with their dominant defensive performance and beat Junction City by 16. They held the Tigers, who have averaged over 35 points this year, to their season low of 20 points. All four of Marist seniors had at least one steal. Leading the team were seniors Kaylynn Guevara with three blocks and Addie Ruckwardt with 11 points.



**TODAY'S QUESTION:**  
WHICH REALITY/GAME SHOW WOULD YOU WIN AND WHY?

#### Lincoln Williams



"I would win the Price is Right"

#### Declan Pellegrini



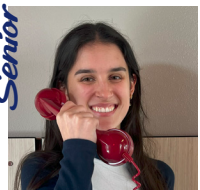
"I think I could win Too Hot to Handle"

#### Piper Van Buskirk



"Probably The Hunger Games"

#### Sadie Shah



"I would be on The Golden Bachelor!"

## GATHERING TOGETHER

*Celebrating National Catholic Schools Week as a community*



Bishop Peter Smith, from the Archdiocese of Portland seeks an answer to his question, "where was St. John Bosco born?" Photo by Toni Cooper b

By Ava Konrady

On Wednesday, to celebrate the 2024 National Catholic Schools Week theme of "United in Faith and Community," students from Saint Paul, O'Hara and Marist packed the gym for the annual All Catholic Schools Mass.

The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Peter Smith along with six other priests in the local vicariate. Bishop Smith gave an inspiring homily in which he spoke about the life of Saint John Bosco, whose feast day happened to be celebrated that day. Bishop Peter used Saint Bosco's example of educating the mind, body and spirit to challenge students and

adults in the congregation to use their faith to help others.

Proclaim! and students from the two grade schools led the song worship. Interestingly enough, the opening hymn, "Siyahamba" was in Zulu, one of the languages spoken in Bishop Smith's home country of South Africa.

After Mass, the eighth-grade classes congregated in the ARC for donuts and conversation in small groups. "The point of these activities is to blend O'Hara and St. Paul students together and get them to branch out," sophomore leader Daniela Chavez said. "To me, it meant meeting new

friends and growing closer to people I'll be in school with next year." O'Hara eighth grader Tripp Murphy said.

This year also marks the 50th anniversary of National Catholic Schools Week. Marist honored the week with events such as the food drive held by the National Honors Society. Students donated food to help combat food insecurity in as all proceeds go to Food for Lane County.

The food will be picked up on Monday, so if you haven't yet donated, food will still be collected at the front of the school on Monday morning.

## A "SOPH" JOURNEY BRINGS "MORE"

By Elizabeth Tucker

Last weekend, 21 sophomore boys came to Marist for the annual Sophomore Boys Journey Retreat. Through talks, small groups, and lots of games community was built for the class of 2026.

They played Ultimate, Gaga, ships and sailors, I love everyone who, along with scoot your boot. Ultimate was the fan favorite. "Everyone was playing, it doesn't

matter if you are athletic or not. Everyone was having a good time and not caring, just having fun," senior rector Andrew Forsyth said.

Amazing food provided by Marist history teacher Jon Nuxoll included pulled pork and breakfast casserole.

"I will always remember the brotherhood we all had for each other and the trust built there," sophomore Brayden Williams said.



Sophomore boys gather in the chapel to share songs. Photo by Jack Brotherton '25



Jr. Dominic Kwon poses with his instrument of choice. Photo by August Santin '25

## "NOTE" WORTHY JUNIOR MUSICIAN KWON MAKES ALL-STATE

By August Santin

From Jan. 12-14 junior Dominic Kwon participated in the Allstate Oregon Music Educators Association. "You have to go through a rigorous audition process to be selected. In other words you gotta be pretty good and certainly Dominic is quite accomplished," said Jim Reinking, our current music teacher.

Kwon went into Allstate already knowing the musical piece that he would be playing. "There are different groups and I was in the Allstate orchestra. We played three pieces:

Thumbelina Suite V Meeting with the Prince by Alla Pavlova, Conga del Fuego by Arturo Marquez, Capriccio espagnol Op. 34 by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov."

However, the whole of the Allstate orchestra had to contend with the ice storm that hit during the week, "Because of the ice storm our buses were delayed and we were forced to head back to the hotel and we had to practice in a room not meant for orchestra." What resulted was the entire performance taking place in the Graduate Hotel in Eugene, where everyone was staying instead of at the U of O campus as originally planned.