



New Meet the Spartans

Since we can't be on campus to meet the Class of 2024 in person, we will be interviewing a few freshmen each week throughout the year so we can get to know them!

FRESHMAN LUKE JASPERS



"Today in society we are taught it's bad to fail. But I believe Instead of thinking "Dang I screwed up" we should be thinking "alright, how can I do better next time?" says freshman Luke Jaspers. Luke looks for a sense of fun, loyalty, and someone of conversational caliber when he makes new friends. He's annoyed his phone is old, inhibiting him from modern functions citing a recent example of group Facetime. Luke feels the biggest difference between Marist and his old middle school is the amount of homework he's getting ... of which has substantially increased. One very positive change for this year is Luke's thoughts on his history class. Beforehand, Luke didn't much care for the subject, but with the interesting topics and assignments in Tripp Nelson's class, of which he accredits to Nelson's true passion not just for history, but for sharing it with his students, it's now very enjoyable. Luke listed Nelson as his favorite teacher. He is sad about not having in-person learning and also sas about not getting to meet up with his extended family this Christmas.

FRESHMAN JULISSA HERRERA



Julissa Herrera decided to give Marist a shot after her brother (Andres Herrera Cerna '18) loved his experience. So far, it's been enjoyable to her and she likes her teachers and is meeting new people. Julissa's favorite season is fall, appreciating the mix of warm and coldness, sun and rain, as well as the falling leaves and beautiful sunsets. Since she was young, she has always wanted to be a doctor, specifically a cardiothoracic surgeon ... so it's not surprising she's currently re-watching Grey's Anatomy for the umpteenth time! Her favorite character is either Meredith, Jo, or Alex ... it's too difficult for her to decide! Julissa especially misses in-person learning and is eagerly awaiting her chance to fully explore the Marist campus and meet the student body.

FRESHMAN BRANDON MOREHOUSE



Freshman Brandon Morehouse's journey to Marist is being accompanied by nearly all his friends from last year. He feels one big difference between his middle school and high school is the homework load — though overall he feels it's the same level of difficulty. Like Luke, Brandon believes that living with less regret is preferable than making less mistakes, reasoning that while mistakes are inevitable, regret is a personal choice. His favorite season is winter, enjoying the feeling of being warm after being cold. When prompted with the question "Would you rather wear the clothes you are wearing now, or a designer outfit of your choice for the rest of your life?" Brandon confidently answered his own clothes, as he is comfortable with them and doesn't really concern himself with what he's wearing. His favorite candy is a Sunkist Gummy and he wishes his phone was an iPhone.