



**Marist Preview Day** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, Jan. 21** **12:30 p.m.**

**Willamette Pass Trip** Hosted by Marist Outdoor Adventure Program on **Jan. 28** **Cost: \$80** **Time: 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.** If interested, email Chris Fudge at cfudge@marisths.org by Jan. 19

**Free Bus Ride to Oregon Right to Life "Roe V Wade" Pro-Life Rally in Portland on Jan. 15** **Bus leaves from South Eugene High School at noon** Returns around 6:30 p.m. Bus sponsored by Eugene Knights of Columbus **For more information,** email Heidi Susec at hsusec@marisths.org

## PLAY OPENS TONIGHT



Junior Grace Gibson reads her lines at the microphone during dress rehearsal for *Julius Caesar: A Radio Play*. Photo by Robyn May

### "Julius Caesar: A Radio Play" premieres tonight at 7:30 p.m.

By Claire Hoffman

Marist theatre will open, "Julius Caesar, a Radio Play," tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Bob Devereaux Theater. This rendition of Shakespeare's play focuses on the life and assassination of Julius Caesar, played by sophomore Kit Zeller.

The crew and cast has been working hard for the past month in preparation for their first radio play, which is formatted like a talk show. There is no live acting involved. Instead, the performers rely on their voices to tell the story.

"I think it's going to be fun. We lost some time to rehearse over the break but we're very excited," junior Ana Steele said, who plays the role of Casca.

There will be following performances on the Jan. 13-14 and 20-21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.

## Sports UPDATES

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Last Friday, varsity won at Thurston 42-40. JV won 55-34 as well, and freshman lost 4-48. On Tuesday, varsity lost 54-63 against Springfield. JV won 58-47, and freshman lost 34-57.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Friday, varsity won 51-31 at Thurston. JV won as well. On Tuesday, varsity won at Springfield 49-39. JV also won.

### SKI TEAM

On Saturday, Marist ski team competed at Mt. Bachelor. The boys placed 4th and the girls placed 5th.

### SWIMMING

Last Friday, the boys lost 120-42 in their dual meet at Sheldon. Senior Ben Thompson won the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly to lead the Spartans. This Wednesday, the girls won 89-81, being led by senior Rachel Larsen, who won the 200 freestyle as well as the 500 butterfly.

## Taggart and Co. Visit Marist



Marist football coach Frank Geske gives new University of Oregon head football coach Willie Taggart (middle) and his coaching staff a quick tour of Marist. Photo by Bryn Garland

By Livia Kokkino

Friday morning during 3rd period, University of Oregon's new head football coach, Willie Taggart and staff visited Marist as part of a public relations tour of high schools in Oregon.

After introducing himself and his staff to Athletic Director Rick Gardner, Principal Stacey Baker, President Suzanne Graf, and head football coach Frank Geske, the U of O coaches were given a brief tour of the gym, the weight room and the turf field.

## Spartans Prepare to Save the Babies

By Livia Kokkino

The 2017 Mr. Spartan season is officially in full swing.

The Mr. Spartan program raises money for the Children's Miracle Network's Kids Helping Kids Program. All funds raised by Marist and other local high schools participating in the program go towards Sacred Heart's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Any senior boy who was interested in being on the team submitted an application and had their name put on a ballot. The boys were later voted for by the senior girls.

The boys and girls that applied were notified during Christmas Break with a formal invitation that they could either accept or deny. The following boys were chosen: Soren Andersen, Joska Fischer, Brennan Franssen, Marcus Lydon, Jack McGaughey, Andrew Meyers, Devin Miller, Nicholas Olmos, Ian Skaggs, and Ben Thompson. The senior girls that will be organizing the program are Noel Balderston, Ellie



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Cross, Maya Dotson, Emma Duvall, Olivia Franssen, Alexa Gennarelli, Taylor Gibson, Dale Helvoigt, Kamryn Large, Rachel Larsen, Lauren Martin, Brittan Silver, and Ashton Stowell. Two junior girls, Ashley Alldridge and Jasmine Doremus will join the senior girls to

learn the process for next year.

The group of 13 senior girls, 10 senior boys, and 2 junior girls met for an introductory meeting on Wednesday.

The Mr. Spartan Pageant will take place Saturday, Apr. 8.

## SNOW-MAGGEDON Wacky winter weather wages war on Marist schedules

By Liesl Benda and Ian Skaggs

Because of freezing rain and icy and snowy roads, Marist was closed Monday of this week. On Tuesday, Principal Stacey Baker released a Schoology update and email, informing parents and students on the status of finals week. The Marist administration, Leadership Team, and Academic Council came to the conclusion that it would be best to move away from the traditional final exam week and instead recover five instructional days.

There were many reasons for the switch, one of which was to reschedule and maintain the senior-freshman conversations. These conversations promote an interaction that can assist the younger students in feeling more comfortable at Marist, and encourage reflection upon their first semester in high school. It was concluded that there needed to be a recovery of instructional hours in lieu of a formal "finals week." That being said, teachers will determine how

to restructure assessments and grading policies to fit the new schedule.

If these weather conditions continue, it is possible that in certain situations Marist could go against the decisions made by the 4J School District. "On the days before Christmas break, if we had had power, we would have had school on that Friday," Baker said. She explained that hazardous road conditions are a major concern, but power outages and damage are also reasons that

school could be cancelled on a snow day.

When asked how much time she has spent pondering snow days and how to make up for lost instructional time, Baker jokingly said, "I've spent more time than I would like." In fact, she estimates she has spent approximately 30 hours thinking about the issue since the week before Christmas Break.

Looking ahead, Marist will act to recoup missed instructional time and hopes for the end of the inclement weather.



Sophomore Grace Haga plays in the snow. Photo by Trent Sherman