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**National Merit Finalist**



Principal Stacy Baker and senior Angela Agnew.

By Maya Dotson

Senior Angela Agnew has been chosen as a National Merit Scholar Finalist. Out of the 1.6 million entrants, Agnew is one of 15,000 finalists being considered for a scholarship. In March Agnew will find out if she is one of the 7,500 of those finalists who will win a Merit Scholarship Award.

**Therapists Present Jobs**



Therapists speak to students during the brown bag lunch. Photo by Griffin Puls

By Austin Robbins

Last Thursday the fifth brown bag lunch of the year attracted and engaged 17 students in a presentation about three different therapeutic careers. Ryan Beck a physical therapist, Kim Giansante, a speech therapist, and Laurie Spellman, an occupational therapist spoke to students about education requirements, daily life, and why their job is enjoyable.

**Ian Schwartz is... Shrek!**



Senior Ian Schwartz



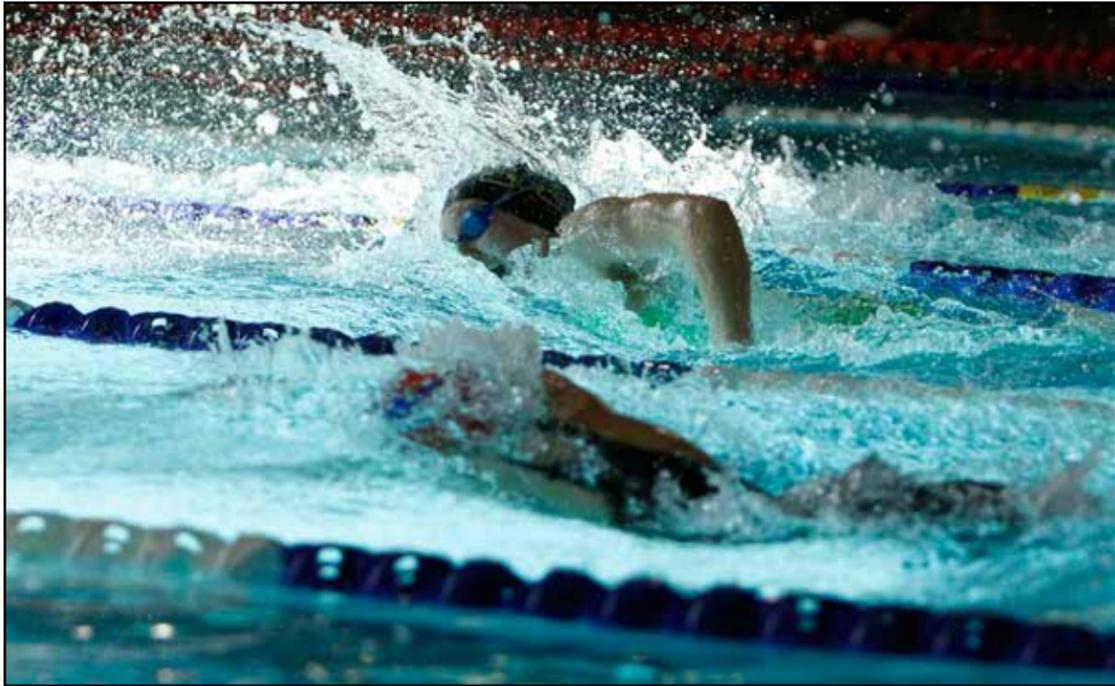
Shrek, from the Dreamworks movie

Marist theatre's spring production of Shrek the Musical has begun. Performances are May 12-13 and 19-20 at 7:30 p.m.

**FATHER DAUGHTER DINNER DANCE CELEBRATION**

Sunday, Mar 19  
5-8 p.m.  
\$35 per person RSVP  
by Mar 13  
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## LARSEN LEADS GIRLS TO STATE



As the anchor of the 400 free relay, senior Rachel Larsen laps their opponent on the way to a district win with a time of 3:44.72. Photo by Toni Cooper

### Swim team competes at State Championships in Gresham

By Claire Hoffman

The Marist girls swim team is headed to the state tournament this weekend with their heads high. As the races passed and the clock ticked down at last week's district meet, the girl swim team anxiously waited, as their coach, Ryan Elliott, did not add up the total score of the team until the final races of the day.

"It was too stressful to know the scores and we didn't think we could win," junior Jaclyn McQuaid said.

But the team calculated the points and were thrilled to see that they were neck in neck with

Springfield moments before the final race of the day, the 400 free-style relay.

"Last year we were disqualified in the relay, so we were all on edge this year," McQuaid said. But the girls had nothing less than a stellar performance, winning the relay and securing their sport as the Midwestern District Champions!

The girl's team was led senior Rachel Larsen who won both the 100 and 200 freestyle races and was a part of two of the three winning relays.

Other girls joining Larsen at state are freshmen Lauren Barry

who was the winner of the 50 free, senior Brittan Silver, juniors Amanda Allender, Jackie McQuaid and Brooke Kline, and freshmen Aubrie Ellison and Katie Thompson.

On the boys side the team took 6th led by senior Ben Thompson who was the district champion in the 100 breaststroke and 2nd in the 100 butterfly. Sophomore Chris Allender qualified in the 50 free.

The state prelims took place this morning, and the finals will take place tomorrow. For results check the OSAA website to follow the Spartans this weekend.

## A Cultural Blend

By Liesl Benda

75 students gathered in the ARC last Friday afternoon to listen to Chinese high school sophomores share their musical talents. The laid back concert included performances from Marist students Skylar Coy, Tess Louie, Emily Hwang, Jack McGaughey, and Brandon Foster, along with performances from the Chinese students.

The event wouldn't have come together without the help of Marist's exchange program coordinator Jeanette Herro. Herro was pleased with the large crowd that showed up to watch the musical experience and welcome the touring students.

One of the visiting students, Scarlet, noted how different the



Chinese high school sophomores work on physics problems with senior Kate Park and teacher Ryan Moser. Photo by Megan Kimball

school experience seems here compared to her home. She said that while China has more of a traditional teaching environment, she felt that Marist was more open to creativity from the students. An-

other student, Tony, was thankful to come to Marist because of its welcoming environment and ability to be exposed to a culture he hadn't experienced before.

## You Just Have To Believe It's Special

By Jack Benda



Junior Brian Pina reads from the New Testament along the McKenzie River.

Last Saturday, dozens of Marist juniors and two seniors boarded the school bus at Marist en route to St. Benedict Lodge on the McKenzie Bridge where they would finally enjoy their Winter Boys Encounter. The theme of the Encounter was "Kung Fu Panda."

As part of Marist's retreat program, 36 boys spent the weekend in activities ranging from small group discussions to an afternoon hike through dense forests in hopes of finding spiritual unity in the midst of an extraordinarily busy year.

Upon arrival, students handed in their cell phones

## Sports Updates

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Varsity lost by 1 to Springfield 50-51 on Feb. 7, JV won 61-55 and the freshmen lost 26-43 Varsity lost 61-64 at Eagle Point last Friday, JV games were cancelled.

Varsity beat North Eugene 76-33 on Wednesday, JV won 67-39 and the freshmen lost 48-49

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Varsity defeated Springfield 41-33 and JV won as well.

Varsity beat Eagle Point 77-34 in an away game last Friday. The JV games were cancelled.

Varsity beat North Eugene 47-35 on Wednesday and JV lost.

Girls play at Crater tonight.

**SKI**

The boys placed 4th and the girls placed 5th at an all day Slalom Race @ Mt. Bachelor this past Saturday. Freshman Charlie Moore was the top finisher for the boys -placing 5th. Junior Caroline Gonyea was the top Marist finisher, placing 11th.

### Sophomore Journies



Sophomores Tess Louie, Maria Alcazar, and Madison Wisniewski cuddle on the Sophomore Girls Retreat. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Livia Kokkino

34 sophomore girls began a journey together last Saturday as they gathered at Marist for the second Sophomore Girls Journey Retreat of the year. The retreat was led by moderator Julie Ferrari and ten junior and senior leaders, including senior rector Lincy Helbling.

This is the second retreat that has taken place entirely at Marist instead of splitting time between St. Peter's Catholic Church and Marist.

Ferrari asked the leaders if the retreat should be held entirely at Marist or if it should be held at St. Peter's where they decided that the experience would be better if the retreat was at Marist.

The weekend opened with fun ice breaker games and time in small groups to encourage the girls to open up to each other.

"I felt like we were one and that we were a big family," sophomore Danielle Shojai said. "I made a lot of new friends and got to strengthen old friendships too."

and ran toward the lodge with their belongings, where they were greeted by senior rectors Andrew Meyers and Jake Lindley. Following fantastic meals prepared by St. Benedict's Diane Hall, the boys played games during free time, met in small groups, and celebrated Mass with Fr. Ken Olsen.