

NEWS **briefs**

**Ping Pong Club**



Juniors Lauren Eagen and Ellen Conway play in the ping pong tournament sponsored by Ping Pong Club, while moderator Noah Breslaw looks on. Photo by Hunter Bloom

Wednesday's block lunch marked the beginning of Marist's first Ping Pong Club tournament, the McChicken Classic. Junior Justin Potwora and math teacher Noah Breslaw lead the club and organized the event. 28 Marist students are facing off in a bracket-style competition to determine the ultimate table tennis titleholder and the winner of a \$10 McDonald's gift card.

**Marist Prom!  
A Starry Night  
in Paris  
Saturday  
8 p.m.  
Venue 252  
252 Lawrence St.**

**STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK**



Visiting international student and niece of English teacher Britton Reeser Lisa Back-Schuck. Photo by Gloria Wang

By Ian Skaggs

Strolling through the halls of Marist High for the next few weeks is Lisa Back-Schuck, who is visiting from Germany. She grew up in Openheim, a small town in Western Germany and is the niece of English teacher Britton Reeser.

She relishes in the opportunity to meet new people, experience a different culture, and the chance to work on her English. One of her new experiences was having American pancakes, which were "really good."

"The classes are different here...back home you're with the same people all day, and it's easier to make close friendships," Lisa said. She enjoys learning new languages, and admitted that in class she found herself switching from French, German, and English without noticing. "Speaking English all day is so tiring... It's like doing math the whole day," Lisa said.

## BREAKING RECORDS AT STATE



Seniors Angela Agnew, Emily Jewett, Madeleine Shojai, and Maya Dotson prepare for the state tournament during a practice debate last week. Photo by Steve Barth

### Marist speech and debate team excels at state tournament

By Livia Kokkino

Last Thursday, Marist's Speech and Debate Team drove to Western Oregon University to compete in the OSAA 5A Speech and Debate State Tournament that concluded on Sunday.

All 11 members of the team who competed include sophomores Chase Bond, Claire Coughran, Lindy McCool, Hannah McLaughlin, Phoebe Peterman, Danielle Shojai, and Katherine Thayer, along with seniors Angela Agnew, Maya Dotson, Emily Jewett and Madeleine Shojai.

This was the first time ever that Marist has had a speech and debate team move past preliminary

rounds to go to the final rounds.

Overall, Marist placed 5th in the Tournament. Agnew and Jewett placed 2nd in Parliamentary Debate, Dotson and Madeleine placed within the top eight in Public Forum Debate, Danielle finished in After Dinner Speaking, and Madeleine was awarded a Four Year Award for competing at the State Tournament all four years of high school.

"At every round we progressed, we thought that we'd be out of the running, and since Marist had never had a debate team advance past octofinals before, we were ecstatic that our debate teams had even gone to octofinals, so making it to

finals was so insane and amazing," Agnew said.



Marist speech and debate coach Steve Barth and seniors Emily Jewett and Angela Agnew pose with the team's 5th place trophy. Photo courtesy of Steve Barth

## A Cappella in the Big Apple

By Maya Dotson

Senior Bryn Garland traveled to New York to compete in the 2017 International Championship of High School A Cappella Finals with Oregon Children's Choir's, Synergy.

Every year, the a cappella organization Varsity Vocals challenges nearly 500 a cappella groups across the country in many nationwide competitions. Vocal ensembles battle in local preliminaries for the chance at the national title. Synergy represented the Northwest in the New York championship.

Fellow senior Jack McGaughey traveled with his a cappella group, Some Cool Guys, to support Synergy. While Synergy did not place in the top three, the only places awarded, they were the only all-female group competing at the national level.



A Cappella group Synergy, featuring Bryn Garland, performs at the ICHSA (International Championship of High School A Cappella) in New York last week. Photo courtesy of Bryn Garland

"We don't need an award. That experience in itself was honor enough," said Garland.

## Exciting Elections and Celebrating Spring

By Liesl Benda

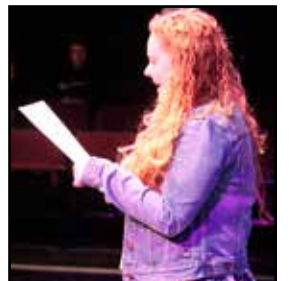


Seniors celebrate before dodgeball at the Spring Pep Assembly today. Photo by Ben Thompson

Today after seventh period, class meetings were held in the gym, cafeteria, theater, and ARC. For the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, the meetings included announcements and speeches for students applying for class council. Seniors discussed prom and details about the upcoming homegoing events.

Following the meetings,

all students went to the main gym, where President Brennan Franssen recognized the various spring sports teams and several students from each class participated in a seniors and sophomores vs. freshmen and juniors dodgeball games. The fact that the Marist speech and debate team placed 5th in state was also recognized.



Junior Grace Gibson gives her class council election speech during the class meetings today. Photo by Ivonne Perez

Sports **UPDATES**

**TRACK**

On the 22nd at the Wilsonville Invite, boys ranked 5th and girls 12th. On Wednesday at North, both varsity teams lost along with JV boys, but JV girls tied. Alyssa Baltrusch threw javelin, earning a 110-05 PR.

**BOYS LACROSSE**

On the 18th, Varsity beat Sheldon 9-8 and JV lost 4-9. On the 21st, Varsity beat Thurston 8-5 and JV lost 8-11. On Tuesday, Varsity won at North 21-3.

**GIRLS LACROSSE**

On the 21st, the girls lost at South 5-16. At home on Tuesday, Marist won against Sheldon 12-11. On Thursday night, Marist won 12-11 against Roseburg at home, celebrating senior night.

**GOLF**

On the 17th, Marist boys earned second place in a tournament at the Eugene Country Club and John Pollock won the tournament. The girls also played at ECC. The boys won their tournament at Tokatee Golf Club on the 20th. The JV girls played at Fiddler's Green on the 20th as well. On the 26th, the boys earned 1st at Emerald Valley and John Pollock achieved another win. Also on the 26th the girls played at Tokatee. JV Girls played yesterday at Diamond Woods.

**BASEBALL**

On the 18th, Varsity lost vs. Thurston 1-7. On the 20th, JV won at home against Thurston 11-8. In a double header on Saturday at Thurston, Varsity and JV each lost both of their games.

**SOFTBALL**

On the 18th, Varsity won at home against Springfield 17-0. On the 21st, Varsity won at Springfield 13-0. Last Saturday, in a double header against Creswell, JV lost 3-22 in their first game, but earned the first win of the season 12-8 in the second game. On Wednesday, Varsity won against Churchill at home 4-3.

**TENNIS**

On the 20th, girls won 5-3 against Churchill. On the 21st and 22nd, the boys won 6-2 against Churchill and 6-2 against North Bend, and then loss to Summit at Eugene Swim and Tennis Club. Yesterday, the boys won 7-1 against Thurston at home.