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### Civil Rights Role Playing



Seniors Joe Gittins, Joe Noonan, and Ian Skaggs pose in their Civil Rights-era reenactment outfits for AP US Government class. Photo by Madi Potter

By Ian Skaggs

For the next few weeks the students in AP US Government will be roleplaying as figures within the Civil Rights Movement. The program simulates decisions and events during the time leading up to the Freedom Summer of 1964.

Students will be representing the interests of the NAACP, the SCLC, and the SNCC by playing members of each faction. There are also wild card characters who play significant roles in swinging decisions during group debates and voting.

The students from each of the factions have certain objects to win this game. It features decisions on planning the sites, content, and leadership of protests aimed at creating a more just society. The faction that gets their interests supported in decisions gains points, and the team with the most points wins. However, the whole class wins by getting the opportunity to experience the struggle of making change to bring forth equality.

### Shrek the Musical Opens Tonight!



Senior Ian Schwartz acts as Shrek during a dress rehearsal for the spring play, which opens tonight. Photo by Amanda Allender

By Gloria Wang

No doubt many people have watched the movie "Shrek", and now we have "Shrek the Musical"! The musical cast is led by seniors Ian Schwartz as Shrek and Bryn Garland as Princess Fiona. The show has great costumes and amazing sets and is a must-see production!

"Shrek the Musical" will be performed this week on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Marist Bob Devereux Theatre, and tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. The show will also run next weekend on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20. Tickets are available at [seatyourself.biz/marist](http://seatyourself.biz/marist) and as well as at the door.

Come to enjoy the show!

## JESUS, MARY, AND VITAMIN D



Senior Susmitha Helbling speaks to open the Founder's Day Mass on Wednesday in the courtyard. Photo by Toni Cooper

### Marist community celebrates Mass in honor of our founders

By Liesl Benda

Students and staff gathered in the warm and sunny courtyard on Wednesday morning to worship, remember our founders, and crown Mary at the annual Founder's Day Mass.

Senior Susmitha Helbling opened the Mass with a brief history of the founding of Marist by the Marist Brothers and the Sisters of the Holy Names.

The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Ken Olsen who tied our Marist founders into his homily about the communion of saints who have preceded us and continue to play a role in our lives. As a Catholic who grew up in the St. Mary's Parish and attended St. Francis before en-

tering the Seminary, Olsen shared his fond memories of Msgr. Murnane, who he humorously referred to as the "Red Dean of Eugene." Murnane was the one who saw the need for St. Francis to expand and acquired the land for Marist to be built in 1968.

Following communion, liturgy coordinator Julie Ferrari read a letter from President Suzanne Graf that spoke about the significance of the Founder's Day Mass in the Marist community. For years, this Mass has been an annual tradition for the school and an event that the student body and staff look forward to, and this year something new was added.

The Crowning of Mary was performed at Marist for the first time in the school's history, led by sophomore Sara Weyant. Weyant reflected on the Crowning of Mary from her St. Paul Parish School days as one of her favorite memories. She has asked theology teacher Heidi Susec for a way to introduce the Crowning of Mary to Marist since her freshman year. So after Communion, several students gathered flowers to crown the statue of Mary in the Grotto as Proclaim performed "Ave Maria."

Following the Mass, students were invited to go to the cafeteria to get some free and delicious barbecue provided by Marist.

## It's All Greek to Us!

### 2017 Auction a night of fun and exceeding goals

By Claire Hoffman

Last Saturday, many friends, alumni, and supporters of Marist gathered for the 46th annual Marist Auction. The theme, "A Night on Santorini", was captured through the guests dressed in elegant white and azure, resembling the spirit of the Greek Island.

As guests arrived, auction chairs and mother-daughter duo Molly and Ashley ('08) Elder welcomed those checking in. This followed with a silent auction in the gym, where a hand painted icon by Father Ken Olsen was auctioned off as the first item.

Guests enjoyed bidding on items while being surrounded by a Mediterranean setting, with Santorini styled hors d'oeuvres and Greek flags flying.

The night then moved into the Activity Center where the dinner



Chairs Ashley Elder '08 and Molly Elder speak to the crowd during the Marist auction.

and live auction took place. Sid Voorhees, who has taken part of this event for the past 34 years, auctioned off many different packages, those of which the proceeds would directly benefit Marist.

Thanks to a combination of generous sponsors, hard working volunteers, and guests, the night ended in nothing less of a success, and allowed Marist to surpass their goal of the night.

"Every dollar went directly to the students," advancement director Rebecca Larson said.



Junior Viola Watts serves dinner to auction guests. Photo by Teresa Molina-Gomez

### Sports UPDATES

#### TRACK

JV Districts took place last Friday. Regan LaCoste got 1st in the 200m. Haylee Kempf got 1st in high jump. Of the 24 JV athletes who attended, 12 achieved PRs to close out their season.

The Midwestern District Meet started yesterday and will finish tomorrow. Pierce LaCoste placed 3rd in long jump and will advance to state. Freshmen Georgia Karam and Isabella Zachem went 1-2 in the 3000m finals and both will advance to state; Gabe Garboden finished 8th in the boys race. Viola Watts got 1st and PR'd in long jump and qualified for state as well, Megan Kimball was 3rd. Alyssa Baltrusch placed 6th in the javelin finals. Austin Robbins placed 8th in the shot put. Julia Melendy and Linsey Helbling got 7th and 8th respectively in pole vault finals. Andrew Dryden was 6th and Marcus Irwin was 7th for the boys pole vault.

#### TENNIS

On Tuesday, girls won 9-0 against Springfield in their last home match.

#### BASEBALL

On Saturday, varsity won 10-7 and lost 4-10 in a double header at Crater. JV won 6-5 and lost 3-4 in their second, also at Crater. On Tuesday at North, varsity lost 0-10 and JV won 17-10. On Thursday JV beat Sheldon 15-5 at home.

#### SOFTBALL

On Friday, varsity beat Crater 21-2 and 17-3 and JV lost. On Tuesday, varsity beat Thurston 12-7 and JV lost.

#### LACROSSE

On Friday, the girls team lost 7-19 at Churchill and JV boys won 13-6 at St. Mary's. On Tuesday, the varsity boys lost 9-10 in OT at Sheldon and JV tied 5-5. On Thursday, varsity beat Thurston 14-12, after making a phenomenal 8-0 run in the last 9 minutes. JV beat Thurston 10-6.

#### GOLF

Regionals took place at Eagle Crest last Saturday and Sunday. For the boys, John Pollock tied for 6th place, Justin Potwora got 10th, and Cole Vendetti, Arnav Reddy, and Jackson Huston placed within the top 30. The boys team placed 2nd and move on to State next Monday and Tuesday. Adi Dryden shot a 246 and Ciaragh Thompson shot a 245.



Freshmen Bella Zachem and Georgia Karam finish 1-2 in the women's 3000 meters finals and earn a trip to state. Photo by Toni Cooper