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NEWS *briefs*

Chess

Marist's Chess Team of five students took second in the 4A-and-under division at the Oregon State Chess Tournament at Catlin Gabel in Portland on Feb. 22. Sophomore Justin May won the 4A-and-under best-third-board award for his individual performance at the tournament.

Ski Team

The Marist Ski Team finished in 5th place overall with the boys and girls combined at the OSSA Championships at Mt. Bachelor last weekend. Freshman Luke Villano and juniors Sally Moore, Charlie Moore and Evan Villano are competing in the OISRA Alpine State Ski Championships.

Rosier Wins Districts

Sophomore Sarah Rosier won the South Willamette Valley OMEA Solo Competition on Feb. 23 at LCC with her impactful performance of Saint Saëns' cello concerto. She will move on to compete in the OSAA State Solo Competition in late April.

Speech and Debate

Ten Marist students competed in the Oregon City High School Speech and Debate Tournament on Saturday. Senior Danielle Shojai won the After Dinner Speaking event. Now, the team moves into their "post-season," preparing for the District meet, which will take place today and tomorrow at Marist, and the state tournament, which will take place on Apr. 20. Due to their success in the season thus far, Shojai and senior Lindy McCool have already qualified for the state championships.

THIS WEEK WITH... Danielle



The Mr. and Ms. Spartan Program's
**BAIRN DANCE
FOR THE BABIES**
Friday, March 15 \$5
8-11 p.m.
Marist Cafeteria with DJ Oldham



Proclaim and the student body join hands in praying the Our Father at the Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday. Photo by Toni Cooper

Marist kicks off the Lenten season with the Ash Wednesday Mass

By Keegan Pond

Marist held its Ash Wednesday Mass this week, beginning forty days of penance and fasting along with Catholic communities around the world. Father Theo reminded students that this is a season to look within our hearts and examine what we need and don't need, and what the world around us needs from us as well.

Although Marist celebrates the Mass every year, a lot more goes into Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season than most people know.

The Western church begins Lent on Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter not counting Sundays. The day before Lent begins is Mardi Gras, French for "Fat Tuesday." Although it has become a day to gorge on chocolate before you give it up

for 40 days, the name comes from the tradition of making a feast out of all the ingredients and foods that Lent does not allow. Pancakes became a common treat on Fat Tuesday, and in the United Kingdom, the day is often celebrated with pancake races, where people run towards a finish line while simultaneously flipping pancakes in a hot pan.

One aspect which is unique to

Ash Wednesday is the cross of ashes placed on foreheads. With the placement of ashes upon our forehead, we are reminded that we find life in God. It also is to remind us of our mortality — from ashes we came and from ashes we shall return. Made from the palms from last year's Palm Sunday, the ashes kick off the season with self-reflection and humility.

RAISING FUNDS WITH FROSTING *Juniors sell Cinnabon to support service trip*

By Billy Christiansen

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Juniors going on the L.A. Immersion Service trip in June sold delicious Cinnabon cinnamon rolls at break and lunch on Tuesday. This is the first of multiple fundraisers which will be held in order to help students raise money to cover costs for the trip.

Cinnabon rolls were sold for \$4 apiece, and in total \$780 was raised.

Marist science teacher and co-organizer of the service trip Ryan Moser said, "We had more Cinnabon than we anticipated." By the end of break on Tuesday, most of the pastries had been sold, and then another sale was held during lunch. Former Marist teacher Krista Hocker donated the cinnamon rolls, since her family has connections to the Cinnabon business.



Seniors Kailey Garrett and Sydney Frey enjoy their Cinnabon treats outside the cafeteria. Photo by Danielle Shojai '19

2019-20 COURSE SELECTION BEGINS

By Mia Graves

Since students are now in the midst of a chaotic third quarter, it is time to start thinking about course selection. Today, class meetings were held to help guide students through the process of choosing courses for next year.

Typically these meetings are hosted in students' science or math classes. But due to missed school from snow days last week, an F schedule was arranged to miss less class time. Orig-

nally, today was supposed to be a G schedule for the start of Lenten Masses, and course selection was scheduled to take place during history classes.

College and guidance counselors Shari Pimental and Court Wirth along with Vice Principal Andy Oldham will guide the underclassmen as they plan their prospective year at Marist. While freshmen, sophomores and juniors gathered at the end of the school day, seniors were dismissed early.

GIRLS CHARGE INTO SEMIS BOYS PLAY FOR 4TH



The varsity girls team haul their gear to the bus before their drive to Forest Grove. Photo by Ariel Carlson '19

By Carsyn Oxenreider

On Thursday night the Marist Spartans knocked off the No. 1 seeded Marshfield Pirates 45-40 in the quarterfinal round of the OSAA 4A Girls Basketball Championships at Forest Grove High School.

The Pirates Sky-Em league Champs have previously won against Marist two different times during this season. The girls will take the court again tonight in the semifinals against

Newport at 8:15 p.m. at Forest Grove. If they win, they will compete in the finals on Saturday night for a chance as repeat State Champions.

In the quarterfinal game of the boys tournament the Spartans lost to the No. 1 seeded Banks, but bounced back and won against Marshfield in the consolation bracket where they will play the No. 7 seeded North Marion tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Forest Grove High School.