

## Sports UPDATES

### Girls Basketball

12/4 - Varsity @ Corvallis: L28-64  
12/6 - Varsity vs. Gladstone: W53-44  
12/12 - Varsity @ Newport: W51-39

### Boys Basketball

12/6 - Varsity @ Gladstone: W48-30, JV @ Gladstone: W60-38, Freshmen @ Gladstone: W66-50  
12/10 - Varsity vs. Newport: W69-51, JV vs. Newport: W78-46, Freshmen vs. Pleasant Hill: W65-36

### Swimming

12/6 - Boys and Girls competed in a co-ed relay meet at Cottage Grove  
12/12 - Varsity @ Cottage Grove: Boys placed 1st, girls placed 2nd. Marist placed 1st for co-ed in the event.

## CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Senior Andrew Braun holds his hands out to receive communion from Fr. Theo while senior Charlie Moore waits for his turn. Photo by Toni Cooper

### Fr. Theo leads a bilingual Mass to celebrate patron saint of Mexico

By Ben Morehouse '21

Marist celebrated the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a bilingual Mass in the gym on Thursday to honor the importance of the apparition of the Virgin Mary to St. Juan Diego, an Aztec peasant, in 1531. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of Mexico.

The Mass alternated between Spanish and English in the readings and prayers. Campus minister Julie Ferrari said it's a tradition to incorporate Spanish into the Mass because it's the language of Mexico. "We got a lot of good feedback from our Mass of the Holy

Spirit when they did some of the prayers in different languages. It seemed like students really enjoyed that," Ferrari said.

This celebration came with some extra preparation. "Since we were using the second language there was more work to be done to get the slide show together and prep the readers," Ferrari said.

Mass choir "Proclaim!" sung in three different languages: English, Spanish and Latin. "For this Mass particularly, we try to include the image of Mary, which is why we sang Ave Maria in Latin, and also songs in

Spanish because it's Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day," senior member Lizzie Wisely said.

"I love being in Proclaim because it allows me to express my faith through song. These songs are some of my favorite, because Mary is such an important figure both to me and in the faith and I love to recognize her through our songs. It's one of the reasons I joined Proclaim," Wisely said.

The apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe is often credited with helping spread Catholicism to the Aztec people in Southern America.



Senior Nick Stice finishes at the rim. Photo by Amanda Jewett '20

## CHATTING IT UP WITH THE FRESHMEN

Seniors in Christian Leadership Class participate in annual freshman conversations



Senior Aidan Fitzpatrick makes gingerbread houses with Nick Kehl during freshman conversations. Photo by Mo Cavinee '21

By Ella Coulombe '20

Making gingerbread houses, friendship bracelets, playing board games and eating food were just some of the many activities that the freshmen got to partake in during the annual Freshman Conversations with caring seniors.

This past Monday in freshman theology classes, the freshmen had the opportunity to converse with a senior from the Christian Leadership Class. In the hopes to help with the transition into highschool to be easier. Within the conversations the freshmen were able to ask general questions about Marist or high school.

Most of the freshmen did not know their senior partner previously, but got the chance to meet and hopefully start a relationship with them on Monday.

Some knew each other well. "It was amazing to reconnect with individuals from my Lock-In small group as well as get to know a freshman I played

soccer with on a more personal level," senior Aidan Fitzpatrick said.

Freshman Dillon Boresek knew his senior Matthew Hopkins before, but felt like they made a better connection afterwards. "Matthew was funny and great to be around," Boresek said.

Some of the things the seniors talked about with freshman were about their future goals and how to handle their freshman year classes.

Senior Brock Williams said he related to his partners' anxiety about a history test in Tripp Nelson's class later that day. He felt it helped give the freshmen peace of mind that seniors know what they are going through and since they were there just three years ago.

"It is a good tradition at Marist, and helps ease them into Marist community," Williams said. Both Fitzpatrick and Boresek agreed that Marist should continue Freshman Conversations next year.

## SPEECH AND DEBATE JOURNEYS TO CLACKAMAS

Marist team takes on Portland schools in first tournament of the season

By Nick Stice '20

This past weekend at the Clackamas Holiday Edge Speech and Debate Tournament at Clackamas High School, four members of the Marist team tested their skills against some of the biggest and most competitive schools from the Portland area.

Marist held their own as senior Ryleigh Andersen placed third in the Open Division After Dinner Speaking and junior Henry Schramm placed fourth in Novice

Informative Speaking, as well as making it to the semifinals in Radio Commentary.

"This last weekend was a great tournament for our team! It was the largest tournament of the season, but half our team managed to final in one or more of their events," Andersen said.

Andersen joined the Speech and Debate team during her sophomore year and has competed in Impromptu and Radio Commentary, and this year she will add

Parliamentary Debate, Poetry, After Dinner Speaking and possibly Informative.

A typical tournament day starts bright and early, sometimes at 5 a.m. to include time to dress professionally and travel and sometimes they don't return until late at night.

They have to complete three rounds before the points are tallied to determine the finalists and then the awards end the long day. "It's really a full day commitment, but

it's definitely worth it," Andersen said.

Coach Steve Barth wrote in an email to Marist staff saying, "The team is working to recruit some new members and practices are held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the CLC building. If you know of any students that would be a good fit for our team, send them to www.maristdebate.weebly.com."

The next tournament is in McMinnville on Jan 25th.

## STRINGS BRINGING HOLIDAY JOY

Marist Strings spends the day playing at assisted living centers

By Lizzie Wisely '20

Today, Marist Strings class spent the day playing lovely Christmas music for the residents of three different assisted living homes in Eugene and Springfield.

They began their day at Crescent Park in north Eugene, then traveled to Springfield to play at Spring Valley Assisted Living, and finished their day at Waterford Grand right next to Marist.

The eight members of the group were accompanied by their director, Alisa Kincade, and Network Administrator and Facilities Manager, Chris Fudge, who volunteered to drive the group around on a Marist short bus, as well as took photos of the group during their performances.

Kincade organizes the annual trip for the strings class to travel around the cities of Eugene and Springfield during the holiday season to play classical Christmas



Freshmen James Warner and seniors Heidi Knebel and Ethan Avila play their string instruments at an Assisted Living facility for the residents. Photo by Chris Fudge

songs and carols, including songs from old Christmas movies, such as "White Christmas."

Fudge said the residents seemed to enjoy the live music, with some groups joining in and singing along with them.

## FOX, ENGLT WIN AWARDS



Senior Lauren Englet, President Suzanne Graf and history teacher Walt Fox. Photo by Toni Cooper

By JJ Anderson '20

Last night, not one, but two of our very own were honored by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 293 for exercising their civic duty.

History teacher Walt Fox received the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Citizen Education Teacher Award in the Eugene area after being nominated by English Teacher Bill Ferrari. Fellow history teacher Jon Nuxoll won the same award two years ago.

Senior Lauren Englet also took home first place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" essay contest in the Eugene area for her essay about "What Makes America Great."

Englet felt inclined to submit an essay this year due to her admiration for her father's service and her love for our country. Englet's father, retired Colonel Lance Englet, served for 28 years in the Army National Guard and as a professor of military science at the University of Oregon.

Along with being awarded a scholarship she can use for college, Englet received a \$200 gift card.

Senior Anthony Green won the same award as Englet last year for his essay about voting.

## CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY

Theology classes participate in Advent Angels to brighten families' Christmases



An Advent Angel stocking hanging on one of the walls in Mrs. Susac's classroom where students can leave their donations. Photo by Tori Letourneau '21

By Billy Christiansen '20

From Dec. 5-16, each theology class has adopted a family chosen by Catholic Community Services to help them have a better Christmas.

Along with praying for these families, donations are being collected in classes that will help the families with the extra expenses of Christmas gifts and family celebrations. Each student was requested to bring in a donation of \$10 and/or a \$10 gift card to requested stores; this way the parents of the families will be able to choose gifts for their relatives themselves.

The families have always responded gratefully to all the assistance that they have received. "I always receive thank-you

cards from them," Campus Minister Julie Ferrari said.

The 6th Period CLC class is assisting a single dad with a 6-month-old child and senior Aubrie Ellison is keeping track of those donations. "I'm not doing it because I have to, I like being in charge of things like this, and I thought that it would be fun," Ellison explained.

CCS's states it's mission is "Responding to Christ's message to love our neighbors as ourselves. Catholic Community Services offers immediate help by providing food and other assistance to anyone in need and seeks to instill hope by helping Lane Community families take positive steps to move out of poverty."