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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM US TO YOU!



Sports UPDATES

Girls Basketball

12/13 - Varsity @ Valley Catholic: 34-38

12/17 - Varsity @ Hidden Valley: L33-58

Boys Basketball

12/13 - Varsity @ Valley Catholic: W53-37, JV @ Valley Catholic: W51-19, Freshmen @ Valley Catholic: W58-10

12/17 - Varsity vs. Hidden Valley: W73-47, JV vs. Hidden Valley: W56-30, Freshmen vs. Hidden Valley: W

12/19 - JV vs. Churchill: W63-44. Freshmen vs. Churchill: W64-56

Girls Swim

12/13 - Varsity finished second at Willamalane. Senior Aubre Ellison won the 100m butterfly and the 100m backstroke, senior Lauren Barry won the 50m and 500m freestyle. Marist also won the 200m medley relay and the 400m freestyle relay.

Boys Swim

12/13 - Varsity finished second at Willamalane. Freshman Kyle Lojoie won the 100m freestyle and Marist won the 200m freestyle relay.



Senior JJ Anderson looks to make a pass. Photo by Tori Letourneau '21'

COMING TOGETHER FOR CHRISTMAS

Marist community gets ready for the upcoming Christmas holiday with annual prayer



Senior Cathy Kalstad places a candle on the alter during the Christmas Prayer Service. Photo by Ella Coulombe '20

By Amanda Jewett '20

Marist held a Christmas Prayer Service in the gym this past Wednesday to celebrate the Advent season. It was run by Campus Minister Julie Ferrari along with seniors from the Christian Leadership Class and Retreat Team.

The service included prayers and reflections, a skit from seniors about sharing the

Christmas spirit and multiple musical performances including a duet from senior Liv Carlin and freshman Avery Carlin, two songs from the choir, a song from Jazz Band, and a performance from strings. The Rock Band finished the service with two energetic performances of "Run Run Rudolph" and "The

Little Drummer Boy."

Also featured were reflections from seniors who had finished their Christian Service Hours and a heartfelt and humorous speech from math teacher Grant Gilchrist about the Christmas season and the upcoming birth of his fourth son.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Marist music programs perform festive songs



Junior Sami Hussein plays the drums. Photo by Lizzie Wisely '20

By Lizzie Wisely '20

On Thursday night, the Marist music programs put together a festive-filled Christmas concert. The concert featured a wide variety of music styles, from jazz to vocals to orchestra, and rock-n-roll. All of the groups dressed up to match the holiday spirit, either in formal attire or in 'punny' tee-shirts that embraced the festivities of the night.

The strings ensemble, directed by Alisa Kincade, serenaded the crowd with classical Christmas music. Following their beautiful performance, the Jazz Band, directed by Jim Reinking, performed a few jazzy pieces.

The choir, also directed by Reinking, sang popular Christmas carols, and the Rock Band ended the concert with a bang, putting their own rocking twist on well-known Christmas songs.

The crowd favorite of the night seemed to be the Rock Band's songs which allowed for them to clap along as Reinking and senior drummer Nick Lund joined forces for an epic drum duet during "Little Drummer Boy." Senior Andy Fudge and junior Sami Hussein brought the house down with their powerhouse vocals, and senior Sam Morehouse stunned the crowd with several guitar solos throughout the night.



The Marist Jazz Band and senior Sam Morehouse plays a Christmas mash-up. Photo by Lizzie Wisely '20

GETTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

By the Editors '20

Marist celebrated Christmas this week in many ways: with a National Honors Society-sponsored bake sale to raise additional money for the Advent Angel Project; a NHS-sponsored blanket-making party to provide cozy covers for homeless youth through 15th Night; chemistry students made ornaments using chemical reactions; photography students printed strips of their photos to make Christmas ornaments; and the Introduction to Fine Arts class paraded around campus on Friday to play Christmas carols on their ukuleles, drums and recorders for other classes and staff.

The staff also got into the spirit by caroling at the home of newly-retired custodian Rick Truitt. The staff went to spread not only Christmas cheer to Truitt who has worked at Marist for 37 years but also to bring him prayers of healing as he fights with cancer.



Intro to Fine Arts class performs for classes around campus. Photo by Toni Cooper



Junior Jack Thornton and senior Griffin Anderson work at the NHS bake sale. Photo by JJ Anderson '20



Marist staff carols at the home of newly retired and 37-year Marist employee Rick Truitt to bring him joy and special prayers of healing from the community. Photo courtesy of Julie Ferrari



Seniors Julia Medina, Cathy Kals-tad, and Sally Moore make a blanket during the NHS blanket making party. Photo by Suzanne Graf



Ornaments made by the photography class. Photo by Toni Cooper