

*Sports* **UPDATES**

**Girls Basketball**

2/7 - Varsity vs. Siuslaw: W44-36  
 2/11 - Varsity vs. Junction City: L44-46  
 2/14 - Varsity vs. Marshfield: W53-38  
 2/18 - Varsity vs. Cottage Grove: W34-31

Despite finishing second in the Sky-Em League, Marist girls has to win its upcoming league playoff game on Feb. 24 against the winner of the league matchup game between No. 4 Marshfield and No. 3 Junction City to claim one of the four open spots for OSAA's 16-team 4A state bracket.

**Boys Basketball**

2/7 - Varsity vs. Siuslaw: W64-37, JV vs. Siuslaw: L, Freshmen vs. Siuslaw: W  
 2/11 - Varsity vs. Junction City: W77-47, JV vs. Junction City: W, Freshman vs. Junction City: W  
 2/14 - Varsity vs. Marshfield: W73-65, JV vs. Marshfield: W, Freshman vs. Marshfield: W  
 2/18 - Varsity vs. Cottage Grove: W87-43, JV vs. Cottage Grove: W, Freshman vs. Cottage Grove: W

Going into the state playoffs, the varsity boys finished with a 20-3 overall record and an undefeated 10-0 league record. This was the first time that they were undefeated in league play since the 2002-03 season.

**Girls Ski**

2/8 - Varsity finished 8th and Senior Sally Moore placed 12th.  
 2/15 - Varsity competed at the Willamette Pass Resort.

**Boys Ski**

2/8 - Varsity Boys placed 5th, and Senior Charlie Moore placed 3rd.



Seniors Ryleigh Andersen and Kindal DeLess celebrate senior night for cheer. Photo by Whitney Korth '21

**BOYS WIN DISTRICTS, GIRLS SECOND**



Boys and girls swim celebrate their team win after head coach Ryan Elliot is pulled into the pool. Photo by Toni Cooper

*Marist swim wins combined team title at the 4A/3A/2A/1A SD3 district meet*

By Ben Morehouse '21

"It was pandemonium on deck. Everyone was jumping, yelling, screaming," swim coach Ryan Elliot said.

Freshman Kyler Lajoie, freshman Jackson Anderson, junior Ryan Watts and sophomore Trent McQuaid all posted PRs for their respective legs of the relay, earning Marist 32 points and the highest team score at the district meet.

"It was crazy. Just a huge benchmark in the season that set us up good for state. The energy was too much," Anderson said.

Marist spent most of the meet trailing Salem Academy; their only first place finish was the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay.

"The boys did it. I don't know how to say it any other way," Elliot said.

McQuaid also finished second in the 200 Yard Freestyle and 500 Yard Freestyle to give

Marist a nice 26 point boost.

Anderson finished second in the 200 Yard Individual Medley with Lajoie close behind in third.

Boy Spartans heading to state are junior Hudson Jarvis, senior Wiley Watts, Anderson, Lajoie, McQuaid and Ryan Watts. They will compete in two relays and four individuals.

The girls' side was marked by great individual and relay performances. They finished second overall.

Sophomore Sofia James and seniors Lauren Barry, Aubrie Ellison and Katie Thompson took second in the 200 Yard Medley Relay.

Barry also placed first in the 50 Yard Freestyle and third in the 100 Yard Freestyle.

Ellison was the top individual performer for the Spartans with a first place finish in the 100 Yard Butterfly and a second place finish in the 100 Yard Backstroke.

Ellison is now preparing for her final trip to the state meet. "I'm trying to keep my mind off everything ... I'm trying to get into the mentality to just race and do my best," she said.

Girl Spartans heading to state are junior Abby Salnas, senior Lily Fitzharris, James, Ellison and Thompson. They will compete in three relays and five individual events.



Senior Aubrie Ellison swims the 100-yard butterfly. Photo by Toni Cooper

**A PLETHORA OF PERFORMERS PLEASE THE PEOPLE**

*2020 talent show includes a variety of different acts such as animation and singing*



The winners of the 2020 talent show. Photo by Taylor Willett '21

By Talon Larson '22 and Lizzie Wisely '20

With the lights low and the stage set, the 2020 Marist talent show was held on Wednesday.

The Student Council hosted this year's Talent Show which showcased a variety of talent from singing to animation.

The show opened with a capturing performance by senior Sam Morehouse, who wound up taking first in the competition. Morehouse sang "Folsom Prison Blues," originally performed by Johnny Cash. He wowed the crowd and the panel of judges made up of Marist staff with his guitar skills. "I picked the song at 9:30 on Tuesday night," Morehouse said. "I had no faith in winning," continued Morehouse who was pleased with winning.

Junior Logan Griffin played a dazzling violin solo which secured him second place, while third place was taken by the barbershop quintet made up of juniors Alec Vendetti, Matthew Solomon, Sam

Svingen, and Joey Laing led by history teacher Jon Nuxoll performing "Poor Little Rhode Island." Nuxoll shares the catchy tune with his U.S. history classes every year.

The show ended with the Mr. Spartan contestants doing a special dance, which was a mashup of music ranging from new modern music to late 90s early 2000s which was a preview of what they will be doing at the Mr. Spartan pageant.

Other performers included sophomores Ellie Williams and Sienna Pendleton, along with senior Lauren Englet, each playing piano and singing with their unique style. Senior Tim Patton amazed the crowd with a home made animation, followed by the band ,Uncle Sam and the Trust Fund Babies, playing "Come Together" by the Beatles. The Backstreet Bros., comprised of Marist swimmers, sang "I Want It That Way" and Rock Band closed out the show playing "Sharp Dressed Man" by ZZ Top.

**ONE LAST HURRAH AT ST. BENNY'S**

*Seniors prepare for life after high school*

By JJ Anderson '20

Last Friday evening, 48 seniors set out on their final retreat as a Marist student to St. Benedict's Lodge for the second Senior Metanoia. The bus ride there took a sharp left turn as the bus broke down, resulting in a two-hour delay as the seniors awaited another bus for the remainder of their trip.

Instead of the anticipated hour-long drive, the venture took an ex-

tra two-and-a-half hours to reach St. Benny's.

The second, and final Metanoia of the year, was led by English Teacher Becky Boyd. Boyd was joined by current Marist staff and former Marist graduates.

The intent of the Metanoia is to allow seniors to prepare for life after high school and also allow them to grow closer bonds with their fellow seniors.



The second senior Metanoia group. Photo by Amanda Jewett '20

**COLIN MCCARTHY SIGNS WITH NCU**

*Senior prepares to play on eSport scholarship starting this fall*

By JJ Anderson '20

Next Fall, senior Colin McCarthy will be joining the eSports team at Northwest Christian University to compete in the multiplayer online video game, League of Legends.

McCarthy is looking forward to the new experiences that playing in college will bring. "I'm really excited to finally apply it to new situations and to meet new people

with it[eSports]," McCarthy said.

NCU was the first collegiate team in the state of Oregon to offer athletic scholarships for eSports. Currently, they offer scholarships in four different games: League of Legends, Rocket League, Hearthstone and Overwatch. In the near future, they will also be looking to add Fortnite Battle Royale to their lineup of gaming options.

The Beacons eSports team is one of just 115 teams in all of America that offer athletic-scholarships to highly-skilled gamers.

The rise of eSports has seen an exponential increase in viewership over the past few years. In 2019, 380 million people around the world actively watched and/or competed in eSports.



Senior Colin McCarthy signs with Northwest Christian University. Photo courtesy of Kevin McCarthy