

## LAST SHOT FOR PLAYOFFS

*Girls basketball takes on Banks for a spot in the state playoffs*

By Nick Stics '20

In front of a packed gym Monday night, the visiting No.15 Junction City Tigers won a defensive grudge-match 25-28 over the No.17 Spartans in the Sky-Em league second place game.

For the state tournament, the top two teams in each league are guaranteed one of the 12 slots in the top 16, while the next eight highest ranked teams in the state battle it out for the last four open spots.

Ranked seventeenth in state, the girls will travel up to No.16 Banks this Friday at 6 p.m. in a win-or-go-home game.



Sophomore Madison Fuller drives past a Junction City defender in a league playoff game Monday night. Photo by Amanda Jewett '20

## WRAPPING UP THE RETREAT SEASON



A group of junior girls play spoons together on the Winter Womens Encounter. Photo by Toni Cooper

### Junior girls retreat to the beloved St. Benedict's Lodge

By JJ Anderson '20

Last weekend, the final Marist retreat of the year took place at St. Benedict's Lodge in McKenzie Bridge, Oregon.

Saturday morning, 18 junior girls made their way up the McKenzie River for the Winter Women's Encounter and weekend full of fun and getting to know their peers.

An exciting aspect of the Encounter was

that the patio, which has been under construction after being damaged at the Women's Encounter last winter, is almost complete with a new railing made from the trees that fell in that 2019 storm.

The small number of girls made this Encounter feel cozy. "We had more time to relate to one another. We painted, we made lots of friendship bracelets and even just talking

helped the atmosphere feel cozier," junior Shelby Jones said. "And the food was good. Everyone is happy when there is good food."

"It was definitely a little different during meals and large groups, but ultimately throughout the weekend they got to bond together," senior retreat leader and rector Gabby Angelastro said.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MARKS THE START OF LENT



Junior Ethan Cross receives ashes on his forehead from theology teacher Julie Ferrari. Photo by Abbie Chambers '21

By Billy Christiansen '20

"The Lenten season has begun!" Marist Chaplain Fr. Theo Laing exclaimed to finish his homily during Wednesday's annual Ash Wednesday Mass. The Lenten season is traditionally known in the Christian Church as a time of fasting and prayer.

After the Liturgy of the Word, ashes were placed in the form of a cross on the foreheads of the community along with the words, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return" to remind us of our humility and that we will one day return to God.

Fr. Theo emphasized in his homily that Lent is a great time to regain focus in our spiritual lives. Lent is about discerning what we need to do in our lives in order to become a saint in Christ's eyes.

Lent is traditionally a time for giving something up that is commonplace in our life, or doing something that is not part of our normal routine to detach from worldly things.

## MAKING WAVES AT STATE

*Marist swimmers compete at the 2020 4A/3A/2A/1A State Championships*



Senior Aubrie Ellison breaches the surface of the water during the last leg of the 200-yd medley relay.

Photo by Sofia James '22  
By Ben Morehouse '21

Last weekend Marist Swim took their talents to the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center to compete against some of the best teams in

Oregon for the state title.

The girls scored 21 points to place fourth overall out of twelve teams, and the boys tied with Corbett for twentieth overall with two total points.

Top relay performances included a third place finish in the girls 400-yard freestyle relay and a fourth place finish in the girls 200-yard medley relay. Both relays were swam by sophomore Sofia James, senior Katie Thompson, senior Lily Fitzharris and senior Aubrie Ellison.

"I loved the unity that strengthened the team and made everything better," Ellison said.

Ellison also placed fourth in the girls 100-yard backstroke with James close behind in sixth. Ellison was seeded fifth going into the race. "It hasn't quite hit me that it's over yet, but I am pretty happy ... it was definitely my most successful year," she continued.

The girls were missing senior Lauren Barry, who qualified for state but was competing for a Division 1 scholarship in Florida.

Freshman Jackson Anderson and sophomore Trent McQuaid were the only boys still swimming on the last day. Anderson placed sixth in the 200-yard IM and McQuaid placed sixth in the 200-yard freestyle.

## NHS LEADS BLOOD DRIVE



Photo by Sofia James '22

Sophomore Lucas Franssen peers down as his blood is drawn today at the annual blood drive. The blood drive was ran by Blood Works Northwest and organized by student officers of the National Honors Society.

## SOPHOMORES JOURNEY TO FIND CHRIST



Photo by Dempsey O'Leary '20

Last weekend on the Marist campus, boys on the Sophomore Journey Retreat join in on a team-building exercise. The retreat took place on Saturday and Sunday and was run by theology teacher and moderator David Haggard and the junior and senior retreat team boys.