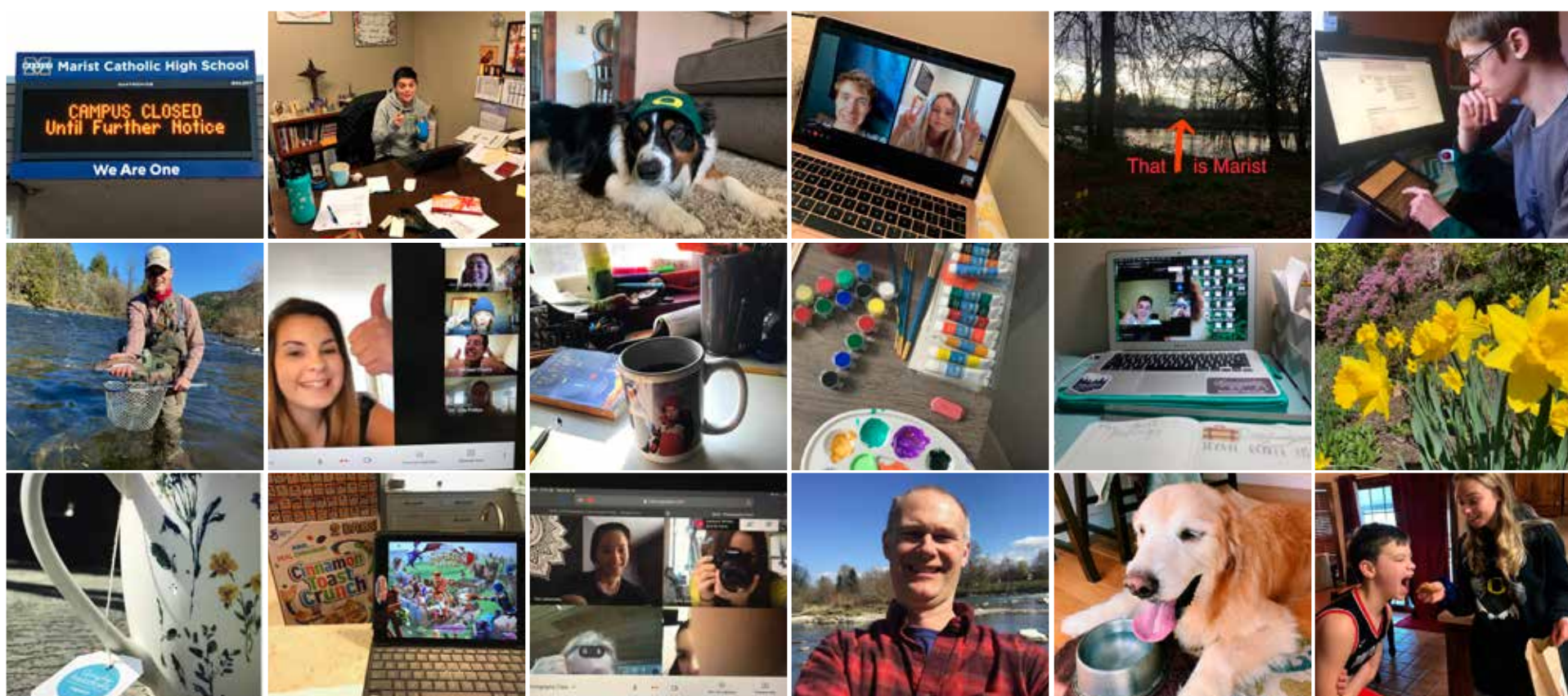


STUDENTS LEARN TO COPE WITH NEW REALITY

How the coronavirus break is affecting the social environment of Marist students.



Photos gathered by assistant principal Andy Oldham showcasing how students and administrators are spending their time during the break along with photography students documenting the life of a "quaranteen."

By Amanda Jewett

As the coronavirus trudges onward, school cancellations are being prolonged. It has been about a week since I was last at Marist, and is it odd to say I wish I could go back?

School is such an integral part of our lives as students, it's like our job. So what happens when you quickly and unexpectedly remove a daily routine that offered structure to our lives? We start to miss it.

I miss seeing my friends everyday, as most of us do. I miss being able to talk with teachers and I miss being able to have an interactive learning environment. However, the teachers at Marist realize the problems we are facing and have worked hard to tailor their curriculums to help us

during this isolation time.

With daily check-ins at the start of class and question and answer based discussions, students have still able to communicate with teachers and other peers, just not in person.

I am incredibly grateful for the wonderful teachers and administrators we have at Marist who are accommodating their students as much as possible. Our principal Stacey Baker and assistant principal of academic affairs Andy Oldham send out words of encouragement every morning that includes greetings, prayers, and reminders for the day. I am personally uplifted by these messages and it offers a sign of hope that the Marist community can stay connected during a time of such distance.

In company with these daily messages,

Oldham created an Instagram account (@goodgloriousmorning) that features students doing their remote learning from home. He has been keeping us students entertained and connected by sharing these photos. He also sends his encouragement and focuses on students' well being.

Teachers are also taking strides in focusing on students' mental well being. They understand the importance of taking a break and refocusing. On Wednesday, I was allowed to take a break from reading articles about the virus and instead shift my focus onto photography. Walt Fox, my government teacher, understood and encouraged me to appreciate nature. "Enjoy your walk and notice the daffodils, they worked hard to be there for you!" Fox wrote.

Along with online school, there are many

ways us students have stayed connected. FaceTime has now become a part of my daily routine as my friends and I sit and chat while working. Google Meet has also been another helpful tool that allows students and teachers to communicate via video chat. The newspaper editors and I were even able to have a virtual slumber party using the Kast that made it possible for us to video chat and watch movies together at the same time. It was like if Netflix and FaceTime had a lovechild.

As we live through this time of the coronavirus, my age has found a new name ... the "quaranteens." Although we can't see each other, we are still always connected through technology. We will survive this "coronacation"... even though it's anything but a vacation.

SO FAR, SO GOOD; REMOTE LEARNING A SUCCESS

By Ben Morehouse '21, Talon Larson '22 and Billy Christiansen '20

With the closure of campus this week, Marist administration has implemented a new Remote Learning system to maximize student learning potential without physically being in school.

Remote Learning came into place to find an alternative to Digital Learning Days, which were geared more towards snow days than long absences from school. DLDs had many problems, including a lack of communication between students and teachers and students feeling overwhelmed with an unmanageable workload from all seven classes.

Another DLD issue was students prioritizing different classes. This led to students blowing off work from electives to focus on core material. With Remote Learning, each class is allotted the same amount of time. Teachers are reporting more student engagement across the board.

Some students have used their extra time after school to head outdoors and enjoy the nice weather. "I usually wake up early and get all of my work done and then head over to the coast and go steelhead fishing," senior Brandon Boresek said.

Others are not having as much fun. "This week has felt like the longest

week of my life. I'm so bored," junior Gloria Rear said.

Assistant principal of academic affairs Andy Oldham reported that teachers are being "flexible and understanding." Students also appreciate material with meaningful engagement, and seniors "have been praising the value and challenge of the senior seminar."

Administration is hoping parents will encourage students to create a good learning environment by avoiding multitasking, getting out of bed for class, communicating with teachers via Schoology, email and online chats and taking time off screens when not in class.

COACH GETS CREATIVE



Girls lacrosse coach recaps first game from imagination

By Lizzie Wisely

With the COVID-19 pandemic, schools have been shut down all over the state. Along with those cancellations came the postponement of spring sports until April 28, and many are wondering if it will go further.

However, head coach of the girl's lacrosse team, Hans Notenboom, has found a creative way to ease the pain for his players, some who are seniors. The day after what was supposed to be their first game in Tigard, Oregon, coach Notenboom sent out an email to his players recapping how he imagined their first game going and the kids loved it!

"It made me feel really appreciative," junior Mo Cavinee said about his email. "Because I know that he really cares about our team and that it's not just hard for us but for him too."

The following is part of the play by play that Notenboom imagined and wrote for his team:

We all arrived to get on our nice charter bus, ready to go take on Tigard in our first game of the season. There was a slight pause as Mo Cavinee thought she forgot her skort, but then didn't...so we were good to go.

When we got to the game, warmups started and you could see there were a few nerves from some of the newer players. Kyla Cobarrubias asked me if we had gone over substitutions and man down defense yet... Despite the nerves, we were ready to go.

Fresh off of skiing racing in regionals Sally Moore took the initial draw... Tigard got the draw control and quickly went on the break. Marist had a bit of a break down and Tigard scored about 20 seconds into the game.

It seemed like a rough start, but this is our comfort zone. Relax. Have fun. These are your friends, your sisters...just have fun and play.

"1-2-3...WE ARE ONE!"

Then it started to happen. We win the draw. There is another good shot, but their goalie is wearing green on St. Patrick's Day ... so we have that going against us.

Tigard comes down to our end again. They drive, but this time Madeline Mahalak instinctively slides to make the double.

After we collected ourselves, we saw that we were ready to not just play ... we were ready to beat this team. Tigard was not going to give it away though. The rest of the first half was back and forth ... At the half, it wasn't going quite our way. Marist was down 6-4. We are running down hill now. We are running offense. We are seeing them make desperate turnovers. 15 minutes left. TIME OUT - TIGARD ... AGAIN. That's it ... no more timeouts for them. The momentum is with us now...down 6-4 at half, we are up 10-7 now.

As the seconds wind down there is building excitement ...3...2...1... GO GET YOUR GOALIE!!!

Hans and Ben do an Air High 5 (to be the responsible healthcare workers we are). The girls rush out to Kenadi and tap her helmet. We line up and hit sticks as we walk down the line. Good game. Good game. Good game. Marist wins 18-8.

FOREVER NO. 1

Senior JJ Anderson reflects on the whirlwind of events leading up to the cancellation of the state basketball tournament

By JJ Anderson '20

As a boy growing up playing basketball, we always dream of being able to hoist up a championship trophy. The trophy itself represents the hard work put in by you and your teammates in order to prove that you are in fact, the best.

With the opportunity to do so last week after beating No. 16 La Grande in the first round, we were put through a roller coaster of events leading up to the OSAA 4A State Boys Basketball Championships. At the time we didn't think much of the virus spreading world-wide, COVID-19, boy was that a mistake.

The night before we were supposed to play No. 8 Gladstone in the quarterfinals, the OSAA announced that the attendance to the tournament would be limited to only the players, coaches, referees and essential medical staff. At this point we were very disappointed that those closest to us wouldn't get the opportunity to watch us play for a state championship.

The morning of the quarterfinal, everything was still on schedule. Then, one by one, events nation-wide were being canceled or postponed. The NBA

suspended their season due to positive tests of the coronavirus with some of their players. The NCAA came to the conclusion that it would no longer be safe to allow the post-season tournament, March Madness, to take place.

With the world practically shutting down around us, the OSAA followed in suit with the NBA and the NCAA and canceled all basketball state tournaments, along with postponing all spring sports until it's deemed safe to play.

This was a very tough pill to swallow as we looked at ourselves as the favorite to take the blue trophy home. We were riding a 13 game win streak and all the confidence in the world. But no, we would not be able to prove ourselves against the other top teams in the state. This is the first time since the OSAA started awarding state championships in 1919 that there wouldn't be a boys basketball team crowned champion in the 4A, 5A or 6A divisions.

While we knew that our season was going to come to an end, it was very difficult to accept that it didn't get to end on our own terms. Despite our season ending on unconventional terms, we did take the liberty to crown our-



Seniors JJ Anderson and Nick Stice are celebrated during senior night earlier this season. Anderson and Stice have been playing together and against each other since elementary school. Photo by Whitney Korth '21

selves the unofficial state champion due to finishing No. 1 in all 4A boys basketball polls. Yet, it still didn't feel like we earned anything.

Recognizing the amount of despair that we were in, our loved-ones welcomed us back home after our trip to the Wilsonville exit and back. As a joke, we asked long-time assistant coach Chad DePaoli if we could cut down the nets since we technically finished No. 1. Sure enough when we returned to the Marist parking lot, he handed us scissors and told us to go to the gym to cut down one of our own nets.

Despite finishing first and awarding ourselves state champions, it doesn't feel right, and quite honestly, it never will.



Junior Jackson Whittaker cuts down his part of the net to celebrate finishing the season as the No. 1 ranked team. Photo by Toni Cooper

The team celebrates after cutting down a net and awarding themselves as state champion following the cancellation of the OSAA 4A Boys Basketball Championships. Photo by Dempsey O'Leary '20