

## SPORTS SPOTLIGHT

### Spring Openers

Spring sports are in full swing.

Baseball is 4-2 after a 13-4 home win vs Stayton on Thursday. They play over Spring Break at the Coach Bob Invitational in Phoenix, AZ. Their next home game is April 9 vs Junction City at 5 p.m.

Softball is 1-3 and playing next at the North Medford Spring Break Tournament this Monday and Tuesday. Their next home match is April 9 vs Junction City at 5 p.m.

Boys tennis is 4-0 playing next April 2 at Philomath then at home April 4 at 4 p.m. vs Stayton.

Girls tennis is also 4-0 winning 8-0 in their first three matches. They play next at home vs Philomath on April 2 at 4 p.m.

Girls lacrosse is 3-0 - all blowout wins. They play at South Eugene on April 2. Their next home game is April 12 at 7 p.m. vs Sunset High School.

Boys lacrosse is 4-0 after an overtime victory secured with a goal by sophomore captain Kyler Bernards. They play next at home on April 3 at 7 p.m. vs. West Salem.

Girls Golf placed second out of nine at the Siuslaw Girls Invitational on March 14. They play next on March 8 at Shadow Hills Golf Course.

Boys Golf placed second out of 11 at the Siuslaw Boys Invitational on March 13 and won their match against Cresswell on Monday. Their next tournament is the Marshfield Invitational on April 4-5. Their next tournament in Eugene is April 15 at the Eugene Country Club.

The boys and girls track teams first meet is at home on April 2 followed by the Marist Invitational on April 6.

Go Spartans!

## STEM AT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Marist teams tie for fourth and take tenth at state competition in Portland



Sophomore Bruce Clark and Senior James Smythe test the load capacity of their wood tower. Photo by Elizabeth Tucker '24

By August Santin '25

On March 16, the 30 members of STEM Club departed from Marist at 6 a.m. to the University of Portland. There, as two teams of 15, they participated in the Oregon Science Olympiad Team-Based Science & Engineering Competition where they competed in events including forensics, flight, codebusters, and optics. They participated in these events to test their knowledge. "We went

to the Science Olympiad because it was hard. We wanted to challenge ourselves," junior Elias Michel said. In their division, Team Blue for Marist tied for 4th and Team Gold placed 10th.

For Team Blue, Sam McLaughlin and Berkeley Knight-Sheen placed first in the wind power event which consisted of them building a turbine and taking a test. "We prepared by building the turbine and studying for the test months before," said

Knight-Sheen. "We did so well because the wind turbine [performed superbly] in the low-wind speed test."

In the three years that Marist has participated in the Science Olympiad, this is the first that STEM Club had two teams competing. "Even though having two teams was more to handle, everyone was able to work well together and have fun and be supportive," said co-president Claire Saxman.

## MR. & MS. SPARTAN DANCE HELPS SAVES BABIES

Last Friday, Mr. and Ms. Spartan Seniors organized the "Disco for the Diapers" dance in the cafeteria. On Wednesday, April 3 during study hall there will be a Staff vs. Student Volleyball Game, admission is \$3, and on Saturday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in the gym they will present the annual Mr. and Ms. Spartan Pageant.



Photo by Hailey Trank '24



Junior Bailey Cole and seniors Micah Hugo and Arath Gutierrez play sax at the winter concert. Photo by Erica Arteaga-Bocanegra '25

## BANDS PERFORM AT END-OF-WINTER CONCERT

## LENTEN MASSES COME TO A CLOSE

This morning in the chapel we celebrated the last of our Lenten Masses, each one led by either Fr. Josh Gatus or Fr. Jordan Bradshaw from the Newman Center.

Taking place each Friday of Lent at 8:30 am, these masses offered an opportunity for students and staff to celebrate the Lenten season.



Photo by Toni Cooper

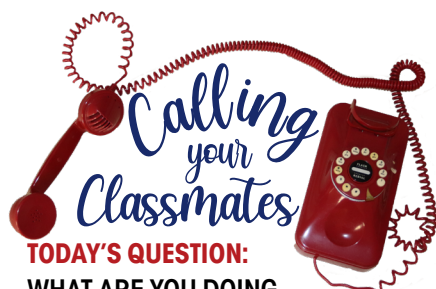
## ARTIST AWARDS

By Ava Konrady '24

Senior Lauren Ellison's short story "Whispers in the Woods" has recently been chosen as a finalist for the Fiction Fantastic Young Writers Contest, an annual competition for writers of all ages. Her murder mystery story was originally an assignment for her Creative Writing class taught by Becky Boyd.

The plot of Ellison's story, which is a girl finding a mysterious weapon in the woods and solving a murder mystery, is based on a prompt given in class. Her short story was selected as a finalist out of one hundred entries in her age group. Winners will be announced on June 6, 2024.

Also winning a contest were freshman Jessica Jesiah along with seniors Hailey Trank and Elianny Mojica Gonzalez, who won first place at the Lane County level of the Oregon Right to Life contest in the drawing, essay, and computer drawing categories. Trank and Mojica Gonzalez went on to win first place at the state level, winning \$500 and \$100 respectively.

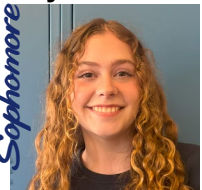


Evan Coffman



"I am going to Mexico for spring break."

Skyla Roberts



"I'm going to Esopus over spring break with Dr. Martin."

Kennedy Powell



"I am going to Las Vegas with my family for spring break."

Kaden Erlenbush



"I am going to Arizona over break."