



## Nuclear Field Trip

By Gregory Fleming

On Wednesday the 21st, the AP Chemistry and AP Physics traveled with Mr. Moser the OSU Radiation Center in Corvallis. They worked on a lab there and then they headed over to the Wave Center to look at the affects of Tsunamis. In the words of Senior Nicole Bass, "We had fun."



## Under the Magnifying Glass

By Gregory Fleming

Accreditation is a big part of keeping Marist alive and well. Lark Palma from Catlin Gabel toured the school on Tuesday with Mr. Ragan. If all goes well, which it will, Marist will get accredited. The entire Accreditation Team will be visiting the school on May 7-10. That is when Marist really will shine.



# SPARTAN SPEAR ONLINE

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## Spring Break Is Here!

By Samantha Silva

Spring Break officially starts today.

The break from school has been long-anticipated by students and teachers alike who eagerly await their planned vacations, or just a week to relax.

This week has been more stressful than usual, with the homework load piling up. Students have been extremely busy. Junior Chad Swenson says it is, "the hardest week I've ever had." Because of the tremendous amounts of homework and tests this week, spring break seems to be even more awaited than usual.

Some students have vacations planned over the break, some have sports to play, while others are just going to stay at home and relax.

No matter where Spring Break 2007 takes you, it is a time for some well-deserved rest.

## How was school today?

By Yassef Ayub

If I was one of those kids that lived in the utopia suburban house with the perfect family and my mother asked me when I got home, "How was school today?", my answer would go something like this:

"Well, Mr. Ferrari's class was alright as usual, there was a journey presentation about Thailand for the tenth time.

In Mr. Fox's class we debated on whether smoking areas should be limited; I was on the con side.

Mr. DePaoli's class was as usual; spent talking about sex and teen relationships. We drew and presented our views.

Brake was short and uneventful.

In newspaper, we wrote the best issue yet, check it out it's great!

For lunch I went to Ron's and the food was delicious.

Then in anatomy we dissected a sheep's brain. I was the head surgeon.

Finally, in ceramics, I worked on my clay model of a Roman amphitheater.

Can't say it was a great day, but boy did I learn a lot!"

## DANCING 'TIL THE END



By Chad Swenson

'Strange Things' was the theme, and the Marist Passion Dance Team finished 2nd in the OSAA State Dance Competition at the University of Portland performing it. The girls went through three grueling days of frantic preparation, practice, and small undersized hotel rooms.

With their competition narrowed down to Stayton and Gladstone, the girls had their work cut out for them. The girls performed last out of the three competitors, and put on

a great routine. With the team's almost perfect execution of all their formations and stunts, they sat on the floor waiting to hear the results.

The Marist crowd was disappointed to hear that the girls just missed first place, but the girls were extremely happy to break their three year streak of being awarded third place. Mrs. Sam Gibeau won coach of the year for 1A,2A,3A,4A.

The Marist Passion Dance Team put on a great routine and had a great year. Good job girls!



## Babies' Weekend a Big Success

By Yassef Ayub

Friday night, Mr. Oldham was the DJ for the "Lost in Space" Mr. Spartan dance.

All the proceeds of the night would go to the benefit of babies in the NICU that the Mr. Spartan candidates are sponsoring.

Water, cookies, brownies, and other sweets were sold in the dance to also raise funds. The entrance money and the dances bought raised good money.

Saturday morning the Ballin' for the Babies basketball tournament happened with great turnout of teams.

Lydia Gust, Dustin Waldron, and Ms. Lauren Schmidt's fiancée consisted of the winning team for the tournament.

According to Mr. Ferrari, the weekend raised around \$2,500 towards the neo-natal babies who need intensive care because of premature births.

## Ballin' for the Babies



On Saturday the 17th, teams of three gathered together to shoot some hoops for the babies to raise money for the Mr. Spartans.

The winning team consisted of Lydia Gust, Dustin Waldron, and Ms. Lauren Schmidt's fiancée.

## SPORTS UPDATES

### Baseball

By Grant Mascolo

This past Saturday the baseball team had a double header at home against Central. Marist won both games 8-5 and 8-4.

They suffered their first loss to Newport away on Tuesday (1-9) but beat Sweet Home at home on Thursday.

### Golf

By Robbie Pitts

Boy's Golf played at Tokatee Golf Club on Wednesday in the Marist Invitational against 6 other teams. They finished first place.

They shot a school record 293.

### Lacrosse

By Michael Haney

Boys Lacrosse won 10-8 against Summit High School in Bend last Friday. Elmira forfeited on Thursday.

A SIDE NOTE: Prayers are welcomed for Calder Whitley's father who was seriously injured in an accident on their way to the game.

Girls Lacrosse lost all their games on Saturday to Century (4-7) and Glencoe (5-13) and to Sheldon (0-3) on Tuesday.

### Softball

By Samantha Silva and Whitney Hoff

Varsity softball had a doubleheader versus Newport on Saturday. They put up a fight, but lost both games 3-1 and 9-4. On Tuesday, the girls lost to Valley Catholic 3-0, but rebounded from that with a 5-3 win on Wednesday over South Eugene.

Thursday, the girls pulled off an impressive victory, defeating Springfield 7-0.

### Boys Tennis

By Yassef Ayub

Marist defeated North Marion on Wednesday with a 6-0 victory. This was the first match in which the boys were able to use their new uniforms.

### Girls Tennis

By Sarah Hatten

Girls tennis defeated North Marion on Wednesday in an away match on their coach's birthday.

### Track and Field

By Gregory Fleming

In Tuesday's meet against Cottage Grove, Siuslaw, and McKenzie, the girls took second and the boys team won beating Siuslaw for the first time ever.