



Sports Update

Basketball

The boys basketball team lost their road opener at Tillamook Tuesday 65-77. Many of the players are gone because they are still playing football. The girls basketball team opened their season at Tillamook Wednesday, with a 44-37 victory over the Cheesemakers.

Swimming

The swim teams had a meet on Tuesday at Sheldon High School. Jacob Deines placed first in the 200 IM and 100 butterfly. Ingrid Woelfel placed first in the 200 IM, Victoria Weiler placed first in the 100 butterfly and Kelcey Lajoie placed first in the 500 freestyle. Both teams received second place and compete at Sweet Home on Friday at 4:00 p.m.

Spartans Spear Tigers

By Grant Mascolo

After their crushing 55-6 victory last Friday over Yamhill Carlton, the Spartan football team is going back to the semi-finals for the first time since they won the state championship in 2005.

They will be playing the Central Panthers who are the top team out the Val-Co conference. They finished with a record of 10-2 with both their losses coming from teams the Spartans defeated earlier in the season. They are currently riding an eight game winning streak.

In Central's last game they knocked out the defending state champions the Siuslaw Vikings 34-28, but the Spartans will still have all the momentum. In their last five games Marist has outscored their opponents 232-69, catapulting them through the playoffs.

In the playoffs so far the Spartans have allowed the fewest amount of points per game than any other team in Oregon. Over their last two games the Marist defense has its opponents averaging only six points a game.

With this momentum it will be difficult for anyone to stop them. If they win this weekend they will be in the state championship for the second time in three years.

Marist "Literally Saves Lives"



Senior Blood Drive student coordinator supports fellow senior.

Photo By Toni Cooper

Marist keeps the blood flowing for the Lane Memorial Blood Bank

By Paul Lyford

For the first time ever, the Lane County Memorial Blood Bank set up beds outside of their own headquarters for those donating blood at Marist because they knew that they would have a large turnout from the community.

The Blood Drive was held in the Activity Center on Friday Nov. 30

beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. The schedule of those donating blood was full all day, with about 125 people in all signed up to donate.

When students were asked why they chose to donate blood the common response was because they wanted to "literally save lives," a motivating expression from Blood

Drive coordinator Bill Ferrari.

Senior Stella Strother-Blood was apprehensive about donating blood and said, "I was shaking and freaking out. But I did it!"

The Blood Drive will return to Marist later this year and anyone over 16 who meets all the criteria can donate or register as an organ donor.



Girls soccer prepares for their game.

Photo By Petra Lennon

Down To The Last Minute

By Erica Cross

After an amazing undefeated season, our girls soccer team made it all the way to the State Championship Game at Wilsonville HS on Nov 17.

The girls made it to the finals after winning their first and second rounds against Cascade and North Valley and easily defeating LaSalle in the semi-finals of the playoffs.

The team played Hidden Valley in the championship game for the second year in a row. After a back and forth game, it came down to a 2-2 tie in the last minute. Hidden Valley got a fast break and a shot in the last 30 sec, making for a heartbreaking 2-3 loss for the Spartans.



Photo By Toni Cooper

Vince Nims performs for the student body with the aid of student leaders.

Nims Inspires

By Helen Walters

Vince Nims, youth comedian, speaker, and singer, entertained the student body on Wednesday. His production involved many games and a lot of singing, that got the entire school involved and active. He wrapped up his show with a story about hope and making a difference and changing things in the "world that you invest in."



Photo By Connor Kerns
The Springfield band's bus.

Civil War Banter

By Kyle Lakey

This Thursday we had some mysterious visitors from Springfield High School. During sixth period some Marist classes were distracted by the sound of music that came from the visiting band.

The band was paid \$40 by a former Marist parent, Gwen Gazeley, to play the OSU fight song for Mr. Stone in light of the upcoming Civil War game this Saturday. Mr. Stone being a former Duck football player and avid fan in turn paid the band to play the UO anthem at the office of Gazeley, according to Nancy Gryzic, a Marist administrative assistant.

The band's performance delighted Gryzic, a devout Beaver Believer. "Go Beavers!" said Gryzic when concluding our interview.



Illustration By Eileen Hinckle

Mr. Needles supports Marist wrestling.

Christmas Trees Are Coming

By Danielle Gehrke

Marist wrestling will be distributing pre-sold Christmas trees on Dec. 2. The wrestling program will be cutting the trees at a Monroe Alumni member's farm.

Orders can be placed online or through a Marist wrestler. Noble Firs are starting at \$12, Grand Firs at \$13 and Douglas Firs at \$16. All funds from the tree sale will be given to the school.



Photo By Mr. Nuxoll

Sophomore Bonding

By Ty Hiday

The sophomore boys retreat occurred last weekend at Saint Peters and proved to be a very positive experience. The sophomores took part in bonding activities and played a few games of football and dodge ball in the gym. Following an evening of quiet prayer and reflection, Father Dave celebrated Mass for them Sunday morning.



Photo By Mr. Oldham

Weekend at St. Benny's

By Eric Chun

The weekend before Thanksgiving the junior girl's encounter was held at St. Benedict's. Senior rector Marie Fraser said, "the girls were able to learn more about themselves." Over the weekend the girls enjoyed great food, reflection, and time to be outside despite the rainy weather.