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THE SPARTAN

Snowball *Online*

Activity Updates

Due to the extreme weather conditions most sports this week have been postponed or canceled.

Both boys and girls basketball teams were planning on going to Seaside to attend the Seaside Tournament but due to weather the trip has been cancelled.

The wrestling team was able to compete in the South Eugene Tournament Wednesday with top finishers including Cameron Deschaine who took 2nd and Austin Backer and Dylan Beneat placing 3rd. Today's Christmas Classic has been cancelled.

The swim meet on Thursday at Willamalane was cancelled.

Also cancelled was the Christmas Music Festival.

Snowy Days And School Delays



The Spartan Spear staff takes time to enjoy the snow on Wednesday and pelt their teacher Toni Cooper with snowballs. Does it get any better than that?!?



Junior Micah Stratton crosses the courtyard heading to his next class. Photo by Toni Cooper.



Seniors Ian Metcalf, Gabe Schpergerdes, Mimi Nguyen and Alexis Beyerlein walk through the courtyard. Photo by Toni Cooper.



Senior Andrew Mosier is pushed in his sled through the courtyard by senior Jordan Brandt.

PLAY DATES CHANGED.
TWELFTH NIGHT
NOW ONLY ONE
WEEKEND!!
Jan 10th-11th
Jan 16th, 17th and 18th.

Focus on the Action Santa Claus

by Jordan Schrader

A tall, young Santa Claus was seen strolling around campus Wednesday. It was none other than junior Brady Kirkpatrick.

In the Christmas spirit, Brady dressed up in Ms. P's Ol' Saint Nick costume for the snowy school day.

Many enjoyed his costume and it only brought more happiness and excitement to the already special snowy day.

Unfortunately, Brady is not the real Santa Claus, but his impersonation reminds us the real Santa is almost here.



Junior Brady Kirkpatrick shows off his Christmas spirit by dressing up as Santa Claus. Photo by Erica Little '09.

No Sun Required

Seniors have a picnic in the snow.

By Jordan Schrader

Why limit the enjoyment of a picnic to the seasons of spring and summer?

Seniors Ian Skurdal, Ty Hiday, Erica May, Brenna Stacy, Danielle Kast, Abby McCallum, Kelsey Lambe, and Blake Swanson decided that warm weather and green grass weren't necessary to enjoy the outdoors.

The eight seniors sat down in the middle of the courtyard to each their lunches together, even in the onslaught of snowballs constantly thrown by senior Jordan Brandt.

The snow and winter weather has brought quite the excitement to the students of Marist. Though many have been overwhelmed by



A group of seniors spend their lunch on campus in the snow rather than risk going off campus. Photo by Jordan Schrader '09.

school and other responsibilities, this winter wonderland has brought a sense of childhood back to this community.

Treats For Teachers



Jay Conroy, Reba McClary and Rick Gardner choose their goodies.

By Amy Parks

The staff room table was overflowing with cookies on Wednesday for the annual Staff Cookie Exchange sponsored by the Parent and Alumni Association. Campus Ministry Assistant Terrie Clemens said that 25 to 30 volunteers baked the cookies as a big 'holiday thank you' to all of the teachers and staff.

"This is the biggest donation of cookies we've ever had," said Clemens, "and the teachers love taking them home to their families." She would like to express her gratitude to Jody Woods and Cathleen Karcher for setting up this year's event.

Snowy Skills



Senior Rebecca Hanson demonstrates juggling. Photo by Jordan Schrader '09.

By Rebecca Hanson

Juggling round objects is usually pretty easy, especially beanbags. They're made of a bunch of small white things in a bag.

Snow is made of a bunch of small white things which magically stay together! However, they fall apart as they are repeatedly tossed in the air. Therefore, juggling snowballs is a slight challenge. Perhaps I shall figure a solution; larger snowballs, smaller tosses and maybe some gloves.

Merry Christmas from the Spartan Spear staff!

Extreme Makeover: Christmas Edition

By Erica Little

Christmas is my favorite time of year. The lights, the food, the smells, the music, the presents, the family and friends are all a big part of the holiday. Without one of these things, the season would not be the same for me.

So it's too bad that I can kiss the lights, the tree and the music goodbye this year. My dad's house

is being remodeled, so all my favorite decorations have been pushed aside to make room for tool boxes, appliances and furniture.

I have discussed all possibilities with my dad only to be shot down. What if we put the tree in my room? No, I don't have room for it there. What about lights on the house? No, the roof is going to be torn apart soon. My dad's "Grinch-like"

behavior is not unusual. He has always been less than enthusiastic about decorating, even forcing me to decorate our tree by myself.

However, I know Christmas will come, decorations or not. Going to church recently has reminded me that Christmas is not about the presents under the tree or the figgy pudding but it's about the birth of our savior Jesus Christ.

Who woulda' THUNK it?

By Jordan Brandt

All the people you never woulda' think it, are all snowed in this week. For example, McKenzie Henshaw is one that is snowed in at her house right now, because she lives on a very steep hill in South Eugene. It gets worse because we have yet another big storm on its way.



McKenzie Henshaw was unavailable for a photo on Wednesday.