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The SPARTAN SPEAR

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Going for the Gold



Senior Kayla Reay plays catcher at Tuesday's game. Photo by Abbie Silva

By Grant Mascolo

On Tuesday the Marist Softball won a pitchers duel in their semi-final match-up against Gladstone defeating them 1-0 in one of their closest games of the year. Freshman Nyree White threw her 17th shutout of the year.

The Spartans scored their only run in the fifth inning when Danielle Gehrke hit a line drive into right field scoring Brooke McAllister from second base. The Spartans will try for their first state championship since 2000 on Saturday morning at OSU at 10 a.m. vs. Henley Hornets.

Marist is currently riding a 23 game winning streak and have not lost a game in Oregon yet. The Sky-Line champion Hornets will be looking to stop them from getting their 24th consecutive win.

A Senior Farewell



By Abbie Silva and John Stahmer

Upon completion of our last printed paper and of our time here at Marist, we have passed the reins of our beloved paper to sophomores Erica Cross and Danielle Gehrke.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated readers this year—although we often joked that “no one reads us,” it turns out that a lot of people do, and for that we are extremely grateful.

Thanks, Mom and Dad. Have fun Erica and Danielle.

The Final Countdown

Seniors say goodbye to high school at annual Farewell Mass



Seniors give their final blessing to student body and staff. Photo By Toni Cooper



By Abbie Silva

Homegoing Week wraps up this evening with He-Man volleyball, Powder Puff football, and a dance, but to some seniors the best part of the week was this morning's Mass.

The Senior Farewell Mass took place this morning and left many seniors in tears over the thought of leaving Marist.

Members of the Class of 2008 read a letter expressing their hopes and wishes for the school to the rest of the community.

As is tradition, the Encounter Banners from the seniors' Junior Encounters were presented to students who show great faith and leadership. This year's recipients were the Encounter rectors: Trevor Clemens, Marie Fraser, Caroline Phillips, and John Stahmer.

The Courage Award was also presented at this Mass to Kari Karr, who has shown great bravery and poise in the face of illness. Kari hung the 'D' in front of the 'One' on the gym wall amidst cheers from her classmates, who were thrilled to read the sweet words, “We Are Done.”

After Mass, many seniors lingered in the gym, some crying, some comforting their friends. Of the Mass, Breanna Furrer said, “the community Marist has built has been based on the Masses, and it's sad to see it end.”

Although moving on seems scary, Father Dave reminded the seniors in his homily that now is the time to stop clinging on to high school and to let themselves get swept up in the current of the real world and the rest of their lives.



Kari Karr hangs the 'D' on the wall to make it say “We Are Done” at the Senior Farewell Mass. Photo By Toni Cooper

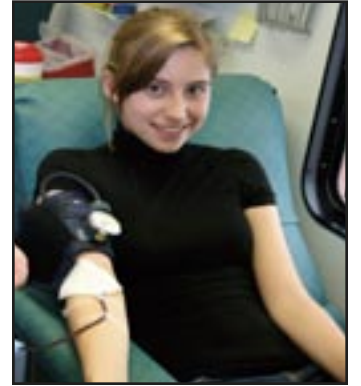
Sophomores Alexis Drakatos and Abby Metcalf wear shirts from Broadway's “Cats” for New York Day. Photo By Heaven Lampshire



Seniors Alex Steinkruger and Ty Jaros imitate characters from “Miami Vice” for Florida Day on Wednesday. Photo By Connor Kerns

Junior Ian Skurdal dresses up as a pirate version of Mickey Mouse on Monday. Photo by Abbie Silva

Students Saving Lives



Junior Zandra Sletten gives blood on Tuesday in the “Blood Mobile.” Photo by Tucker Kline

By Nick Gammie

The annual spring blood drive was held Tuesday for the Lane Memorial Blood Bank. The bloodmobile was parked outside the Activity Center until 3 p.m. for students and staff that wanted to donate. Students needed to be at least 16 years old meaning some sophomores were able to donate as well. Marist donated over 47 pints of blood this year.

Car(bon) Free Day



A group of seniors help out the environment by biking to school. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Dorothy Olszyk

On Thursday Mr. Ben Rain and Mr. Mark Chronister invited the Marist community to ride a bike, walk, carpool, or take the bus to school as part of the premier of a Carbon Free-Day.

Most families rely on cars to get to Marist so this was an invitation to park the car for the day. 60 percent of pollution is created by cars, according to bikeleague.org.

We counted about 34 student bikes that were parked in the courtyard and on the bike racks and about 30 faculty said they either walked, biked, or car-pooled.



Photo By Danielle Gehrke

Courtyard Concert

By Danielle Gehrke

On Friday, the Rock Band held their annual Courtyard Concert. It was a brief taste of their spring concert that was held last week. “It's an end of the year celebration for our seniors,” says Mr. Reinking. This year's hit song was “How Far We've Come,” which provoked an impromptu dance-party from the crowd.



Photo By Nick Gammie

Project Starfish

By Eric Chun

Today ends a month-long participation in the Project Starfish fundraiser. Yesterday Project Starfish made one final push when Carl's Jr. came to Marist and sold hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch. They are going to donate part of their profit to St. Vincent de Paul. Project Starfish raised about \$3000 so far; the Marist Theater raised \$2000 at the spring play, the Spring Art Festival raised \$500, and Senator Morrisette of Springfield donated \$500.