

Happy New Year!

2009 Finances and Snow Days

by Jay Conroy, Principal

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope you are enjoying the break, finding a peaceful moment or more with your family and friends, and preparing for a re-energized focus for the middle of the school year.

Finals are only three weeks away and we encourage you to make a point of supporting your student's work as the pressure and workload typically increase. Some points from teachers and counselors at this time include:

1) Recheck Powerschool to make sure any missing assignment are

handed in (if possible);

2) Don't wait until the last minute to plan a strategy for each final — regular sessions of review are more effective than last minute cramming;

3) Stay healthy by eating and sleeping right;

4) Remember, the final is 20% of the grade automatically, and the second quarter is 40% of the final grade. This helps students remember to finish strong!

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Snow and ice played havoc with the school schedule even before the official start of winter. Making their way across the frozen courtyard are (l to r) Seniors Ian Metcalf, Gabe Schepergerdes, Mimi Nguyen and Alexis Beyerlein. (Photo by Toni Cooper, Marist Staff)

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5) Urge your student to drop by to talk with any teacher whose class they may be struggling in;

6) Finally, remember that Marist's finals have a proven track record of being excellent preparation for college level exams. Use the experience as a learning tool, one where we can all share our own experiences (including some worse than others) where we gained some valuable insights into how best to do finals next time, as well.

Tough financial times and financial assistance are on many of your minds, we know, as the economic downturn touches many of our families. We are gearing up at Marist to aggressively seek out financial assistance dollars through the generosity of community members, alumni, parents and grants. For those who have concerns about whether you will be able to continue the excellent educational experience at Marist for your student, please know that we are committed to helping with financial assistance as much as possible to as many students as are in need. Contact our Business Office for details about applying for assistance or to discuss options.

Finances at Marist Thanks to significant efforts this past summer and fall we are able to maintain our budget at projected levels without new cuts at this time for the present school year. We are working closely with the our School Board and the Business Office to set a budget and staffing level that will continue to provide the full set of academic, arts and athletics offerings that set us apart as a school of excellence.

We have held our tuition increase to less than 5% — \$7855 per student. We have reduced registration fees for

families with multiple students at Marist. We are placing a tight limit on teacher and staff pay at this time, pending final enrollment figures in May. This is a huge set of issues for us to wrestle with, including the commitment to paying our staff at a fair rate (today, a full-time Marist teacher is paid less than 82% of comparable teachers in the area and receive significantly less in retirement and benefits packages.)

We are asking for all involved to pull together at this time to work hard at meeting the needs of students, families and staff. Thank you, especially to the Board and the Marist Foundation Board, for your commitment to Marist.

Preview Day — Remember to invite friends to attend the **Jan. 10** preview for all prospective students and urge them to participate in a “**shadow**” day at Marist in the coming weeks. It's a great way for students to gain a real appreciation for the wonderful environment, including small classes, great teachers and positive students that we have at Marist.

Snow Days We missed three days due to inclement weather and bad roads and will be looking at possible ways to “catch up” on the learning that was missed. We are proud that at Marist we exceed the 990 hours per year of instruction time required for state schools — actually significantly over that standard.

However, in good conscience and at the urging of the Archdiocese, we will also *look at whether to add* a few extra minutes to the school day; add make-ups; revise vacation days or half days and/or early release days into regular school days; or, a combination of the above. We will make that decision and let you know before Jan. 9 so that calendars can be updated as soon as possible.

Auction Don't forget, a huge part of our financial assistance budget for next year, along with some possible fundraising for needed building activities and upkeep, are slated for support from the proceeds of the Auction on Saturday, Feb. 7. Get your tickets through the Foundation and bring your friends for a fun-filled evening that promises to be one of the biggest and best yet.

As always, keep your comments and prayers coming, and thanks for your support,

Sincerely and in Christ,
Jay Conroy, Principal





UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 25-31
Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 29
All Catholic Schools Mass
- Jan. 30-Feb 1
Senior Metanoia Retreat #1
- Jan. 31-Feb 1
Sophomore Boys Retreat #2
- Feb. 13-15
Senior Metanoia Retreat #2
- Feb. 21-23
Junior Boys Encounter #2
- Feb. 21-22
Sophomore Girls Retreat #2

Retreat News

The first two Encounters have now taken place and what a great time we had! For those junior and senior boys and girls who have not gone yet, be sure to note the dates for the final opportunities for this year – *you do not want to miss the Encounter!* The next Boys’ Encounter is Feb. 21-23 and the next Girls’ Encounter is Feb. 28-March 2. Students may sign up at any time. Information is available online at Marisths.org by clicking on “Campus Ministry” or in the Campus Ministry Office. See Mrs. Baker (Girls’ Encounter Moderator) or Mr. Oldham (Boys’ Encounter Moderator) for more information.

Starting at the end of Semester Exams week, Jan. 20-23, we have seven weekend retreats in four weeks’ time. Be sure to check these out. Information on the Senior Metanoias will come out right after we return to school on Jan. 6. Be sure to sign up early for the weekend of your choice - they will fill up rapidly.

There is room on the remaining sophomore retreats. However, please sign up by the deadline so that we can prepare for your participation. We cannot guarantee a place for you after the deadline. Registration information can be obtained at the Campus Ministry link at Marisths.org or in the Campus Ministry Office. If you have questions, contact Mr. Nuxoll or Mr. Ragan for the Sophomore Boys’ Retreat, Mrs. Ferrari for the Sophomore Girls’ Retreat, and Mr. DePaoli or Mr. Chronister for the Senior Metanoia retreats.

Christian Service

Many opportunities to serve the needy and disadvantaged are available in January. Juniors and seniors should check the Campus Ministry bulletin board outside the cafeteria opportunities, read the online “Daily Bulletin,” and see Mrs. Ferrari in the Campus Ministry office for places and dates regarding these service placements.

JAN. 16 IS THE DEADLINE FOR SENIORS TO COMPLETE 30 HOURS OF SERVICE AND 5 JOURNAL ENTRIES.

Failure to meet this deadline will result in the loss of the senior’s free period, beginning second semester and continuing until journal entries are completed or a service plan is in place. The only exception is if your senior student has turned in proof of an immersion trip during Spring Break.

Catholic Schools Week

This year’s theme for Catholic Schools Week is “Celebrate Service.” The All Catholic Schools Day Mass takes place at Marist on Thursday, Jan. 29 at approximately 9:00 A.M.

Students from O’Hara and St. Paul Catholic Schools will be joining our own students for Mass in celebration of Catholic schools. In honor of the gift of Catholic schools, let’s acknowledge the good things we have in our staff, students, families, alumni and the support of the wider community.

We invite all of you to join us for this Mass in the main gym.



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MARIST PREVIEW DAY

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009
1:00 to 4:00 P.M.

- *A great investment.*
- *Top-quality staff.*
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at (541) 686-2234 Ext. 1516 for more
information.





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 25 TO 31, 2009

Please join us — the Lane County Catholic School communities of Marist, O'Hara Catholic School and St. Paul Parish School — on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 9:00 A.M. in the main gym at Marist for our annual "All Catholic Schools Mass."

Washington, D.C.—The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2009 celebrates Catholic schools and community service.

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated nationally the last week in January, this year Jan. 25-31. The logo for the observance shows the words "Celebrate Service" and hands reaching out and surrounding a globe. The "t" in the word celebrate is formed as a cross.

"Civic engagement is a hallmark of Catholic education," said Karen Ristau, president of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA). "The majority of elementary and secondary schools participate in service projects ranging from collecting canned goods for the homeless to rebuilding schools in the hurricane-torn gulf, so it was natural that we choose service as a major theme."

Schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses and activities for students, administrators,

faculty, school staff, the community and families. Additionally this year many schools will undertake new service projects.

The 2009 theme links to a recently completed NCEA initiative, "Birthday Blessings for Pope Benedict." During the pope's April 2008 visit to the United States, Catholic youth were asked to pledge hours of community service to honor the pope's 81st birthday. More than 2 million hours of service were pledged by the end of the campaign. Three Catholic school students representing Catholic youth nationwide had the opportunity to deliver the pledged hours personally to Pope Benedict during a private moment at the Vatican Embassy, where the pope stayed during his Washington, D.C., visit.

Wednesday of Catholic Schools traditionally is observed as National

Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools. On that day, student delegations meet on Capitol Hill to deliver packets of information about the good news of Catholic education to U.S. congressional leaders. Schools nationwide are encouraged to make similar presentations to local and state officials.

Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of NCEA and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The NCEA, founded in 1904, is a professional membership organization that provides leadership, direction and service to fulfill the evangelizing, catechizing and teaching mission of the church. NCEA members include elementary schools, high schools, parish religious education programs and seminaries.

PALS Christmas Goodies



Principal Jay Conroy, Business Manager Reba McClary and Assistant Principal Rick Gardner enjoy the abundance of PALS annual Marist Staff Cookie Exchange. PALS — Parent and Alumni Service Club — gets the word out to its members each December to bake and deliver Christmas goodies for the Staff just before Christmas Break begins. Our thanks to the many parents who helped with this year's Exchange. (Photo by Toni Cooper, Marist Staff)

Life-Saving Donations



Organized by seniors Madeline Gonyea, Ali Enright and Jordan Schrader along with English teacher Bill Ferrari, the recent Marist Blood Drive gave students and staff an opportunity to donate to the Lane Memorial Blood Bank. At left, junior Gina Jacobson smiles to show how easy it is to give blood. Senior Marcus Saraceno watches as he's helped by Lane Memorial's technical staff. (Photos by Tianna Cardani, '10 and Dawn Pienbenga, '09)



Because of December's inclement weather, Marist Theatre's production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" will play for one (1) weekend only:

Friday, Jan. 16 at 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, Jan. 18 at 2:00 P.M.

We encourage you to make your reservations early as we expect a sellout crowd!

— Get your tickets today at Marisths.org —



Jerry Ragan,
College Counselor; Senior Counselor;
Testing Coordinator; MVP Moderator

College and MVP updates for parents and students

As of the emailing date of this newsletter, our seniors should have sent in applications or are about to do so. In addition, SAT and ACT tests should have been completed or will be completed ASAP.

For junior students, the second half of the school year is the time that thinking about college will begin to ramp up gradually. You should be concentrating on doing the absolute best you can in your studies and targeting a spring test date for the SAT and possibly the ACT. Also junior parents should be preparing to come to Marist on the evening of **Tuesday, March 10, 2009 for the Junior Parent College Night**. This is a very valuable evening of information and affirmation. Mark your calendars now.

There are many summer opportunities available for underclassmen. Information is available in the Counseling Center. Sites include the United States Military Academy, Carnegie-Mellon University, Seattle University, etc.

Here are some important bits of information of which you should be aware:

- Seniors interested in the Oregon Institute of Technology should get applications in ASAP (no fee, if submitted by Jan. 1). You may be able to find out about acceptance on Jan. 12 when the representative visits Marist!

- Young men turning 18 MUST register with the Selective Service as soon as possible. Go to www.sss.gov to take care of this very simple task. Financial aid could be affected if this duty is left undone.

- All families should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Assistance) as close to Jan. 1 as possible - but **not BEFORE!** This application is the gateway to most financial aid opportunities and many merit-based scholarship programs. The student must fill out a portion of the form and, if the student is a “dependent,” the parents must complete a portion. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

- To sign the FAFSA, **parents AND students** must have PIN numbers. To get these numbers go to www.pin.ed.gov. *Be sure to write them down and keep them in a safe place because these will be your identities for the next several years!*

- Prior to actually submitting the FAFSA after Jan. 1, you can download a paper worksheet that could be completed ahead of time and then transferred to the online version. This is really helpful as a stress reducer and can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

- Many colleges have institutional scholarships worth looking into. For example, St. Martin’s University, a small Benedictine school in Lacey Washington is offering \$2000.00 to graduates of Oregon Catholic schools with a GPA above 3.0 and St. Catharine College in Kentucky offers \$1000.00 per semester for Marist grads who attend. Both of these schools have good reputations and a Marist-like environment which may appeal to some of our students. Get on Naviance and do some searching!

- For much more information about scholarships, start by checking the scholarship section on Naviance. Also, please go to fastweb.com and Getcollegefunds.org for more opportunities.

- Upcoming dates to mark on your calendars:

Jan. 24: College Goal Oregon at Lane Community College;

Feb. 10: Lane Community College Career Fair;

March 4: Lane Community College Preview Night;

March 10: Marist Junior Parent Night.

Several of our seniors are beginning to hear back with acceptances to many different colleges and universities. Here is a list of institutions that have already accepted our Marist students as of the start of Christmas Break:

- Oregon State University
- University of Oregon
- University of San Francisco
- University of Portland
- Northwest Christian College
- Oregon Institute of Technology
- Willamette University
- University of Montana
- University of San Diego
- George Fox University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Emerson College

Congratulations — there are more to come!

Marist Volunteer Program (MVP)

Integral to the faith of a Christian is answering the call to serve others.

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Rationale: *Marist Catholic High School, following its mission to create Christian leaders who are academically prepared, morally strong, and socially aware, offers the opportunity for students to be active servants to those in need.*

We thank you for your generosity to this point in our school year. Our school community has provided many coats for the "Coats for Kids" program, raised \$1811.00 for the Eugene Mission, and responded with great feeling and fabulous donations to the Christmas Drive of the National Honor Society to assist Catholic Community Services.

Our school-wide outreach will continue in the second half of school year 2008-09 starting with the annual food drive. This takes place during Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 26-30) and continues until Feb. 3. The food drive comes at a critical time for food pantries in our area because the holiday season sees an increase in donations, but also an increase in need. However, following the holidays, donations decrease but the need remains high throughout the year.

Our food drive seeks to replenish the food supply at St. Vincent de Paul and help guarantee the availability of some nutritious items for those most in need. More details will follow and thank you in advance for your assistance!



Last winter an 11 year old girl from St Paul's collected 350 coats for Catholic Community Services to distribute to those in need. If one child can do so much, just think of what we can all do together.

With the arrival of cold weather, we need your gently used, warm winter clothing, including gently used coats, wool socks, mittens, hats and men's winter shoes and boots. You can drop off donations during normal operating hours at the Eugene Community Services Center, located at 1095 West 7th Avenue in Eugene.

For questions, please contact Jan Holland at (541) 345-3642.



Parents: The Campus Ministry Department is in need of parent volunteers to help serve a fun dinner celebration for the Marist Staff's Epiphany Party on Monday, Jan. 5 in the cafeteria. Help is needed in the following ways:

- Food preparation help from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- Kitchen helpers and dinner servers from 3:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Please call Terrie Clemens in the Campus Ministry Office at 686-2234, Ext. 1515 or email her at tclemens2@marisths.org if you can help out.

Thank you!



**Ellen Brown,
Marist Foundation
Events Coordinator and
Alumni Relations**

Marist Foundation preps for Auction

Goombay Festival Cruise, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 7. Join Auction Chair's Ray and Sue Paiement for an evening of music, dinner, auctioning and dancing. Reserve your spot at the captain's table today by calling the Foundation Office at 686-0251 or emailing ebrown@maristfoundation.org.

Special reservation pricing is available for Patron tables: only \$1000 per table seating eight to ten guests. Call your friends, put together a table and let's fill up the ship!

Single reservations are \$75 per person, \$150 per couple.

We also need many volunteers to help put on the Auction. Please consider giving back to your Marist

community by helping with setup, the silent auction, accounting, registration, monitoring tables, serving or cleanup. Please call our office today at 686-0251 and let us know where you would like to help.

Donations are needed for the live auction and silent auction packages. Call our office for more information or, if you have items now, drop them off.

Thank you to our Marist families and community for your generosity and continued support of this worthy fundraising event.

Happy New Year to all! Scholarship packets will be handed out to new parents at Preview Day on Jan. 10. The packets will also be available after that date.

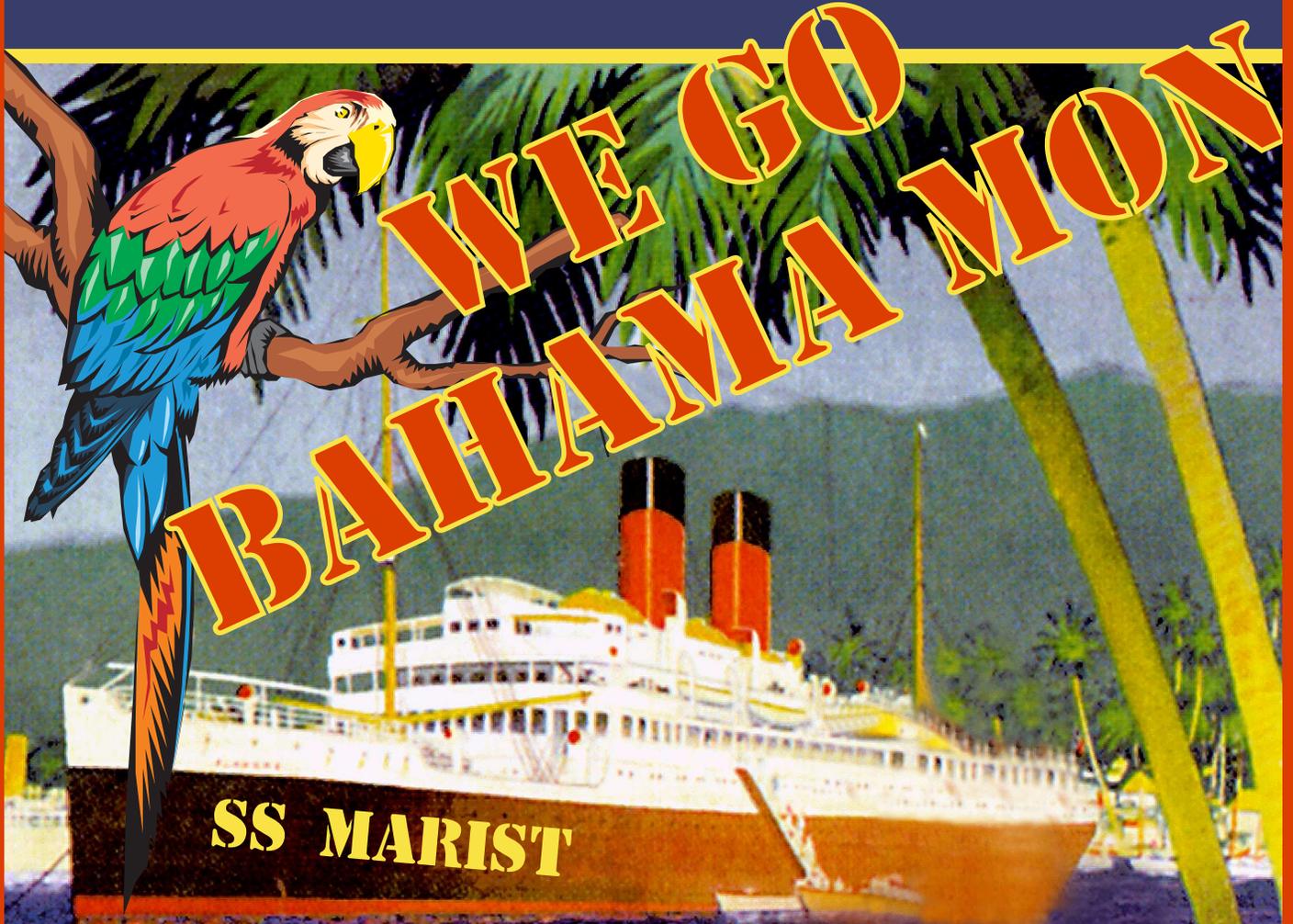
Please help us fill the "cruise ship." I'm talking, of course, about the Marist Foundation's 38th Annual Wonderful World of Auction's *Bahamas*



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Bahamas "Goombay Festival" Cruise



Saturday, February 7th, 2009

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"Won't you let me take YOU on a sea cruise?"

JANUARY 2009

Go to HighSchoolSports.net for up-to-date sports schedules.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Christmas Break <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 Christmas Break Boys JV/V Basketball vs Liberty, 4:00/6:00 PM	3 Boys JV/F/V Basketball vs Henley, 4:15/5:45/7:30 PM Girls JV/V/JV2 Basketball vs Henley, 4:15/5:45/7:30 PM Swimming @ Junction City Wrestling @ Willamette
4	5 No Classes: Staff Day of Recollection	6 Schedule A Boys JV/V/F Basketball @ Sisters, 4:15/5:45/7:15 PM Girls JV2/JV/V Basketball @ Sisters 4:15/5:45/7:15 PM	7 Schedule B Epiphany Prayer Service Wrestling Rookie Tournament @ Cottage Grove	8 Schedule C	9 Schedule A Boys JV/V/F Basketball vs La Pine, 4:15/5:45/7:15 PM Girls JV2/JV/V Basketball vs La Pine, 4:15/5:45/7:15 PM Swimming @ Sweet Home, 4:00 PM	10 Marist Preview Day, 1:00 PM Wrestling @ Coquille
11	12 Schedule A	13 Schedule A Boys JV/V/F Basketball vs Cottage Grove, 4:15/5:45/7:00 PM Girls JV2/JV/V Basketball vs Cottage Grove, 4:15/5:45/7:00 PM Wrestling @ Monroe	14 Schedule B	15 Schedule C Wrestling, League Dual @ Pleasant Hill	16 Schedule A End of 1 st Semester Boys JV/V/F Basketball @ Junction City, 4:15/5:45/7:15 PM Girls JV2/JV/V Basketball @ Junction City, 4:15/5:45/7:15 PM "Twelfth Night" 7:30 PM, Bob Devereaux Theatre	17 "Twelfth Night" 7:30 PM, Bob Devereaux Theatre Girls V Cheer @ Springfield Competition Swimming @ Rumbaugh Invitational, Corvallis High School
18 "Twelfth Night" 2:00 PM, Bob Devereaux Theatre	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No school	20 Semester Exams	21 Semester Exams	22 Semester Exams Wrestling, League Dual @ La Pine (La Pine & Sisters)	23 Semester Exams Boys JV/V/F Basketball @ Elmira, 4:15/5:45/7:15 PM Girls JV2/JV/V Basketball @ Elmira, 4:15/5:45/7:15 PM	24 1 st Placement Test V Cheer @ Sheldon Competition
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