

# THE MARIST NEWSLINE

## HAPPY NEW YEAR



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### Help get the word out

Marist's annual *Preview Day* for prospective students is Saturday, Jan. 9 starting at 1:00 P.M. Come find out what Marist has to offer!

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- [Marist website](#)
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- [School events and sports calendar @ HighSchoolSports.net](#)

### January 2010

### The sounds of Christmas



Students of Band and Choir director Jim Reinking and Strings teacher Alisa Kincade showed off their talents at the annual Christmas concert just before the start of Break. (Photos by Toni Cooper)

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### Visit the Caribbean without leaving Eugene

Marist Theatre Director Tony Rust brings to the stage the calypso-flavored story of a poor island girl, Ti Moune, who falls in love with Daniel, an



upper class boy.

With musical direction by Jim Reinking and choreography by Andrina Kaupert and Jackie Hall, its touching story by Lynn Ahrens and catchy pop and Caribbean-inspired score by Stephen Flaherty (songwriter of the film "Anastasia" and the Broadway hit "Seussical") **Once On This Island** is a multi-cultural feast for the heart, mind and soul.

Ahrens said that her play "is a jubilant musical, set in the Caribbean, but it has a serious heart. This show deals with issues of social prejudice; it's also about parents and their children and the inevitability of growth, change, grief and letting go."

The Marist cast includes Yashara Lund, Alice Rear, Justin Perry, Michael Busse, Nate Cornwell, Lauren Taylor, Emily Tanke, John Strother-Garriott, Heidi Gori, Dillon Oldham, Austin Welt, Darcy Rust, Jason DePaoli, Halley Anderson, Ben Damewood, Braden Bollinger, Jamie Ferrari, Brooke Gemmell, Kendra Greenwell, Harrison Johnson, Savannah Johnson, Trish Laver, Zhanna Kinane, Benjamin Lacey, Jenna Laver, Amy Miller, Ethan Mirabelle, Alisha Nielson, Kanna Scoggin, Michael Shaw, Sarah Zebrowski, Andrina Kaupert, Gina Jacobson and Jackie Hall.

All shows are at 7:30 P.M. (Thursday, Jan. 14; Saturday, Jan 16; Thursday, Jan. 21; Saturday, Jan. 23) in the Bob Devereaux Theatre at Marist. Online ticket reservations can be made at [seatyourself.biz/marist](http://seatyourself.biz/marist).

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Jay Conroy,  
Principal

### Dear Parents,

The Marist Staff want to wish you and all your family a very joyful and peaceful New Year in 2010! We hope and pray that we all enjoy good health and a challenging and growth-filled year — learning, serving and loving others.

**Preview Day and more** A reminder to invite friends to attend our Marist Preview Day, Saturday, Jan. 9, 1:00 – 3:00 PM. We will have presentations from academic departments, opportunities to talk with students and parents, information about activities and athletics, as well as information about tuition assistance, registration process and more. **Your own experience at Marist and your recommendation** are worth sharing with others. We look forward to meeting with our newest group of students and their families.

**End of semester** Final exams are just around the corner. **A new format** for finals keeps the old practice of long exams (90 minutes) giving students the valuable experience of a meaningful test/evaluation. However, we are grouping tests by class subjects. For example, all sections of Algebra I will be given their final at the same time, though they are offered at different class periods during the semester. We believe this dramatically reduces the temptation for students to try to "pry" information out of others who take the final early in finals week.

We will post a final exam schedule for students the first week of January so they can plan their approach to preparation.

**Strong Annual Drive, but more needed** Though we have not finalized end-of-year figures, we are pleased to announce that preliminary results show that our Annual Drive is going well. This is the first year that our new Development Office is handling the drive which was orchestrated by the Foundation in years past. Even with very tough economic times, we are noting that those Alumni, friends and parents who have given in the past are either meeting or exceeding their past level of giving. Others are "returning" — responding to our need for growing our tuition assistance for students who are unable to pay the full tuition.

**Thank you** to all of you who put us in your giving plans. We greatly appreciate your belief in a strong faith-based high school experience for students who are willing to meet the challenge and the opportunity. Your trust and confidence in the work of the Marist Catholic High School Staff is humbly acknowledged.

**Magazine is a "keeper"** Speaking of feedback, we are receiving strong support for our new publication, the "Marist Quarterly." **We'd love to hear your thoughts and suggestions** — ideas for articles; things you'd like to see; what you like and don't like

about the new format. Huge compliments to the work of the magazine's hardworking staff: Kathryn Hart, Editor/Designer; Toni Cooper, Photography; Tom Simon, Director, Publisher, copy-editor. We are simply very proud to use the new magazine to share with others the specialness of all that makes the Marist experience.

**Special congratulations** First, to all our students in activities and athletics this past fall — a great job across the board.

Second, a special mention of our **State Champions**: Girls Cross Country and Boys Football. But, even more commendable — Boys Football had the **top GPA** for football teams in the state. They were clearly great sportsmanship role models, as are Marist teams typically throughout the year for all of us to admire and respect.

Finally, great job by our **music groups** who provided a wonderful Christmas concert to families and friends.

God's blessings on us all in the New Year!

Faithfully yours,

Jay Conroy, Principal

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### Students honored

Congratulations to these students who were chosen by Marist Staff as deserving of special recognition for their contributions to our Marist community in academics, service and sports. They were honored at a special school assembly on Dec. 18. The names in parentheses are the Staff who made the nominations.

#### October Spartans of the Month



Jacob Cornwell  
(Heidi Susec)



Carlos Foerster  
(Chase Wells)



Nicole McCallum  
(Mari Gibson)



Kendall Silva  
(Shari Pimental)

#### October Athletes of the Month



Steven Haga,  
Boys Soccer



Haley Jaros,  
Girls Soccer



Josh Reay,  
Cross Country



Allie Rogers,  
Volleyball

#### November Spartans of the Month



Nolan Cogan  
(Frank)



Henry Harper  
(Frank)



Paul Lyford  
(Frank)



Alex Pendell  
(Frank)

Geske,  
Sharee  
Waldron)

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**November  
Athletes  
of the  
Month**



2009 State 4A Girls Cross Country Championship Team: (L to R standing) Coach Chase Wells; Allie Sibole; Shannon Walsh; Moira Cary; Heidi Gori; Claire Koester; Coach Pat Wagner; (L to R kneeling) Molly Bohr; Monica Anderson (photo by Toni Cooper)

**December  
Athletes  
of the  
Month**



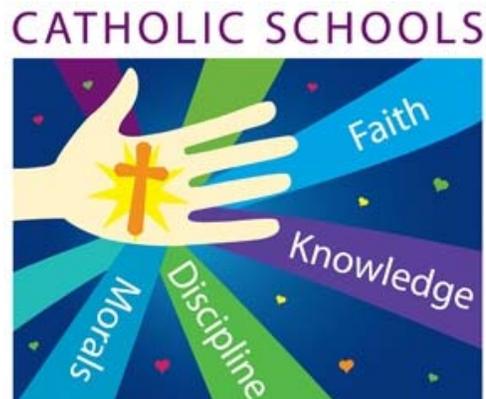
2009 State 4A Football Championship Team: (photo by Zach Brandon, '10)

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**Catholic Schools Week**

WASHINGTON, DC — "Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life" is the theme selected for Catholic Schools Week 2010. Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration that focuses attention on the good work done by the nation's Catholic schools. The week will be observed Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, 2010.

Catholic Schools Week is a joint project of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).



According to Karen Ristau, NCEA president, "Catholic schools provide good things for students and families — high expectations and daily experience of faith. In these challenging times, the theme also reminds parents that the dividends of a Catholic school education — students prepared in faith, knowledge, morals and discipline — last a lifetime. There is no better way to invest in a child's future — or the future of our world."

Marie Powell, executive director of the Secretariat of Catholic Education of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, noted: "We realize that in most parts of the country a Catholic education is not without some cost. But I can't think of a better investment in the future than to invest in the education of a child."

The logo designed for the week features a cross superimposed on an outstretched hand. Rays coming from behind the hand express the concepts of faith, knowledge, morals and discipline — all beneficial aspects of a Catholic education. The theme "Catholic Schools" runs across the top of the art and "Dividends for Life" runs across the bottom of the art.

As part of Catholic Schools Week, National Appreciation Day For Catholic Schools will be observed Wednesday, Feb. 3. National Appreciation Day was established to encourage supporters nationwide to showcase to elected officials the great accomplishments and contributions of Catholic schools. In Washington, a delegation of Catholic school students, teachers and parents will visit Capitol Hill to meet with congressional leaders to promote Catholic schools.

As part of the celebration at Marist, you are invited to the annual **All Catholic Schools Mass** on **Thursday, Feb 4 at 9:15 A.M.** in the main gym. Joining the Marist community will be the staff and students of St. Paul Parish School and O'Hara Catholic School.

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Lex Schmidt,  
Fine Arts  
Department

### Don't throw those cards away!

The Fine Arts Department would love to collect all your old Christmas cards – any type except photo cards. You can just tear off the front cover if you prefer. Put them in a bag and bring them in after the Break. We will put them to good use.

Thank you.

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Jerry Ragan,  
MVP  
Moderator

### Marist Volunteer Program

***Integral to the faith of a Christian is answering the call to serve others.*** Following its mission to create Christian leaders who are academically prepared, morally strong, and socially aware, Marist offers the opportunity for students to be active servants to those in need.

We thank you for your generosity at this point in our school year. Our school community has provided over **335 coats for the "Coats for Kids" program**, raised **\$2800.00 for the Eugene Mission**, and responded with great enthusiasm 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 the 2009-10 school year starting with the annual **Catholic Schools Week Food Drive** Feb. 1 to 5. The 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 helps guarantee the availability of some nutritious items for those most in need.

The most important types of food – those with the most immediate impact – are high in protein such as canned yams, black olives, cranberries and cranberry sauce, tuna, chili and hearty soups.

Other upcoming MVP outreach programs include:

- **Feb. 17 to April 4:** Project Starfish for First Place Family Center
- **June:** Clean Out Desk Project for Guatemala Mission Schools
- **All Year:** Deposit can/plastic bottle collection for Stove Team International

Thank you so much from all of us in the MVP!

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Tracy  
Muilenburg

## Counselors' Corner

**Tracy Muilenburg** - College Senior Counselor; **Shari Pimental** - Counselor for Freshmen, NCAA Clearinghouse Advisor; **Jerry Ragan** - Counselor for Sophomores and Juniors

At the time of this edition of the 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.

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:

- Young men turning 18 **MUST** register with the Selective Service as soon as possible. Go to [sss.gov](http://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 [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).
- To sign the FAFSA, **parents AND students** must have PIN numbers. To get these numbers go to [pin.ed.gov](http://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 [fafsa.ed.gov](http://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. Get on [Naviance](http://Naviance) and do some searching!
- For much more information about scholarships, start by checking the scholarship section on [Naviance](http://Naviance). Also, please go to [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) and [Getcollegefunds.org](http://Getcollegefunds.org) for more opportunities.
- Upcoming date to mark on your calendars: Jan. 30 - **How to pay for college ... in just one day!** at Lane Community College.

**Attention Sophomores, Juniors and Parents:**

- Each student has received his/her **PSAT** scores and information sheet. Have you sat down to review it and talk about areas of strength and areas of improvement?
- Have you reviewed the **S.A.F.E. Path to College** overview? Ask your student about this paper.
- Be sure to spend some time on [Naviance](#). The link is also available right below PowerSchool on our [Marist home page](#). All students should be updating and completing their **Résumé, Game Plan, Personality Type, Learning Style and Career Exploration**.
- In addition to these proactive tasks, students should continue to work hard, learn as much as possible, and practice good time management skills and the "Habit" of study.
- N.B. On our [Marist homepage](#), right below the link for [Naviance](#), is a link to [The Official SAT Question of the Day](#). Consider doing this together each day!

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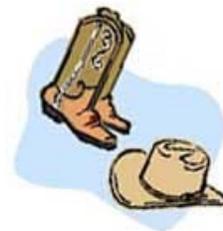


Ellen Brown,  
Development  
Assistant

## Marist Gone Country!

Dust off your boots, put on your fancy jeans and get ready to party! Plans for the 2010 Marist Auction have started. Our theme "Marist Gone Country" sets the stage for what will be one of the most enjoyable evenings in Marist's long history of outstanding events. This year's auction date is **May 15** in the Marist Activity Center. "Save the Date" cards will be sent out soon.

Julie and Jerry Harper, this year's chairpersons, have the support of a talented group of parents and volunteers. Every parent, every class, and every school athletic team will be asked to help in some way. There are many areas where we need your help. Alumni will be contacted for their attendance and support. Students will help with table service and the evening's entertainment. Something new this year will be highlighting our Marist Staff as well as enjoying their contribution to the evening's entertainment.



Sponsorships, reserved tables, donated items and cash contributions are being solicited. If you are not contacted directly by one of the committees, please call Ellen Brown at 681-5469 or email [ebrown@marisths.org](mailto:ebrown@marisths.org).

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