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The Principal's Corner
You Are Invited to Join in the Fun

It's only 5 weeks until Marist's **42nd Annual Auction, A Stellar**

Cellarbration! Since last summer, auction co-chairs Robb & Dee Miller and Brian & Debbie Jewett have been working with a small army of volunteers and our Development Office to make **May 11th** an unforgettable evening for our community. Thanks to their inspiring leadership and the tireless dedication of so many Marist parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends, momentum is building and excitement is in the air. Generous individuals and businesses have contributed more than \$46,000 in sponsorships and donated hundreds of items to build exciting live and silent auction packages, and nearly 200 seats have already been reserved (Hint: Reserve your seat before it's sold out!). We are grateful.



Jay Conroy,
Principal

The Marist Auction is known as "The Original" fundraising auction in the area. It is part of the rich legacy of Marist as a community event and fundraiser, providing critical operating funds to help us carry out our mission. An event of this magnitude relies on the participation of the entire community to make it a success and I encourage you to join us in whatever ways work within your time and budget. With your help, we can reach our \$260,000 goal.

Donate. Attend. Bring a Friend. Volunteer. Pray. Make a difference for our students! Visit auction.marisths.org to find out how you can be involved.

Class Registration

We're excited to be moving into the 4th quarter of our school year and planning for the upcoming year at Marist. Students will be **registering for classes beginning April 12** through [Naviance](#), so please sit with your daughter or son and talk about options: AP, College Now or regular classes. Discuss workloads and time dedicated to electives and extra-curricular activities such as sports, clubs, band, theatre, etc.

Enrollment Numbers

As an update, we are thrilled with the strong growth in the number of students in our 9th and 10th grade classes. We are seeing applications for transfers into 10th and 11th grade from local programs and know that this is a reflection of Marist's reputation for excellence in academics and our ability to provide a world-class, faith-based education in a welcoming community. As we project enrollment for next fall, we are prepared to put caps on those classes of 160 students each, creating waiting lists for any students beyond that number. We remain committed to offering the exceptional experience of a Marist education to as many students as possible and will continue to provide tuition assistance funds to help keep Marist accessible.

I encourage you to share the good news about Marist. We still have openings and welcome questions or tours or "Spartan for a day" shadowing by prospective students. Please urge interested friends and acquaintances to call Stacey Baker, Assistant Principal.

From the Registrar's Office

AP final exams

Students should set aside four + hours to complete the test and information

process. Students must remain until the test time is over for everyone and cannot leave under any circumstances (except for an emergency at which time the results may be cancelled) if they finish early.

Students taking AP exams are not required to attend other classes prior to or after the AP exam on the day when an exam is taken. Students are asked to not be on campus during the free portion of those testing days.

Test results are mailed directly to the student's home address and are usually available by mid-July. **Seniors should have AP scores sent to their college selection when they register for the tests as their final transcript will have already been sent before the scores become available.**



Chris
Deffenbacher,
Registrar

CANCELLATION POLICY: Due to issues with students cancelling late or not showing up on the scheduled date of their exam, we are implementing the following cancellation policies.

- Students wishing to cancel have until April 12 to do so. Prior to that date you will be refunded all but the \$13 that AP keeps as a processing fee.
- Cancellations after April 12 will be refunded \$50.
- Cancellations the week of the exam or no-shows on the exam day will not receive a refund of the testing fees.

[The AP final exam schedule is on the Marist website.](#)

3rd Quarter grades for all students

The end of the 3rd Quarter grading period is April 5. This grade reflects 40% of the 2nd semester final grade. The 3rd Quarter report card will be available on PowerSchool by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 9.

Information for seniors and parents

There are important events and activities all seniors and their parents should be aware of as the high school career of the Class of 2013 comes to an end. Please review them carefully so that your last two months as a Marist student are as stress free and memorable as possible for you and your entire family. Please pay particular attention to dates, times and instructions in the **Graduation Timeline**. If you have questions, please contact Chris Deffenbacher, Marist Catholic High School Registrar, at 541-686-2234 Ext. 1524.

You are encouraged to download (PDF format) and print a copy of the complete **2013 Senior Class Graduation Timeline** for your reference. It contains a calendar of graduation events, information about your cap and gown, graduation tickets, diplomas and senior "skip day."

[Download the 2013 Senior Class Graduation Timeline](#)

On Fire for Christ



Mr. Haggard, Archbishop Sample, Ryan Helbling and Caleb Conlombe

Students **Ryan Helbling** and **Caleb Coulombe** and **Mr. Haggard** stumbled upon **Archbishop Sample** as he was walking by himself just before becoming the 11th Archbishop of Portland. After asking for a picture the Archbishop began a conversation and was attentive and genuinely interested in the kids, asking questions about their school. He was excited that Marist brought a group to the event. Ryan, Caleb, and Mr. Haggard found him to be humble, reverent, graceful, and quite a normal and personable man. Ryan said, "If we had kept talking to him, he would have talked longer. Pope John Paul II had a thing, he was known for being late to everything

because he would always be talking to that one person. He always felt that that person he was talking to, at that time, was the most important person there, and so I think he kind of reflects that. And he was just open to talking to us." Caleb said, "In that moment we felt closer to him. We got to know him." It was clear to Mr. Haggard that, "This man was on fire for Christ." They walked away feeling amped up and energized.

Student Darren Nelson had a different experience. With more than 3,500 people attending the Installation Mass, Darren was one of the few laity who were chosen to come forward during the Mass and shake the hand of Archbishop Sample. As Darren approached, the Archbishop called him by name and spent a little time talking with him. This was a very cool moment for Darren who had written in his letter of intent, "It would be such an experience to see high religious officials such as cardinals and bishops, and maybe even shake their hand. They have all been deeply touched by God, and I hope one day to feel the same personal connection with God." It was a great honor and Darren said, "It was destined. It was pretty awesome." Darren was also touched by the Archbishop's homily saying, "It grabbed my attention because there were things he said that really spoke to me. What he said was so personable and related to me. How he talked about Pope John Paul II and how he was one of his idols, someone he looked up to greatly. It peaked my interest to start learning more about Pope John Paul II, because if the Archbishop liked him, I think lots of people could like him too."

After their experiences, these students feel personally connected to Archbishop Sample's mission and are inspired by their new shepherd.

Marist Arts Presents...

Music and Lyrics by
Stephen Schwartz
Book by
Roger O. Hirson
Directed by
Tony Rust
Musical Direction by
Jim Reinking

PIP PIN

Friday April 19th
Saturday April 20th
Friday April 26th
Saturday April 27th
All shows 7:30pm
Bob Devereaux Theatre,
Marist High School

\$10 Adults
\$5 Students

Tickets Available at
www.seatyourself.biz/marist

For more information,
go to our website at
maristarts.weebly.com
or email trust@marisths.org

The Pippin cast will be gathering
donations for Project Starfish
during intermission.

[Order your Pippin tickets](#)

Ecology Class on KEZI Students helping city at Delta Ponds project

Mrs. June Miller's Ecology class has been working at the Delta Ponds surveying pond turtles and restoring their habitat. Last month KEZI News came out to their work site to interview the students about their efforts, which was broadcast at 5, 6, and 11 PM. [Here is a link to the KEZI print story.](#)

If you frequent the river path just north of Valley River Center, look for our students' work. It can be found just behind Kiefer Mazda on the east side of the river. At the intersection of the river path and the spur that leads to the pedestrian bridge over Delta Highway, there is a berm separating the car dealer's parking lot from the river path. Once a week since January, the students have planted 40 trees and shrubs there. They also transplanted about 30 trees and shrubs from the area across the path right along the pond to the berm. In addition, they weeded around countless other native plants, filled holes with dirt, moved rocks, and mulched every plant they planted, transplanted or weeded. While the students were out there, they heard many "thank you" greetings from the numerous runners, bikers, and walkers on the path.

In addition to their "hard labor" the students have been surveying pond turtles since school started in September. Their data has been collected in conjunction with the University of Oregon's Environmental Leadership Program. This surveillance project and the habitat restoration is being done for the City of Eugene to assess the city's efforts to rehabilitate the former gravel mining pits into the beautiful, accessible urban wildlife haven the ponds are today.

If you'd like to find out more about our Ecology class, contact teacher June Miller at jmiller@marisths.org.



Seniors Rachel Auld and Sami Kast hard at work at the Delta Ponds restoration site.

News About Our Grads

Three receive early acceptance into U of O honors program

Principal Jay Conroy announced that three members of the Class of 2012 - **Jake Gram, Nate**



Krause and **Michael Lyford** - current students at the University of Oregon, were recently accepted into the university's Lundquist College of Business honors program. The program is highly competitive and admits only 35 students every fall. Most students enter the business school during the fall term of their junior year. However, because of the college credits Jake, Nate and Michael earned while at Marist, they will enter the business school honors program this coming fall, a year ahead of schedule.

"I am so blessed for this opportunity and thankful for the Marist community and all of the faculty members that have had an influence on me," said Gram. "It is promising to see that my transition from Marist to the U of O and the sacrifices my family and friends have made are already beginning to pay off."



NCAA Senior Class Award Finalist

Kayla Braud, '09, has been selected as a finalist for the senior class award through the NCAA. Kayla, a star softball player for Marist and now at the University of Alabama, is a two-time Academic All-American, a member of the Deans List all semesters, and has obtained an NFCA Scholar-Athlete All-American award. Kayla has also made Southeastern Conference Academic Honor

Roll all three years. She carries a 3.7 GPA as a public relations major, with a minor in computer science and psychology.

[You can cast your vote for Kayla online now.](#)

Time Warped - 2013 Mr. Spartan Pageant

The annual Mr. Spartan Pageant is **Saturday, April 13 at 7 PM** in the main gym. Come enjoy an evening of great fun with seniors Jackson Bedbury, Chris Damewood, Ben Fusek, Josh Harper, Logan McGann, Cade Miller, Simon Olson, and Zach Olson as they travel through time to save the babies. Assistant Principal Rick Gardner and Mr. Spartan Alum Abbie Silva ('08) MC the show.

Tickets are available in advance from the Mr. Spartan team or in the Marist Main Office and at the door the evening of the pageant.

MVP Notes

[Stove Team International receives award at the White House](#)

The money we earn from all those cans and bottles you bring to Marist each month on our "Recycle Tuesdays" go to help support [Stove Team International](#), located here in Eugene. MVP is happy to let you know that Nancy Hughes, Stove Team's founder, was just named as a Rotary Champion of Change and will be honored at the White House on Friday, April 5. Nancy is indeed deserving of this national honor - we offer her our congratulations and we thank all of our Marist families who continue to donate to our Recycle Tuesdays! **Our next Recycle Tuesday is April 9.** Please remember - no glass.



Jerry Ragan,
Marist Volunteer
Program
Moderator

Project Starfish news

Our MVP students continue their efforts in raising funds to assist St. Vincent de Paul's Connections Program. The goal is to help a family get into housing, get their lives stabilized, then do the same for another family...just like the Project Starfish story of the man walking on the beach that we have told you about many times. Our goal is to raise \$10,500 by the end of this school year.

Here is where things are at with our 2013 Starfish activities:

- Staff bake sale: **\$289.65**
- Irish Echo Sing-a-Long and second show: **\$4600**
- Personal donations by students, April 2-5: TBD
- Class bake sales, April 17 and 24
- "Pass the hat" at upcoming *Pippin* performances
- Papa's Pizza Night (Coburg Road restaurant), May 8
- Carl's Jr. lunch at Marist, May 22
- End-of-year student dance, May 31

Campus Ministry News

2013-2014 Retreat Team/Christian Leadership Class

All applications for next year's positions in these two programs were received by the March 19 deadline. This year we have 106 students who have applied for one, or in many cases, for both programs. During April we will be conducting interviews for all applicants as well as a blind-scoring of application questions by three readers from the staff. In addition, all Marist staff is assisting by offering their recommendations regarding applicants. By early May, the Selection Committee will begin making the hard decisions for these teams. We expect to notify students by letter on **Friday, May 17.**

Sophomore Choices Day-Away

On April 15 and 16, the Campus Ministry, Theology, and Health-Physical Education Departments will conduct the annual "Choices Day-Away" for sophomore students. This is a component of the Theology Department's sexuality education. It is designed to help young Christians think through the many choices and decisions they must make in order to develop healthy, loving relationships. By devoting one full school day, we are able to help our

students genuinely focus on their values and decision-making process regarding their sexuality.

In order to help parents understand this program, we are offering an informational meeting on **Tuesday evening, April 9 at 7:00 PM, in the Academic Resource Center (former library). We invite parents to come and learn more about "Choices Day-Away."**

Christian Service

Juniors should have met their second 10-hour requirement by April 3 and should have a plan in place for the remainder of their core service (30 hours). Parents, have your students show you their plans and encourage them to begin if they have not done so. Any questions you may have can be directed to Julie Ferrari, Christian Service Experience Coordinator, by calling 541-681-5479 or emailing jferrari@marisths.org. She will visit sophomore classes soon to get students started with their research and reflection on service opportunities for their Christian Service Experience.

Upcoming Campus Ministry Events

- **April 15 & 16:** Sophomore Choices Day-Away
- **May 1:** Founders Day Mass

Easter Blessings from Campus Ministry!

Join Us on Founders Day Special celebration May 1

Founders Day, celebrating **Saint Marcellin Champagnat** and the late **Monsignor Edmund Murnane**, is a time for the Marist community to pause and celebrate its rich past and its promising future.

Champagnat was a Catholic priest who founded the Marist Brothers of the Schools in the small village of La Valla, France on Jan. 2, 1817. He envisioned the Brothers as a group of men dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God - hence the name "Marist" - whose primary work would be teaching children in the remote towns and villages of 19th century France. "To raise children, we must love them and love them equally" was one of Marcellin's frequent motivators to his first teaching Brothers.



Saint Marcellin
Champagnat

By the time of his death on June 6, 1840, there were 278 Marist Brothers and 48 Marist schools in France and the South Pacific. Today, there are just over 3400 Marist Brothers in 78 countries.



Monsignor Edmund Murnane

On May 23, 1967 groundbreaking ceremonies launched the construction of Marist High School on property purchased for the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon by Monsignor Edmund Murnane. In the early 1950's, he had already founded Catholic Charities of Lane County (now known as Catholic Community Services of Lane County) and overseen the purchase of the land that would become St. Paul Parish Church and School. Murnane saw the need for the continued growth of Catholic secondary education in Lane County. He called on the Marist Brothers to oversee the construction of the new Marist High School. The Brothers, along with the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, and lay educators, would staff and administer the school from 1968 to 1994.

On Founders Day we celebrate Champagnat, Murnane and all who have staffed, taught, contributed to, graduated from and are here today in the place we call "Marist." We all take pride in our rich history and traditions and look forward to many more years of Catholic education in Lane County.

You are invited to join staff and students on **Wednesday, May 1 at 11:05 A.M.** for our special Mass in the courtyard (weather permitting - main gym otherwise).

The Counselors' Corner

For all Marist parents and students

This time of year some students may receive information in the mail about "Who's Who Among American High School Students" as well as a nomination to the National Youth Leadership Conference. In the past, the Marist Counseling Office received numerous phone calls regarding both organizations, so we felt it was important to give families more information.

Who's Who Among American High School Students recognizes students who have met the minimum GPA requirement as well as demonstrating their involvement in extracurricular activities and community service organizations. It does not cost a student anything to have their information published in the Book. However the company does charge for the actual book. There has been some concern about how students are nominated as well as "Is the information given by students accurate?" College admissions officers do not place value on such an honor one way or another.

Another organization that many of our students receive information from is the National Youth Leadership Conference. The conferences are held all over the United States on college campuses. The conference offers forums regarding medicine, law, and politics and government. The cost of the conference is approximately \$2500, airfare not included. Generally the conference lasts for 7-10 days. It is very similar to a summer institute program without college credit.

The NYLC works with educational organizations such as the College Board to identify high-achieving students who possess an interest in a career in medicine, law, diplomacy, intelligence and defense. We assume the organization gets our students' information via the College Board. It is important in the end for families to make decisions based on their individual student. Marist will not encourage or discourage students from participating in the

above organizations. However, we felt it was important for you to have more information on which to base your decisions.

Elective Fair; Course Recommendation Process

The **Elective Fair is Wednesday April 10** during an assembly to help students decide on courses to take for the 2013-14 school year. Teachers are also in the process of recommending students for next year's classes.

Class registration begins Thursday, April 11. We ask parents to have conversations with their students regarding the number of Honors/Advanced Placement classes that they should take based on their schedule as well as outside activities. If your student was not recommended for an Honors/AP class, an appeal process may begin when your student picks up a Change of Recommendation form from the Counseling Office. The form must be given to the current teacher who will fill out their portion of the form and return it to the Counseling Office. A counselor will have another conversation with the student as to why the student was not recommended. If the student would still like to pursue the Honors/AP class, the form must be signed by a parent. The signed form is then returned to Mr. Gardner. Recommended students for Honors/Advanced Placement classes will be given priority.

The deadline for class registration and/or a recommendation challenge is April 23. Students will need to view their course recommendations through their [Naviance](#) account. Please follow these steps:

1. Click on the **Course Planner** tab at the top of the page.
2. Click on **Manage My Course Plans**.
3. Click on the **Marist Graduation Plan**.
4. Click on each subject matter - for example "English."
5. You will see the class that you are recommended to take with the teacher's name listed.
6. Once you have viewed your course recommendations, please log into [Powerschool](#) and click on **Class Registration** (opens April 11).
7. Follow the directions on the screen. The "pencil" on the right hand side allows you to edit your courses.
8. If you have any questions, please contact your counselor.

National Honor Society Tutoring

Encourage your student to make the use of the NHS Tutors who are available every **Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-3:15 P.M.** The subject areas are Math (rooms 304/305), English (rooms 400/401), Science (room 311), History (room 205), and Foreign Language (room 300). If you are a parent of a student who is not doing well in a course at this point, you might want to STRONGLY encourage participation.

For Parents of Seniors

Our seniors are coming down to the home stretch in their college planning. In most cases, students would have received their admissions decisions from colleges by April 1. The deposit deadline for four-year colleges and universities is typically May 1. Be sure to read all of the information that colleges send with their admittance decision packet carefully. You may only submit a deposit to ONE school.

Students should have also received their financial aid offers by now. Please take the time to look carefully at this data. Do not hesitate to call the appropriate personnel at the schools you are considering to ask questions and/or to inquire about other financial possibilities such as work study, loans, grants, and possible increases in merit or need-based scholarship assistance. They are there to serve you.

Scholarship season is winding down, but there are still some scholarship opportunities available. A **\$1000 scholarship** for current or previous patients of Dr. David Niles and Team Orthodontics has just been added to the list in [Naviance](#). Check out this list for more information.

A special note for Seniors (BE THERE!): April 23 SCRAP (Senior's College Reality and Preparation). While their peers are testing, seniors will have an opportunity to hear from and question a panel of Marist grads about life in college and the "real world." The program starts at 8:30 A.M. and will end at 11:30 A.M. We will also take the Class of 2013 picture and vote for prom court as well as graduation speakers and the senior exit survey. Seniors will also begin preparation for graduation by picking up their graduation announcements from Miners.

For Juniors and Parents of Juniors

We have begun the process of talking with all juniors for their **spring meeting**, which usually takes 20-30 minutes. The topics of discussion include a transcript review, course planning for next year, SAT and ACT testing, and an overview of Naviance. We also spend time talking about where they are in their college search and what the next steps are in the process. Notes are emailed to you following our meeting.

Juniors will take the ACT here at Marist on Tuesday, April 23. You do not need to register for this since all students are registered automatically. Juniors should also plan on taking the **SAT** before the end of their junior year. Upcoming SAT dates are:

- May 4 (deadline April 5)
- June 1 (deadline May 2).

Students can register at sat.collegeboard.org/home.

Have you looked at the My College Quickstart on the [College Board's website](#)? This online program will give you "Personalized feedback, practice and college planning based on your PSAT/NMSQT results."

If you have not already done so, please review the packet of information that parents either picked up at Junior Parent College Night, or, for those who didn't attend, was given to their child the next day in class. The packet includes testing information, a college planning timeline, helpful websites, and other college-related information.

Sophomores

Have you reviewed the required tasks on [Naviance](#) (Game Plan, Learning Style Inventory, Personality Inventory, Résumé, Career Interest Profiler) and cruised around looking at potential schools, majors and careers?

While thinking about next year's courses, have you accepted the fact that some academic rigor is in your best interest?

Have you thought about doing some activity in the greater community through your church, a club, Kidsports, service organization, etc.? Many summer opportunities can be found in Naviance under "College" and then "Enrichment Opportunities." If you want to stay close to home, the U of O and OSU also have summer programs for students. If not, why not?

Freshmen

The Class of 2016 did a great job getting the **Learning Style Inventory** completed. All freshmen check-in meetings will conclude next week.

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