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*The monthly newsletter of Marist Catholic High School in Eugene, Oregon*

**February 2012**

## Please Join Us



In celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2012

please join the Catholic school communities of Lane County - Marist, O'Hara Catholic School and St. Paul Parish School - for our annual *All Catholic Schools Mass* in Marist's main gym Thursday, February 2 at 9 AM.

Our celebrant is Fr. David Jaspers, pastor of St. Alice Parish and Marist Alumnus, Class of 1995.

## MPA Presents Gift

A huge "Thank You!" goes to the **Marist Parents Association** for their volunteer and fundraising efforts all year, including Marist Mercantile sales and the Mother-Son Dance. Cinda Holaday, MPA President, recently presented a check to Marist in the amount of \$3500 which will be used for tuition assistance.

Principal Jay Conroy stated that "with tuition being a financial hurdle for many families, this gift will help more of those students make it into Marist classrooms."

## Parents Take Note

A reminder to all our parents and guardians: you are required to inform the Attendance Office each morning of your student's tardy/absence/early release by 9:30 AM by calling Mrs. May in the Attendance Office at 541-681-5485 or 541-681-5487. Assignments will be available on teachers' websites at the end of the school day.

The school requires a phone call or a note containing the following:

- Current date.

- Your full name.
- The full name of your student.
- The reason for your request.
- Your signature.

Notes for early release (i.e., doctor appointments) need to be brought to the Attendance Office before class time begins in order to prevent disturbing the classroom.

A note must be submitted or a phone call must be made explaining the reason for the tardy/absence/early release to the Attendance Office within 24 hours. If the note is not submitted or phone call is not made within 24 hours, the student will be required to serve the appropriate detention time.

Please keep in mind that only Seniors have off-campus privileges for lunch/one class period. Underclassmen wishing to leave campus for lunch have one (1) opportunity per semester IF permission is granted by the parent/guardian and presented to the school in a note or phone call. E-mails are NOT acceptable.

**Athletic/Activity Eligibility:** Students who will be participating in a sport/activity event are required to be on campus by 9:30 AM that morning (10:30 AM for medical appointments) and not leave campus earlier than 1:00 PM in order to remain eligible for that specific day.

### Joyful Noise! Concert

Marist Arts presents  
***JOYFUL NOISE!***  
***CONCERT***



**Friday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 PM in the  
Bob Devereaux Theatre**



Marist Arts presents our second ***Joyful Noise!*** (gospel and positive music) Concert. All of the student music groups will be performing special pieces that honor our Lord!

Our special guest artists are again the fantastic Shelley & Cal James Music Box. They will close out the show with soulful renditions of music by U2, Bob Marley and original compositions.

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Come on out and support Marist gospel music!

### Oscars at Marist



The Foreign Language Department invites you to the Marist version of the *Premios Oscar de la Academia Cinematográfica* which be celebrated by students in the Bob Devereaux Theatre during period 7 (1:17-2:37 PM) on Feb. 23. It will be in Spanish, of course!

### February Campus Ministry Events

#### Called to Protect for Parents...

What do privacy, access, and control have to do with child abuse? Are the majority of child abusers men, women, heterosexual, or homosexual? Why don't most children tell if they have been sexually abused? What are sudden changes in a youth's behavior that parents can watch for that may indicate abuse? What are the most common ways child molesters violate boundaries?

Every day we are bombarded with news stories about child abuse and neglect. The U.S. Department of Health estimates over 89,000 cases of child sexual abuse occur annually. An American is sexually assaulted every 2.5 minutes. 44% of rape victims are under the age of 18.

Together with our Catholic parishes, we are seeking to lead the way in child abuse prevention. We ask for your support and participation in our efforts. Together, we can follow God's calling and help make abuse stop.

Please join us at an informative educational meeting, ***Called to Protect™ for Parents***. We will answer the questions above and many more in our 1 hour session. It is our goal to educate all school families on specific steps you can take to protect your children, warning signs to look for in adults in our community, and how teaching your child boundaries can help protect them when you are not there.

Please join us as we work together to stop child abuse.

- **Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 15
- **Time:** 7:00-8:00 PM
- **Location:** Community Life Center (adjacent to tennis courts)

Marist Called to Protect Team: Rick Martin, Stacey Baker, Shari Pimental, Jerry Ragan, Jeff Dreiling.

For more information, contact Rick Martin, Director of Campus Ministry at 541-681-5474 or Stacey Baker, Dean of Students, at 541-686-2234 Ext. 1516.

## Retreats

For most students, retreats are one of the most unique and memorable events of the Marist experience. Information and registration forms for the February sophomore girls retreat, junior boys and girls Encounters, and senior Metanoia are available on the Marist website - click on "Campus Ministry."

- Feb. 11-12: Sophomore Girls Journey Retreat
- Feb. 11-13: Junior Boys Encounter #2
- Feb. 17-19: Senior Metanoia #2
- Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday Mass, 9:25 AM, main gym
- Feb. 25-27: Junior Girls Encounter #2

## Christian Service

Senior Christian Service conferences took place in January. These conferences complete seniors' graduation requirement. Congratulations seniors and thank you for your service!

The deadline for the second 10 local hours requirement for juniors is April 3. The remaining 30 hours of service to those most in need must be completed before the beginning of senior year.

Freshmen and sophomores will continue service work through their Theology classes.

## Plan Now for a Fun St. Patrick's Day Party!



Join us for our annual **St. Patrick's Day Party at Marist** on Saturday, March 17 starting at 6:00 PM in the Furrer Activity Center. Full Irish dinner prepared by Chef Billy McCallum, followed by great music and singing by the ***Irish Echo***.

Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased by March 12. Contact John Stacy at 541-342-8073.

## Food Drive Underway

Continuing through Feb. 7, students in the Marist Volunteer Program ask you to please help our food drive by donating canned and boxed food products. You can drop off your donations in the large white "MVP drop box" outside the Main Office each day. Your food donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry.



## Project Starfish

Along with the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, the day also marks the start of MVP's annual Project Starfish. This gets its name from the story of a man walking along the beach where hundreds of starfish have washed ashore. As he is tossing them back into the sea to save them, he realizes that he cannot possibly make a difference because there are so many. As he tosses yet another starfish into the water, his hope that "I made a difference to that one" is the inspiration for the project, .

Solving issues of poverty and homelessness seems an impossible task. However, we can make a difference "One Family at a Time." Thus, during the entire season of Lent, we ask you to participate in the activities of Project Starfish and to make a personal donation to assist families in need. Recent statistics show that requests for assistance have increased significantly over last year and social service organizations are struggling to meet the needs of homeless families throughout our community.

We partner with St. Vincent de Paul - they select families, use the funds we provide to help these families get into shelter, and guide them in stabilizing their lives and moving confidently into the future. Together, we can have an impact "One Family at a Time."

## Counselors' Corner

### Seniors

By now, your student should be finished with college applications. Many schools will ask students to submit a midyear transcript showing student's first semester grades. Students should notify Court Wirth, Senior/College Counselor, or Chris Deffenbacher, Registrar, of any schools that we should send these to. Students will be reminded of this in the coming days and a sign-up sheet will be available in the Counseling Office as first semester grades are added to transcripts in the next few days.

We are entering what might be loosely termed the scholarship phase of the college process for seniors. Decisions should be coming in soon and now it is time to look carefully at the financial picture for next year:

1. We hope you have completed the FAFSA form. If not, completion is a priority. Many universities have a Financial Aid deadline around Feb. 1-15. The FAFSA serves as the scholarship application for many universities, so it is important to complete it, even if you do not think your family will qualify for funding. For more information visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
2. Lane Community College and the LCC Foundation offer a number of scholarships each year. Some apply to Marist students who will be attending Lane next year. The application process is entirely online this year. Go to [www.lanecc.edu/foundation/scholarshipopps.htm](http://www.lanecc.edu/foundation/scholarshipopps.htm) to see the list of the scholarships and information about applying.
3. Feb. 22 from 6-7:30 PM is Lane Community College's "Preview Night." Prospective students can attend workshops, meet faculty and explore possible majors and careers. Visit [www.lanecc.edu](http://www.lanecc.edu) for more information.

Remember, the money is there but you have **NO** chance if applications are not sent in! Go to our Counseling Department webpage [Online Resources](#) and use these links to find scholarship opportunities:

- Fast Web
- Get College Fund
- Visit your Naviance account and check out additional scholarship opportunities by clicking on "Scholarships." I will continue notifying students of other scholarship opportunities that come in via Naviance emails, as well as posting them on the wall outside the counseling office. Good luck!

## Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors

It is time for you to be using Naviance, our school's college/career search and planning program. At the very minimum you should be working on the following pieces within Naviance:

- Résumé
- Game Plan
- Personality Inventory ("Do What You Are")
- Learning Style Inventory

Do you want to have a fantastic summer experience with the benefit of adding to your résumé for college

applications? Participation in a summer program or service opportunity can do just that. For more information on the wide array of summer programs, visit Naviance. Under the "College" tab, choose "Enrichment Programs." There is a search engine that includes a multitude of summer possibilities. As always, keep your eye on the Daily Bulletin as well for more information on summer programs.

Parents, if you need help logging into Naviance, please contact Mr. Ragan, Sophomore/Junior Counselor, at [jragan@marisths.org](mailto:jragan@marisths.org) for your username and password information.

## Junior Parents

Plan on attending the Junior Parent Night on March 1 at 7 PM in the Bob Devereaux Theatre. The guest speaker will be Mr. Thomas Stuyvesant, admissions counselor at the University of Portland.

## Sophomore Parents

Plan on attending Sophomore Parent College Night on Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the theatre.

## Equestrian Team Meet



The combined **Sheldon/Marist Oregon High School Equestrian Team** invites you to its upcoming meet at the Oregon Horse Center (just off Northwest Expressway, North of Irvington or Beltline) Friday through Sunday, Feb. 3, 4 and 5.

- **Friday**, noon to 9 PM, cow event (Steer Daubing & Team Penning);
- **Saturday**, all day 'til late, performance events (Showmanship, Reining, Trail, Stock Seat, Jumping, etc.); Drill Team performances in the evening  
\*\*These are AWESOME!\*\*
- **Sunday**, until 4 PM, gaming events (speed); Figure 8, Barrels, Poles, Bi-Rangel, Flags, Keyhole.

Cheer on your classmates as they "Cowgirl Up" for the weekend and give it their best! You have three incredibly talented athletes to admire and cheer on representing Marist this year that should each qualify to go to state in their respective individual events as well as team events:

- **Macaela Crowley** (Senior)
- **Susie Baird** and **Kristin Schiltt** (Juniors)

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact

Macaela, Team Captain, at 541-520-9814.

No charge for admission. Dress warmly! Seating area is available along with a restaurant.

Have a Marist-related item you want published? Contact the Editor at [thuck@marisths.org](mailto:thuck@marisths.org).

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