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## *Parents, Please Take Note of Enrollment Changes* **Registration and Foundation Scholarship deadlines announced**

Thinking ahead to the coming school year, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you **some important changes** we are making this year. To streamline our enrollment process **there will not be a separate registration form this year**. Instead, tuition contracts will be mailed out by early April reflecting your tuition for the coming year, less any applicable financial aid or scholarship grants. When you return the contract with your \$450 registration fee, which is **due April 15**, your student will be enrolled for the 2013-14 academic year. Please note that the registration fee increases to \$550 if received after the April 15th deadline, so you will want to return your contract as soon as possible.

The deadline to complete the financial aid (FACTS) application this year is **March 1, 2013**, which is earlier than previous years. Also new this year, [applications for Marist Foundation Scholarships are to be submitted online](#). If your student plans to apply for a scholarship, they must submit both the FACTS application AND their online Scholarship Application **by midnight PST on March 1**. The Foundation will award more than 65 scholarships to deserving Marist students for the 2013-14 academic year. To be considered for a scholarship you must complete the online application and establish financial need.

To help you keep track of these deadlines, please download and print a personal copy of the [2013 Registration and Financial Aid Checklist](#) in PDF format.

If you have any questions about registration or the process, please feel free to contact Stacey Baker or Reba McClary at 541-686-2234. For more information on Foundation scholarships, please refer to the Admissions pages on [Marist's website](#) or email [nkiesewetter@maristfoundation.org](mailto:nkiesewetter@maristfoundation.org).

We hope that these changes will result in a more efficient and streamlined registration process for you as a parent. Thank you!

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## *MVP Notes*

### Project Starfish about to start

Thank you for your support of the **annual canned food drive**. We have one more day to go - Tuesday, Feb. 5 - so please drop off your canned and boxed food items in the large white container you see just outside the Main Office entrance.

Along with the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, the day also marks the start of the Marist Volunteer Program'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, MVP asks you to participate in the activities of Project Starfish and also to make a personal donation to assist families in need. Recent statistics have shown 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.

MPV partners with St. Vincent de Paul - that organization will select families, use the funds we provide to help those 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."

There are several upcoming Project Startfish activities that will be announced later. However, one way that parents and other adult friends can help the cause is by **coming to Marist on March 16** for some food, fun, and music to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and that includes entertainment by the Irish Echo along with Chef Billy McCallum's corned beef and cabbage, soup, salad, potatoes, and bread. Mark your calendars now; details on how to get tickets will follow later.

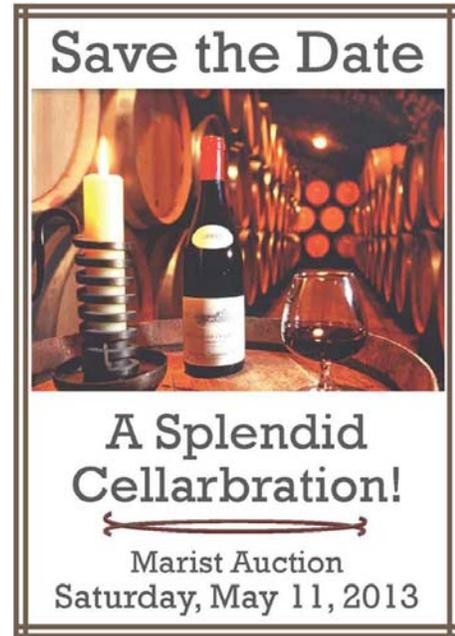
MVP's upcoming **deposit cans/bottles days** in support of StoveTeam International are **February 12, March 12, April 9** and **May 14**.

## *Volunteer Opportunity*

Help us celebrate Marist and our students!

This year Marist is hosting **A Splendid Cellarbration!** with many opportunities for everyone to participate. We are looking for volunteers to join our decorations and silent auction committees, assist in transforming the gym and activity center into breathtaking vineyards, and help the night of the auction in various roles.

If you are interested in helping make this annual community fundraising event one for the record books, please contact Angela Saraceno at 541-681-5497 or [asaraceno@marisths.org](mailto:asaraceno@marisths.org).



## *Campus Ministry News*

### **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, February 6, 2013
- **Time:** 7 - 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Community Life Center (adjacent to the tennis courts)

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

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

## Retreats

Please pray for our remaining students retreats: The sophomore girls' Journey retreat (Feb. 9-10), the junior boys' Encounter (Feb. 9-11), the 2nd senior Metanoia (Feb. 15-17), and the junior girls' Encounter (Feb. 23-25).

## Liturgy

Join us for **Ash Wednesday Mass, Feb. 13 at 9:25 AM** in the Gym. This celebration of the Eucharist begins the 2013 Lenten season. In his Lenten message, Pope Benedict XVI writes, "The celebration of Lent, in the context of the Year of Faith, offers us a valuable opportunity to meditate on the relationship between faith and charity: between believing in God - the God of Jesus Christ - and love, which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit and which guides us on the path of devotion to God and others. Believing in charity calls forth charity." "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us." (1 Jn 4:16)

## Christian Service

Senior Christian Service conferences will take place in the Christian Lifestyles class this month. 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.

## *Marist Softball Garage Sale* Team organizes annual fundraiser

Marist softball is in need of your gently used clothing, furniture, household goods, tools, sports equipment and other gently used items that you are willing to donate for their garage sale. On **Feb. 20 and 21 from 7:20 to 8 AM**, the girls will be at the bike racks adjacent to the tennis courts to accept your items.

Thank you very much for your support of Marist softball! We hope to see you at the actual garage sale on **March 9 from 9 AM to 3 PM** at Marist, and at our games during the upcoming 2013 season.

For further information, please contact Diane Rustik at 541-543-5918.



## *ASB and Student Council*

### Great things planned for this semester!

- **Canned Food Drive** Our canned food drive continues **through Feb. 5**. Please give generously to those in our community who are less fortunate than we. Also, if the student body averages five cans per student, they will earn a relaxed dress day!
- **Talent Show Auditions** Auditions for the annual talent show are **Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 5 and 6 from 7:15 to 7:45 AM** in the band room. You can find sign-up sheets on the bulletin board outside of the cafeteria. Feel free to email Mrs. Wirth ([bwirth@marisths.org](mailto:bwirth@marisths.org)) if you have any questions.
- **Talent Show** The annual talent show is on **Feb. 20 at 1:20 PM**. All members of our community are welcome to come watch the amazing skills of the Marist student body!
- **Prom** Marist's prom is on **May 4 at the Ford Alumni Center**. If you are interested in helping assemble decorations, decorate the day of the prom or - parents, help chaperone - please contact Mrs. Wirth ([bwirth@marisths.org](mailto:bwirth@marisths.org)).

We are excited to be planning so many fun events in this second semester!

## *Dads and Daughters Invite*

### Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by the Marist Parents Association

Marist dads, reserve **Saturday, March 2, 5 to 8 PM** for the Father-Daughter Dance and Dinner. More details to follow with your formal invite coming to you next week. Tickets will be \$50 per person which includes dinner, drinks, dessert, dancing, a chance for pictures and good fun!

The theme is "King of Hearts," so princesses, who is the king of your heart? Grandpa, dad, uncle, older brother? Whoever you look up to as your male role model, ask them to this dance and dinner and share a special evening together to show him how much you value his influence in your life. There will be a drawing for a special heart necklace for one lucky princess!

Parents that are interested in helping us make this a night to remember, please come to our next MPA meeting on **Feb. 20 at 6:30 PM** in the Academic Resource Center. We need a few volunteers for decorating, etc.

Hope to see you there!

## *Cafeteria Helpers Needed*

We are in need of more helpers to prepare and serve lunch for our students! We are especially in need of someone on Tuesdays 10 AM to 1:30 PM. Please contact our kitchen manager, Colleen Dohman, at 541-686-2234 if you are interested.

It is a great group to work with and a fun way to stay in touch with the kids at Marist. Thank you!

## *Yearbook Deadline Approaching*

Be sure to order a 2013 Yearbook for your son or daughter by **Tuesday, April 30**.



You can order:

- [online at the Marist Yearbook website](#);
- by having your student bring us \$75 in the journalism room (318);
- or by mailing us payment and an order form downloaded from the Yearbook website.

If you don't remember whether or not you have ordered, there is a list of students who have purchased books on our website and posted on the doors of room 318 in the Academic Resource Center.

If you have any questions please contact the Yearbook staff at [mchsjournalism@icloud.com](mailto:mchsjournalism@icloud.com).

## *The Counselors' Corner*

### **Senior Parents**

Many colleges require a **midyear transcript** for applicants. If so, they will notify students directly about this (usually either by email, or with an alert in the student's application account). If your college has asked for a midyear transcript, come by the counseling office and fill out the midyear transcript form- just give us your name and the college(s) you need us to send it to. If it is a school you applied to using the Common App, we will send them a Common App midyear report with the transcript. If it is not a Common App school, we will just send them a transcript, unless you give us an additional form that they have requested. See Mr. Wirth or Ms. Deffenbacher with questions.

**Updated 2013-2014 scholarship applications** listed below have been added to Naviance in the last week:

- **Delta Rotary:** Given annually to one Marist student, and is both merit and need- based. In other words, they want to be sure it goes to a student who really needs \$\$ to help pay for college, but also is someone who has done some great work (more service-focused than academic). Beginning this year, this is now a renewable scholarship, good for all four years of college, as long as students continue to meet the criteria (\$1,000-\$2,000 a year).
- **EPUD:** Must be a son or daughter of a current EPUD customer - \$1250 scholarship for students interested in pursuing a career in the utility industry.
- **Siuslaw Bank Leadership Scholarship** Given annually to one Marist student, awarded to the applicant who is judged to have the greatest combined scholastic aptitude and potential for community leadership. \$1500 scholarship.
- **Pioneer Telephone Cooperative** Must be a member or an immediate relative (son or daughter) of someone who is a participating member of Pioneer Telephone Cooperative.
- **Early Start Visual & Performing Arts Scholarship** \$200-\$600 scholarship for a senior with financial need planning to minor or major in visual or performing arts.

Deadlines and application instructions vary for all of these scholarships. Check out the Scholarship List in Naviance for more information about these, and other, scholarships opportunities. You can either pick up an application in the counseling office, or download it from Naviance.

**FAFSA** We hope you have completed the FAFSA. 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 (and private scholarships, including some listed above), 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).

Lane Community College and the LCC Foundation offer a number of scholarships each year for students planning to attend. The application process is entirely online this year. Go to [www.lanec.edu/foundation/scholarshipopps.htm](http://www.lanec.edu/foundation/scholarshipopps.htm) to see the list of the scholarships and information about applying.

### **OSAC (Oregon Student Access Commission)**

As some of you have found out the hard way, the OSAC application (which is entirely online) has been experiencing some significant glitches as part of their entirely new application unveiled this year. OSAC is very aware of these issues, and programmers have been working hard to get them fixed. I have been in contact with the OSAC Scholarship Processing Coordinator, and her advice is to complete the application now. Don't wait any longer. Some significant glitches have already been fixed, and although it is not running perfectly yet, she advises that the closer we get to the February 15 early bird deadline, the more chance for the system to slow down as more applicants are online. It is important to note that there is no other way to apply for any of the scholarships listed on the OSAC site.

### **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. There are also flyers posted in the hallways outside the counseling office for summer travel and study programs that we have received information on. Check this wall often in the coming weeks for additional opportunities!

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**

I hope you can make it to **Junior Parent Night on Thursday, February 28 at 7 PM** (not March 7, as originally scheduled) in the Bob Devereaux Theatre. Thomas Stuyvesant, Assistant Director of Admissions at University of Portland, will return this year to help give a general overview of the process, and what colleges look for in an applicant. We will also have a current senior parent (Judy Fusek, mother of Ben) on hand to share her perspective as well.

### **Sophomore Parents**

Plan on attending **Sophomore Parent College Night on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 PM** in the theatre.

Our next Brown Bag Lunch is **Thursday, Feb. 7** at 11:00 AM. Register-Guard columnist Bob Welch will speak about careers in the print media (journalism, editing, writing).

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