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January 2013

National Catholic Schools Week *Catholic Schools Raise the Standards* January 27 to February 2

The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2013 is "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards." The annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, January 27 to February 2.

The 2013 theme supports the recent launch of the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, that ensure the effective operation and responsible governance of Catholic schools across the country, thus promoting high academic standards and Catholic identity. The logo designed for the week illustrates a chart of steady growth culminating in the highest achievement of all, a cross representing the faith that underscores all Catholic education. Celebrate our school!



To help us celebrate, you are cordially invited to join Lane County's Catholic school communities - Marist, O'Hara Catholic School and St. Paul Parish School - in Marist's main gym for our annual **All Catholic Schools Mass** on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 9 AM.

Campus Ministry

RETREATS

Registration for January-February retreats has begun:

Sophomore Boys Retreat: Feb. 2-3; deadline Jan. 23; contact Mr. Martin or Mr. Oppe

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Sophomore Girls Retreat: Feb. 9-10; deadline Jan. 31; contact Mrs. Ferrari

Junior Boys Encounter: Feb. 9-11; deadline Jan. 16; contact Mr. Oldham or Mr. Moser

Junior Girls Encounter: Feb. 23-25; deadline Jan. 30; contact Mrs. Baker

Senior Metanoia Retreats: Jan. 25-27; deadline Jan. 15; contact Mr. Ferrari OR Feb. 15-17; deadline Feb. 5; contact Mr. Chronister

Special note to Parents of Sophomores:

Our juniors and seniors consistently report that their Marist retreats are among those experiences that matter the most to their growth as individuals, as community, and in their relationship with God. As parents, you may be aware that often sophomores are the most resistant to participate in retreats. We thought it might be helpful to give you a little more direct information about our sophomore retreats so that you can guide your son/daughter accordingly.

We offer two required one-day retreats for our sophomores and one optional overnight weekend retreat. Our first day retreat was held on November 6 and was led by Doug Tooke who works with us every year for this retreat. In April there will be a second day retreat called **Choices Day Away** which will focus on sexual decision-making reflecting a Catholic perspective on sexuality. Between these two we hold our weekend **Journey** retreats, a Saturday-Sunday combination divided by gender. The girls had their first opportunity back in December and will have a second chance Feb. 9-10. The boys' one offering is Feb. 2-3.

Our "Journey Retreat" is offered for those sophomores who are ready for a more intense spiritual retreat experience. Following the journey motif, it will help the participants to reflect on their life journey through a creative variety of talks given by upperclassmen, small group sharing, and a host of activities and games. This retreat aims at connecting one's life journey with God's presence and emphasizes the role of faith in future life journey choices. Because of the greater intensity of this retreat, the overnight piece is important to the bonding and the self-reflection that occurs. For these reasons we give more time to this retreat, and we hold it on a weekend, just as we do for the junior and senior retreats. For many sophomores, the timing of this retreat is very impactful, falling as it does at this critical time in their lives.

We elect to make the Journey Retreat optional because, like the junior and senior retreats, free choice enables students to be more open to the experience that awaits them, and to make a choice because they want the experience it offers. What is difficult is to know how strongly to encourage students to attend. Because the sophomores have other retreat opportunities, we suggest that you as parents have a conversation with your son/daughter about the Journey retreat, and help them make a good decision about attending. We recommend that you encourage them to go, but to attend willingly, ready to participate and have a good time. We generally caution against requiring a student to go. Students who are made to go often feel angry about being there and become resistant to the experience and actually disruptive to the retreat for the rest of the group.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the moderator for your retreat.

Development News

Annual Appeal Update

Marist continues to be blessed with generous parents, alumni and friends. Since the Annual Appeal kicked off the first week of November, we have raised more than \$145,000, setting a new record! As we continue the last months of the campaign and working to achieve our participation goals, we thank the entire community for responding to the call. Gifts to the Annual Appeal help us carry out the Marist mission, providing critical funding for curriculum, technology, programs, activities, athletics, and tuition assistance. **Thank you!**



Suzanne Graf, Director of Development

2013 Marist Annual Auction

On Saturday, May 11, Marist's most important community event and fundraiser will take place. The auction is critical to the school's annual operating budget and funding of special projects. For example, the 2012 auction helped fund a growing robotics program, the addition of five new teachers to maintain small class sizes, new bleacher seats, and \$38,000 in tuition assistance.

Here are some ways you can be a part of the fun and help make a difference for our students and families:

- * **Auction Sponsor:** Help us meet the goal of completely underwriting all expenses associated with the auction to ensure that all revenue generated at the event goes directly to our students and families. There are many levels of sponsorship available.
- * **Volunteer:** Join a committee or help with a special project. Many hands make light work!
- * **Donate Items:** We are looking for everything from gift cards to vacation homes and special events for both the silent and live auctions. Do you know someone who would be willing to donate an item or experience to Marist? All you have to do is ask - or pass the lead on to us and we'll make the call!
- * **Buy a Table:** Bring up to 9 of your closest friends and family to attend the auction, demonstrate their support for the legacy of Catholic high school education in Lane County and share in the celebration of the Marist community.
- * **Attend the Auction:** It will be an evening you won't forget!

We will have an official **Auction Kick Off Party on Thursday, Jan. 24, 6-7:00pm**. Join Auction Chairs Robb & Dee Miller and Brian & Debbie Jewett as they introduce the Auction Committee, reveal this year's theme and share some exciting plans in the works.

For more information, please call Angela Saraceno in the Development Office at 541-681-5497.

Marist Foundation Scholarship Application Deadline

The Marist Foundation will begin accepting scholarship applications after February 19th. The application process will be online and the deadline is March 1st. More information will be posted on the Marist website under the Admissions menu. The Foundation distributed \$64,000 in scholarships to 68 deserving students for the 2011-12 academic year. These were made possible by generous gifts to the Foundation since 1969.

Insert a "read on" link at the bottom of your article to drive traffic to your website. Links are tracked, allowing you to see which articles create the most interest for your readers.

Called to Protect for parents

When a child of God is abused, everyone suffers. Healing from abuse is a long, painful journey. Victims of sexual abuse are three times more likely to suffer from depression, six times more likely to suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and 13 times more likely to abuse alcohol.

God has blessed us with children, and he has called us to protect them. As parents, you are, naturally, the first and primary teachers of your children. In support of this, Marist together with the Catholic Church at large is offering an educational program, Called to Protect™ for Parents, to teach parents tools and tactics you can use to help keep kids safe.

The U.S. Department of Health states a marked decline in the incidence of sexual abuse over the past eight years. One factor they attribute the decrease to is increased prevention efforts. Join us in learning how you can be a part of an abuse prevention mission.

Called to Protect™ will teach you:

How to discuss sexual abuse with your children.

Sudden changes to look for that may indicate your child has been abused.

Specific boundaries and rules you can teach your kids so that they can protect themselves when you are not with them.

United, we can keep cases of abuse on the decline!

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013

Time: 7:00-8:00 PM

Location: Marist Community Life Center (just south of the tennis courts)

N.B.: If you have opportunity to attend this training through your parish or through offering by St. Paul or O'Hara, thank you for taking the time to make this happen! We will be documenting parent attendance in order to report to the Archdiocese of Portland, and so would appreciate if you would notify us of your attendance at other locations.

For more information, contact:

Rick Martin, Director of Campus Ministry & Formation, 541681-5474

Stacey Baker, Dean of Students, 541-686-2234, Ext. 1516

The Counselors' Corner

For Seniors

By now, most seniors planning to attend a four-year college next year have submitted their college applications. Many college's application deadlines have passed; some have not. As a heads-up, the final University of Oregon deadline is

Jan. 15. Oregon State University's priority application deadline is **Feb. 1.**

We are entering what might be loosely termed the "financial aid phase" of the college process for seniors. Admissions decisions should be in, or coming, in the next couple months. Now it is time to look carefully at the potentially wide-ranging costs of attendance at whatever colleges

your child has applied to.

January is affectionately called "FAFSA Month" in the college application world. 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. Some private schools require the CSS Profile in place of the FAFSA. If so, this will be clear on their website.

More in-depth information about local, state and national scholarships, as well as the FAFSA, is on the homepage of all seniors' Naviance accounts. Parents have access to this as well. Contact Court Wirth if you need help logging in.

For those looking for help completing the FAFSA, Lane Community College has their annual **"How to Pay for College...in One Day!" event on Saturday, Jan. 26**. This is open to any senior and their parents regardless of what college they are planning to attend. It is billed as a "free event, to obtain free money for college." Scholarship and FAFSA workshops are offered throughout the day. Go to www2.lanecollege.edu/sites/default/files/ces/scholarships/how_to_pay_for_college_in_one_day.pdf for a schedule of events.

Junior Parents

I hope you can attend **Junior Parent Night at 7:00 PM on Thursday, Feb. 28** in the Bob Devereaux Theatre. Thomas Stuyvesant, Assistant Director of Admissions at University of Portland, will be returning again this year to provide his insight into the process of researching and applying to college.

Attention Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors!

Want to have a fantastic summer? 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 there that includes a wide-range of summer possibilities. As always, keep your eye on the [Marist Daily Bulletin](#) as well for more information on summer programs.

Sophomores, Juniors and Parents

Each junior 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?

Be sure to spend some time on Naviance. The Naviance link is also on the "For Students" and "For Parents" pages of the [Marist website](#). 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.

Freshmen

All freshmen should complete the Naviance Learning Style Inventory which consists of 45 questions. The program provides students, parents, and counselors important insights about how students learn. The on-line tool assesses how each of the following dimensions affects your student's learning:

- immediate environment

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- emotionality
 - sociological needs
 - physical needs

The inventory takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and provides instant feedback. Mrs. Shari Pimental, Freshman Counselor, asks all freshmen to have the Learning Style Inventory completed **by the end of January** prior to the second Check In meeting. **Freshmen Check In Meetings** will begin again after semester exams. Students will be setting up their 4 year plan, discussing transcripts as well as course interests for sophomore year.

Upcoming Brown-Bag Lunches

Jan. 17: Military representatives will speak about life at the five military academies and what it takes to become part of these great traditions.

Feb. 7: Bob Welch, author and columnist at the Register-Guard will speak about careers in journalism and writing.

Sign-up for these BBLs in the Counseling Center or by e-mailing Mr. Ragan (jragan@marisths.org).

First Semester Students of the Month

Throughout each school year, the Register-Guard and the Delta Rotary Club honor a Marist and Sheldon Student of the Month. Congratulations to the students who represented Marist:

- October: **Emma Pindell** (Register-Guard); **Monica Anderson** (Rotary)
- November: **Hayley Olson** (Register-Guard); **Ben Fusek** (Rotary)
- December: **Paul Duncan** (Register-Guard); **Brooke Gemmell** (Rotary)
- January: **Samantha Bock** (Register-Guard); **Jackson Bedbury** (Rotary)

A special "Thank You!" to parents

The Marist staff would like to send out a heartfelt and grateful thank you to all of the families who gifted us with the most amazing Christmas cookie collection we have ever seen. Your generosity was overwhelming. There are some seriously talented and creative bakers in our midst.

A special thank you and acknowledgement must be made to **April Venes** who organized and coordinated the most impressive cookie extravaganza we've ever had. We are so blessed to be part of such a generous community!

We have many trays, plates, baskets and containers that need to be picked up. Please come to the Main Office for pickup of your item.

And an opportunity for parents

Every 5 years Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Portland are asked to engage in an accreditation process. Marist is in the midst of the first year of the two year process. Our last accreditation study was completed in 2008. The purposes of the accreditation process are:

Promote and encourage school growth and development.

Assure others that the quality of the school's operations and programs meet a minimum standard of excellence.

Catholic schools in Western Oregon partner with an outside agency called the Western Catholic Education Association to guide the process.

The first year of this process is spent in self-study. The school first gathers a wide range of data that reflects its operations and programs in five "focus" areas:

1. Catholic Identity
2. School Organization
3. Teaching and Learning
4. Student Support Services
5. Material Stewardship

The school community then examines that data looking for strengths and areas for growth in each of the five areas. The study culminates in a report that states the school's strength, areas for growth, and an Educational Improvement Plan.

The second year of the process a visiting committee consisting of other Catholic educators in Oregon, a representative from the Archdiocese of Portland, and a representative from the WCEA come to Marist for 3 days to look at our report, our school, and visit with staff, students, and parents. The visiting committee's 3 day visit confirms two things:

- A. The degree to which the school accomplishes all of the Standards of the study.
- B. The degree to which the school's EIP addresses Areas for Vital Growth.

If you are interested in knowing more about the process or would like to participate in the self-study, please contact Andrew Oldham at Marist: aldham@marisths.org.



Andrew Oldham,
Dean of
Students and
Instruction



Marist Theatre presents
Little Shop of Horrors
Book and lyrics by Howard Ashman
Music by Alan Menken

Friday Jan 11

Saturday Jan 12

Thursday Jan 17

Saturday Jan 19

all shows at 7:30 PM - Bob Devereaux Theatre

\$10 Adults \$5 Students

Tickets available at www.seatyourself.biz/marist

[Watch the two Shop of Horrors videos](#)

Joyful Noise!

Marist Arts invites you to our annual **JOYFUL NOISE** concert on Friday Feb. 1 at 7:30 PM in the Bob Devereaux Theatre for an evening of musical prayer, shouting out love and praise for the Lord!

We'll feature the Marist Strings, the Deacon Blues Jazz Band, the Reflections Vocal Ensemble, Jamie and the Decibels with Marist's Proclaim and Special Guests!



There's no debate over first tournament's success

"Some of these competitors will never wear the home team's jersey, but want to be a member of a school team and compete in something they are passionate about. I appreciate how

speech and debate helps students find a niche that they might not otherwise have in high school," said Shari Pimental, Freshman Guidance Counselor, after her work as a volunteer judge at Marist's first annual **Spartan Speaks Speech and Debate Team Tournament** on Dec. 1. Pimental added that "It gives kids the social and academic confidence they need to grow as individuals pursuing meaningful work and improving the lives of others."

Eight teams competed including Willamette, Sheldon, Grants Pass, Newport, North Valley, West Albany and South Eugene. Marist coach Steve Barth gathered a wide ranging amount of support and judging help including his mother, Ruth, a long-time speech and debate coach from Colorado, now retired; the University of Oregon's Speech and Debate team; Marist School Board President, Chris Cardani and retired Marist English teacher Kathy Yocum.

The Marist team did very well placing second overall. Individual awards went to **Simon Olson** (second place in the Lincoln Douglas and second in Lincoln Douglas Speaker Points); **Abby Pandina** (first in Expository Speaking); **Jessica Lynch** (first in Original Oratory); **Heather Clark** (second in Expository Speaking); **Ben Bollinger** (third in Expository Speaking); **Jeff Carr** (third in Humorous Interpretation); **Jacob Kiefer** (third in Lincoln Douglas Debate).

Congratulations to the Marist 2012-13 Speech and Debate team for running a successful tournament and a huge thank you to all the parent volunteers that provided food for the judge's room as well as helped judge, set up and clean up.

[Complete 2012-13 Marist Speech and Debate Team results may be seen on their website.](#)

MVP

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, the Marist Volunteer Program (MVP) 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 raised \$3225.00 for the Eugene Mission, and responded with great enthusiasm and fabulous donations to the Christmas Drive sponsored by the Theology Department and National Honor Society in support of Catholic Community Services. Marist made the holiday a more special time for 27 families. Good work!



Jerry Ragan,
MVP
Moderator

Our school-wide outreach will continue in the second half of school year 2012-13 starting with the annual food drive during Catholic Schools Week at the end of January. The drive comes at a critical time for food pantries in our area because while the holiday season typically results in an increase in donations, there is a correspond increase in need.

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

Upcoming Outreach Projects

Jan. 15: Deposit can/bottle collection (NO GLASS!)

Jan. 28-Feb. 5: Canned food drive for St. Vincent de Paul

Feb. 12: Deposit can/bottle collection (NO GLASS!)

Feb. 13-Mar. 31: Project Starfish for First Place Family Center

Mar. 12: Deposit can/bottle collection (NO GLASS!)

Mar. 16: Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Sing-a-Long

June: Clean out desk project for local children's programs
All Year: Deposit can/plastic bottle collection for Stove Team International

Thank you so much!

Think spring

Here's a chance to do a bit of early spring cleaning while you help the Softball team at the same time. The team is prepping for their annual garage sale which is on March 9. The girls are asking everyone to bring gently used items no longer needed to the school at the bike rack area by the tennis courts on either **Thursday, Jan. 10** or **Friday, Jan. 11** at 7:20 to 8 AM.



On both days, members of Marist Softball will be there to take your gently used clothing, furniture, household goods, tools, sports equipment and any other miscellaneous items you are willing to donate.

For further information about the sale please contact Diane Rustik at 541-543-5918.

"Can you hear me now?" A special presentation by Alveda King

Marist and our student organization, Marist for Life, are privileged to bring **Dr. Alveda King** to Marist for an all-school assembly on Monday, Feb. 4.

February marks the 40th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade. That, and our Church's position on the sanctity of all life, and the need to protect the less-fortunate in our society, call us to join in Dr. King's reflection on civil rights in general and rights of the unborn and mothers, specifically. Dr. King is the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and an internationally known civil rights and pro-life activist. **Marist parents are welcome to join us, Monday, Feb. 4, from 9:25 - 10:30 AM in the gym.** This opportunity is made possible by a generous gift from the Storms Family Foundation.



In addition to the all-school presentation at Marist, families are invited to join Alveda King in the following public events on Feb. 4:

Prayer outside of Planned Parenthood (3579 Franklin Boulevard) at 12:30 PM.

A presentation titled Can the Dream Survive? at the University of Oregon from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in PLC 180, sponsored by Students for Life at the University of Oregon.

The daughter of the late civil rights activist Rev. A.D. King and his wife Naomi Barber King, Alveda King grew up in the civil rights movement led by her uncle, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Her family home in Birmingham, Alabama, was bombed, as was her father's church office in Louisville, Kentucky. Alveda was jailed during the open housing movement. She sees the pro-life movement as a continuation of the civil rights struggle.

Dr. Alveda King currently serves as a Pastoral Associate and Director of African-American Outreach for Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries. She is also a voice for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, sharing her testimony of two abortions, God's forgiveness, and healing.

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