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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this letter, rain is marking the change of seasons, mingling with the water of our iconic fountain in the courtyard. Blessings "rain down" on the Marist community too, and we are thankful both for the generous gifts given and the honor of stewarding them.

Whether you are a current parent or parent of an alum, an individual or a corporate partner, a friend of the school or an alumnus yourself, you are part of the Marist family and we are grateful for you.

With Thanksgiving nearly here, this edition of the Marist Magazine contains a harvest of sorts:

- The many gifts received from 50 years of retreating to St. Benedict's
- The delights of music and theatre
- The commitment of past English teacher whose path leads beyond Marist and
- The academic and athletic gifts our alumni carry with them on their journeys.

Your prayers, your support, your involvement help make the Marist experience possible for the 400+ young people who are our future. Thank you for being part of the Marist community.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season,



David Welch

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Thank You St. Benedicts

A letter to our 50-year home away from home

There's no place like St. Benedict's, the Dominican 85-room lodge in McKenzie Bridge that welcomes schools, parishes and groups from across Oregon into its space. A space that, thanks to the tremendous efforts of firefighters, has survived multiple wildfires. Marist has found St. Benedict's to be much more than a collection of buildings. And so, a little thank you to St. Benedict's for the many years of welcome, the countless number of retreats, and innumerable retreatants. A letter to St. Benedict's Lodge:

We are eternally grateful.

For 50 years, you have been our home away from home. Your sturdy beams crafted from firs harvested from the neighboring forest have withstood heat, cold, rain, wind and snow ... sheltering us. Your solid rock fireplace has warmed and delighted us and kept our confidences. Your very trees whisper welcome, harmonizing with the cadence of the swirling river. You have been and continue to be a place of both laughter and tears, dreams and doings, solitude and togetherness.

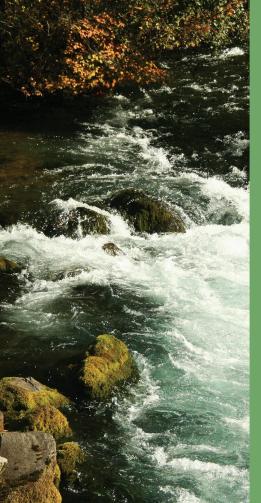
We are eternally grateful.

Time with you is time set apart from the business and busyness of the everyday world, to encounter God, ourself and others and perhaps even experience a transformative change of heart. You have been a place to retreat, reconnect and rekindle.

We are eternally grateful.

And as one does with those who are beloved, we've nicknamed you – St. Benny's. You are friend, confidante, mentor, confessor, restful source of inspiration. No matter where we are, whenever we need to revisit a place of soulful refreshment, we can imagine your fresh crisp air, redolent with cedar, remember our time spent with you, and in our minds, sit once again beside your rushing waters.





Thank you St. Benedict's and your rustic charm, crackling fire, tall timbers, wild snowy winters and proximity to the cold and wild waters of the McKenzie that has provided a home for the Holy Spirit to welcome me, my friends, my family, and young men and women year after year after year. You have been a calm refuge and place to reconnect to what is good.

Toni Cooper - teacher, coach and alumni parent





Thank you St. Benedict's for being a spiritual home for Sister John, whose photo graces the entrance hall like a guardian angel and for the Dominicans who have hosted countless guests, in the finest tradition of shelter and hospitality.

Rebecca Larson - staff and alumni parent

Thank you St. Benedict's for a great religion and history library!

Tripp Nelson -teacher and alumni parent

Thank you St Benedict's for the many years of memories as a student on retreats, a graduate returning for the Metanoia, and the future memories to come now as I am a teacher here at Marist.

A special thank you to the staff and caretakers of the lodge and land for creating a wonderful space for Marist to engage with their students on a deeper level.

Jonathan Fechtel - teacher and 2017 Marist alum



Thank you St. Benedict's for being a welcoming and safe place for young people to encounter God. I visit St. Benedict's several times a year as a retreat moderator. I am grateful and forever blessed to be a small part of Marist students' faith journey through their Encounter experience at St. Benedict's. The "magic" of St. Benedict's is hard to put into words but magical things happen there by the fire and by the beautiful river. Thank you for continuing to welcome both Marist staff and students and for being a part of their faith journey.

Stacey Baker - retreat moderator and alumni parent

Thank you St. Benedict's for introducing me to some of the greatest people I have ever met. I first went to St. Benedict's as a junior at Jesuit High School and have been fortunate enough to go back several times since. I am grateful for the magic of St. Benedict's and the amazing memories made there.

Charlie Landgraf - teacher and 2014 Tesuit alum

Thank you St. Benedict's for time, space and a place to see each other and ourselves as God sees us. Watching the river, I lose track of time and am able to see the world and other people with increased generosity and clarity.

Andy Oldham - retreat moderator and alumni parent

Thank you St. Benedict's for being a place where the spirit of youth abounds. One of my favorite memories from my Encounter was searching for the "Fountain of Youth" with my classmates, but as an adult, I see that the real source of restorative power exists at 56630 North Bank Road.

Natalia Zreliak - staff and 2015 Marist alum







Thank you St. Benedict's for being a place of peace and communion with God in a chaotic world. My Junior Encounter Retreat at St. Benedict's changed my life, and I'm proud to help others have that experience now.

Nick Olszyk - teacher and 2004 Marist alum

Thank you St. Benedict's for letting Marist staff and students hold retreats here for all these years. I love the big fireplace and my favorite thing is to sit and watch the fire. I could do it all day. It also offers our staff a chance to reflect and relax and get to know our students. Thanks so much for all the hospitality.

Shari Pimental - counselor and coach

Thank you St. Benedict's for creating a space where lives can be blessed and enriched. Time spent at St. Benny's is unlike time spent elsewhere — allowing you to pause and feel the holy presence of God, among the beauty of nature, with a warm delicious meal to make it even better. Thank you for the gift of memories and spiritual growth over the decades.

Take Copley - counselor and 2002 Marist alum



Thank you St. Benedict's. There's something about the fireplace room at St. Benedict's Lodge. Without fail, when I am there, images of the many people and activities I have witnessed there flood through my mind. And with each new experience, another set of people and encounters become part of the living memory of that place. When you step in there, even the uninitiated tap into its ever-present spiritual legacy. On behalf of the hundreds of students and staff with whom I have shared that place, I give thanks!

Dr. Rick Martin - campus minister, teacher and alumni parent





1. Proclaim! Director Ryan Moser demonstrates the hand motions of "Yes Lord" for students during the 2023 Freshman Lock-In. Photo by Toni Cooper 2. Members of Proclaim! along with other students and staff rehearse an acapella arrangement for the Peace and Justice Day Mass. Photo by Sofia Copley '26

TRADITIONAL

Proclaim!, Marist's liturgical choir, celebrates 20 years of leading worship

By Rebecca Larson

According to Merriam-Webster, to proclaim is to declare publicly, typically insistently, proudly or defiantly.

Marist's liturgical choir, Proclaim! is certainly public. This student group leads worship at the monthly school Masses, the Lock-In, Baccalaureate and the All Catholic Schools Mass in February where their dedicated group joins with the elementary choirs from both St. Paul and O'Hara.

Insistent and proud? You will hear them, as every member of this audition-only group is miked. "You have to be able to carry your own part," explained director Ryan Moser, whose usual gig is in Room 602 in the science wing or on the volleyball court.

As to defiantly, singing in public is a bit countercultural — with the exception of perhaps one's own church, birthday parties or the 7th inning of a baseball game. Proclaim! expects the Marist community to join in making music. This is musical leadership, not a performance, and they will keep you singing until the final verse of the final song is done — even when lunch is just around the corner and the chairs have to be put away first.

Proclaim! was born approximately 20 years ago. Knowing that music is essential to worship, Dr. Rick Martin, Campus Minister and gifted musician himself, hand-picked students to lead the singing at Mass at the first Freshman Lock-in, one of the most formative community experiences for our incoming students.

From that success came the model for Proclaim!, named by music teacher Jim Reinking who has taught many of its members and is currently serving as the group's drummer. He was referencing the good news proclaimed by the angels at the Nativity.

Dr. Martin plays guitar, sings and works with the instrumentalists. The instruments vary depending on the talents of the current students — often drums, piano, strings and occasionally flute, clarinet or sax. Together all of the various timbres, voices and instruments create a sound that enhances sacred worship in a unique way.

"It is of value to bring student beauty to the celebration of the Eucharist," said Dr. Martin. "The arts do not receive enough attention as an expression of gift and of God's beauty. I think my greatest joy is simply being a part of a really deep talent pool that shifts every year."

Most churches include music in their services. What makes Proclaim! different is this focus on teenage talent paired with an eclectic repertoire and style. "Church music with a twist," Moser calls it. Those twists include songs that



3. Junior Dominic Kwon plays the violin with Proclaim! during Mass. Photo by Toni Cooper 4. Senior Claire Saxman, senior Alexis Kamaru, Honora Mathisen-Lund '23, sophomore Sofia Copley and junior Maya Williams sing at the Mass of the Holy Spirit this year. Photo by Toni Cooper

WITH A TWIST

incorporate ancient music as well as historically significant music, with nods to pop culture.

During Advent and again at the procession crowning the statue of Mary at the Founders Day Mass in May, Proclaim! sings a modern version of "Ave Maria" that begins with a haunting Gregorian chant hearkening from the Middle Ages.

In "Grace Like Rain" the well-known words of the 1800s hymn "Amazing Grace" are set to a new melody, while the triumphant Alleluia of the chorus is unusually embedded within a minor key.

A song introduced last year "You are the Lord," involves antiphony — an ancient Jewish liturgical practice alternating singing between two groups — and has arguably the best (i.e. loudest) participation of any of Proclaim!'s songs.

While Proclaim! ministers to the greater student body, the experience of being part of this group has had a profound impact on the spiritual lives of its members, some of whom have pursued careers in music.

"Being a part of Proclaim! opened my eyes to the way God speaks to us through music. A song might pop into your head and it's the exact message you needed at that moment. It's not just a coincidence. That's God tapping us on the shoulder and saying, 'I'm right here,'" said Brenna Stacy-Temple '09 who currently teaches elementary music at St. Paul Catholic School.

"Working with Proclaim! was excellent preparation for my career as a professional musician because I was able to undergo the process of preparing a setlist of musical material for Marist Masses in a relatively short amount of time," said Jack McGaughey '17, who has spent the last six years in England and Europe as a percussionist. "You are rarely afforded the luxury of long comprehensive rehearsal when preparing for gigs, festivals or event touring theater shows, so the ability to onboard a substantial number of songs, while an intimidating and uncomfortable prospect at first, it is an essential skill to have."

Senior Mya Snyder, cellist, is starting her third year with Proclaim!. "What I love most about music is that it connects us ... simply because we feel moved and inspired by the music. I have especially felt this way and I am grateful to Proclaim! for allowing me to feel spiritually connected to the Marist community."

If you've never been part of a church music group, it's a little difficult to understand the powerfully mysterious combination of music, spirit, prayer, camaraderie and witness that is Proclaim!

Perhaps Jack Kiesewetter '15, former Proclaim! member who returned to Marist this year as a theology teacher, gets at that ineffable quality. "It's nothing without the exclamation point!" #

Turning the Page: An English Teacher's Journey

Bill Ferrari leaves Marist, but continues the Marist way

By Becky Boyd, English teacher

Every teacher's story is a book filled with countless chapters, and the margins inside Room 402 have been lovingly annotated with laughter and lessons for over two decades. Some of the most memorable motifs include challenging and relevant coursework, tough yet fair grading, weekends in reflection (and staying up until 3 a.m. playing cards) on retreat at St. Benedict's, and the baby-saving power of the Mr. and Ms. Spartan Pageant. But last spring, former English teacher Bill Ferrari decided it was time to turn the page. This story isn't about retirement; it's an extended tale of faith and family, where every child is "his," and how God inspired him to embark on an extraordinary new journey — teaching those who need it most.

Bill first came to Marist in the fall of 2000 as part of a package deal with his wife, Campus Minister Julie Ferrari, and two young kids, son Ray '11 and daughter Jamie '13, in tow – a job and vocation Bill and Julie would share for 23 years, and a new home where the family would grow. Julie swears that Bill is "the hardest working teacher" she has ever

known, and the list of impacts Bill made on the students and the school is ample evidence. Just last year Bill attended a conference on the latest research on learning and the brain and came back still wanting to re-evaluate and improve his own teaching after already two decades in the classroom.

Bill put in "a tremendous amount of time honing his craft — reading and researching in an effort to create the best courses possible for his students," says Julie with pride. "He was innovative and wanted Marist to offer the best education possible."

But, from a child's perspective, son Ray mostly remembers the perks, like having the campus as a playground on the weekends while his parents worked, driving to school together as a family, and a particularly movie-worthy experience one time on the basketball court. "When I was maybe 10 years old, my dad let me sit on the bench for the staff vs. Mr. Spartans basketball game. Late in the game, I got to go in for a few minutes and they passed me the ball in the corner. I hit a 3-point shot on my first try and the crowd went crazy." All the dad jokes that Ray had to suffer

aside, he says he "wouldn't change it for the world."

Bill's sense of humor made his classes fun, but his way of gently parenting the students in his classes is what formed lasting friendships and memories that stick years later. He arranged for guest speakers in his senior English classes to come and talk about life after high school, he prepared his students with tips for college life, such as having plenty of snacks on hand and keeping your door open to encourage drop-in visits from new friends, and he even went so far as to give out his personal phone number during his annual "pre-prom talk" to ensure everyone had a safe way home. Alumni Marie Fraser '08 shares that "Bill has seen me in a prom dress and a wedding dress. He has known me as a student and now as a teacher, as a teenager and now as a mother. It's impossible to [recall] all of this without tearing up thinking about the impact he has had on my life.'

Where Bill really lights up is around babies, which is probably why he was instrumental in raising close to \$1 million for Sacred Heart's Neonatal Intensive





1. Bill questions the winner of a round of Apples to Apples on a Metanoia last winter. Photo from the Marist archives 2. Bill and his grandchildren, Joel, Amelia and Alistair. Photo courtesy of Julie Ferrari 3. On a 2015 NICU visit Bill spends a moment with a child receiving life-saving care. Photo from the Marist archives

Care Unit (NICU) through the 30-year history of the Mr. and Ms. Spartan program. "There are so many great memories of the opening acts where Mr. Oldham and my dad would team up. Most notably, I remember an American Idol-themed one, where they were the judges and would make fun of the contestants," Ray said. While Julie was thrilled when Bill agreed to let her pass the Mr. Spartan Pageant baton over to him in the 2010s, no one could have prepared them to become NICU grandparents themselves. Their second grandchild, Alistair, was born nine weeks early and spent two months in the NICU, and Joel, their third grandchild, was born seven weeks early and spent five weeks there. "They are both happy, healthy boys now and we will forever be grateful for the doctors, nurses, and equipment that the Spartan program helped purchase!"

As committed as Bill was to Marist, it doesn't come close to his dedication to his grandkids, Julie shares. "He is the best 'Bapa' on the planet. I don't remember why but they started to call him 'Bapa Chicken' and we all get a lot of laughs out of that nickname. Amelia, our first grandchild, will see a real chicken and say 'Look, there's Bapa!' Then the three kids and I will crack up, Bill will pretend to be mad, chase the kids and tickle them until they take it back. They love him something fierce and it's a beautiful thing to see."

Daughter Jamie agrees. "For my kids, when they think of my dad, they think of the most kind, loving, fun, silly, and wonderful person they've ever met. The kids my dad has been working with as a part of Genesis Reading Academy see him the same way."

Genesis Reading Academy is a program that Bill launched at Marist in 2018, enrolling students that Oregon's Department of Education classifies as "economically disadvantaged" with the hope of closing the achievement and opportunity gaps that too many children of poverty experience. With Bill's tireless efforts to raise money, alongside several strong partnerships with community resources, Genesis has come to fruition.

"We joke that the movie 'Field of Dreams' — one of our favorites! — has come to life for us. Bill didn't hear a voice say 'If you build it, they will come,' but he is absolutely following a call from God to do this work full-time and help build a better future for the children of our community. I am extremely proud of him," smiled Julie.

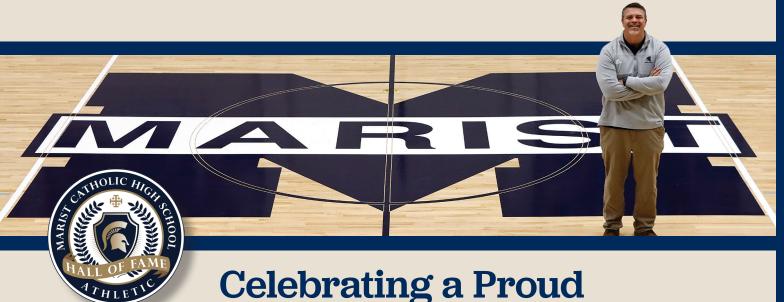
Marist students and graduates, like Fraser, have participated in Genesis since its inception, following in the Marist tradition of leadership and service to those most in need. According to Tess Louie '19, "I had no idea what I was signing up for. That first summer was beyond chaotic; we were learning every day that nothing is simple when dealing with a room full of elementary students. By the end of those eight weeks, I knew that this camp was truly something special. I returned to teach there for another three summers. Mr. Ferrari believes in his team and the mission of Genesis so deeply that, even when you're exhausted, you can't help but believe in your own power to make a difference. I think that's the hallmark of a truly great mentor."

Still, putting a good book down is hard, and while Bill says "teaching at Marist has been the gift of a lifetime," losing Bill leaves a hole. Assistant

principal Andy Oldham shares, "I can't quite wrap my head around walking past Room 402 and not stopping to talk about students, our children, our grandchildren, books we have read, films we have seen, songs we have heard, or the state of the school, city, state, country, church, or world as it currently is ... but it is a comfort knowing he is still lighting the way as he takes a leap of faith to serve some of the most vulnerable people in our community."

So is this the end? No. It's just the beginning of a new story. "I'd like to take a shot at opening a school that positions the Genesis student to develop what author bell hooks calls the 'will to learn' and then feels empowered to achieve. As much as I'd like to deny it, I'm getting old. If I'm going to do it, I'd better get started," Bill says. "My goal is to open the Genesis Reading Academy to prekindergarten and kindergarten students no later than the fall of 2024. I'd like to add a grade level each of the following years, and I'd like Genesis to become a model of innovative teaching and learning. Ideally, Genesis will contribute to helping more and more economically disadvantaged children access the education they have a right to experience."

"I leave Marist with an eternal love and appreciation for all that Marist has given me and my family, personally and professionally, for nearly a quarter of a century! I hope my decision to make this transition simply reflects my desire to live my Marist values and the Marist mission. I welcome any prayers and wishes of goodwill for the future of Genesis. As always, my ultimate hope is to not screw up a good thing." #



Athletic History

Marist honors its fourth class of AHOF inductees

By Rick Gardner, Athletic Director

The 4th Athletic Hall of Fame was held this October. It was literally a dream come true for me.

First, a bit of history: I began working at Marist as an assistant principal in 2008, and at that time, Sharee Waldron was our athletic director. One of the topics we often discussed was how we wished we had a hall of fame to highlight the amazing athletes who have passed through our doors.

Marist had such a proud athletic history, and there was no platform yet to honor the many deserving athletes, coaches, teams and supporters. But, as often happens, the day-to-day business of running a school got in the way of putting together a solid plan before Sharee retired in 2015. I took over as athletic director in 2016 and continued our work in earnest with Marist alum and parent Ray Paiement '73 to really try and get this idea off the ground.

We looked at what other schools were doing as a way to jumpstart the process and had great support from Suzanne Graf, who was our school president at the time. It seemed like we were very close to seeing the dream become reality until, in the summer of 2018, I left Marist and began a new job as the principal of Elmira High School — which I did for the following five years. Luckily, however, the work we had begun had created an unstoppable force that the new athletic director Kevin Cave and others ran with. In the fall of 2019, Marist inducted its first class of athletic hall of famers and they absolutely knocked it out of the park. And every year since the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has chosen people of character and accomplishment that have been easy to celebrate and honor.

This fall, I returned "home" to Marist, and I just witnessed my first Athletic Hall of Fame induction

ceremony in person. I feel both humbled and proud that an idea that I was a part of 15 years ago has come to fruition thanks to the dedicated work of committee members, the support of the administration, and the diligence of staff. The ceremony itself, with its video introductions and live acceptance speeches, was a nice dive into our athletic history.

I am struck by the stories our inductees shared: how much their Marist experiences meant to them, shaping them into the people they are today; how not just the courts, the fields, the courses or the pools impacted their lives but also the classrooms, the community and the retreats; how their Marist experience has helped them through a myriad of challenges in their adult lives.

What also interested me was how humble the inductees were. Judge Tom Coffin, beloved coach of the 1996 and 1997 boys soccer state champions, spent his recorded-video acceptance speech lauding the boys he coached; soccer player Simon Apter '98 acknowledged their success, but referenced the "village" that buoyed them and the "floodgate" of championships that followed theirs; April (Trupp) Morris '85, Kristen (Greig) Hayes '00, Julie (Wells) Keller '98, Adriana Quirke '03 and Logan Silver '11 all acknowledged their family's sacrifices that helped them succeed both then and now. But in a school whose motto is "We Are One" such generosity of spirit is perhaps to be expected.

I am honored and excited to get to help select our next class of inductees for 2024, and you can be part of that process in a very real and important way. Nominations are open for the fifth class at athletics.marisths.org/hall-of-fame. Nominate your favorite deserving candidate(s) and help them become a part of Athletic Hall of Fame history.

OF FAME HALI



2023 Inductees Kristen (Greig) Hayes '00 and Julie (Wells) Keller '98



2023 Inductee Logan Silver '11 surrounded by his sisters Karson Silver '15 and Brittain Silver '17, and his mother Shelley Silver.



2023 Inductee April (Trupp) Morris '85



2023 Inductee Adriana Quirke '03 in the middle of sisters Kristen (Quirke) Roberts '01 and Nicole (Quirke) Norris '02



2023 Inductee Judge Tom Coffin





with a current Marist student

Meet Junior Maya Williams!



What's happening on campus that you find interesting?

Right now, I am super excited about the fall play, "Alice in Wonderland." We have been working very hard on it, and it is really coming together. It is chock full of jokes and zany characters. We began performing it in early November. Hopefully, you'll get to see it and enjoy it as much as we did.

How did you get involved with Marist Theatre?

Well, I have done theatre for a very long time, so it was only natural for me to join Marist's fall production of "The Imaginary Invalid" my freshman year.

If you could be in any role besides Alice, who would you want to be?

If I had to do another role, I would 100 percent go with the Mad Hatter. Nothing beats getting to play a crazy person; there are almost no limits to what you can do with their character.

What is your favorite part about being involved with theatre at Marist?

I love Marist Theatre. We are a small but really tight-knit little group, and I love being able to grow in my passions with my castmates. I also love messing around in the Green Room — the backstage room for costumes, props and for actors who do not need to be on stage for a while. For some reason, playing with random props is even funnier when you have to be absolutely silent backstage.

Had you done theatre before coming to Marist?

Before Marist, I had done various musical productions with my previous school O'Hara.

Why is being involved at Marist important to you?

Marist is such a wonderful community, and I've never felt more at home here. I want to be involved so as to grow, intellectually and spiritually. By participating in Marist activities, I really feel I am educating my whole person, and am embedding myself into the community. I also want to make all the happy memories I can.

Seniors Peyton Tyner and Asher Pellegrini as Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee. Photo by Toni Cooper

THEATRE CLUB

Under the direction of Tony Rust, Marist Theatre presented "Alice In Wonderland" this fall. The script was adapted from Lewis Carroll's classic tale by Tony's son Glenn Rust while he was a high schooler in 2014 and re-adapted again this year by Glenn to provide more narration for this comedic twist to the beloved story.

The play follows the daydreaming Alice, played by junior Maya Williams, who embarks on a journey to Wonderland. Along the way, she encounters new friends like the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and the fun-loving and hilarious duo Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum played by seniors Asher Pellegrini and Peyton Tyner.

But this is not the first time that Marist has tumbled down the rabbit hole to Wonderland. Marist's first production of "Alice In Wonderland" was in 2015. The role of the Dormouse was played by Avery May '16 whose siblings Benny '24 and Bernadette '26 are now in this year's production.

This spring, the Theatre Club will put on a musical version of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" called "As You Like It: A Rock & Roll Romp" — a comedic love-tale with a sprinkling of your favorite songs. The show will run at 7:30 p.m. on March 8-9 and 15-16 in the Bob Devereaux Theatre.



CAMPUS NOTES

Welcome Week

New this year, on the Monday of Welcome Week, Assistant Principal Stacey Baker and upperclassmen led the freshmen in an allday We Are Marist retreat — something all Marist schools across the country do. Baker and Director of Campus Ministry Dr. Rick Martin customized the retreat to fit Marist Eugene based on the national template learned at the Marist Youth Leadership Camp that they bring kids to each summer. The freshmen participated in fun games, and meaningful group discussions and prayer on the Five Marist Pillars and St. Marcellin Champagnat.

On Wednesday, new students and staff participated in the annual Kissing of the 'M' while the Marist community cheered them on. Welcome Week closed with the traditional Welcome Mass, celebrated by Fr. David Brown, Fr. Dave Cullings and Fr. Ken Olsen.



Security Additions

Over the summer, a new glass wall was added to the front of the school, along with perimeter fencing, thanks to generous donations from community members. Prompted by risk assessments in 2017 and 2022, Marist decided to move forward with the construction of the newly-closed campus as phase one of its security plan.

Meet the New Staff!



Marist Welcomes 12 New Faculty and Staff

This fall, we welcomed a large group of new faculty and staff to the Marist family. You may recognize a few familiar faces. Our new staff include two married couples, two alumni and one former Genesis Summer Reading Academy teacher. If you see them around campus this year, make sure to give them a warm welcome!

CAMPUS NOTES

Marist Youth Leadership Camp

In July, a group of Marist students attended the 3rd annual Marist Youth Leadership Camp at the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus, New York. Our students worked on developing leadership skills that they put into practice while leading our in-school retreat for freshmen during Welcome Week.



Freshman Lock-In

In early October, the freshman class spent a Saturday running around campus, playing games and conversing in small groups at the Freshman Lock-In. An evening Mass was celebrated by Fr. Josh Gatus, O.P. in the cafeteria and was kicked off with a skit by Christian Leadership Class students that taught an important lesson on staying true to yourself and God. Afterward, pizza was offered in the courtyard followed by time to dance, play games and mingle.



In late October, almost the entire junior class spent the day at the Mission Mill Museum in Salem, a restored 1896 woolen mill, to learn about fabric production during the Industrial Revolution. History teacher Mark Chronister organized the field trip with his English and history colleagues for the juniors since they are currently studying the Industrial Revolution and its effects on early America in their history class and reading the essays of 19th-century critical thinkers in their English class.



Photo by Chris Far

Homecoming Week

In a week of celebration before the Homecoming football game and dance, the Marist community participated in various themed dress-up days. The seniors won the annual Class Dance Competition with their 2000s-themed (both BC and AD) dance.

On Friday, the Marist football team played Philomath and won 43-6. Homecoming Week culminated in the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, where students were transported to another galaxy with out-of-this-world decorations and food provided by Student Council.

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CAMPUS NOTES

Peace & Justice Day

In mid-October, students took a break from classes to attend Peace and Justice Day, which was held in an effort to promote solidarity and unity within our Marist community. The day started with a presentation by keynote speaker Dr. Alice Prince, who expressed the importance of self-love and the role it plays in the pursuit of social justice. After her presentation, the freshmen and sophomores attended two sessions about FOOD For Lane County and Native American land acknowledgment. The juniors and seniors listened to representatives from the Refugee and Services Program at Catholic Community Services and a yoga instructor who volunteers at the Oregon State Correctional Institution. The day culminated with a Mass and amazing music by Proclaim!



FALL SPORTS RECAP

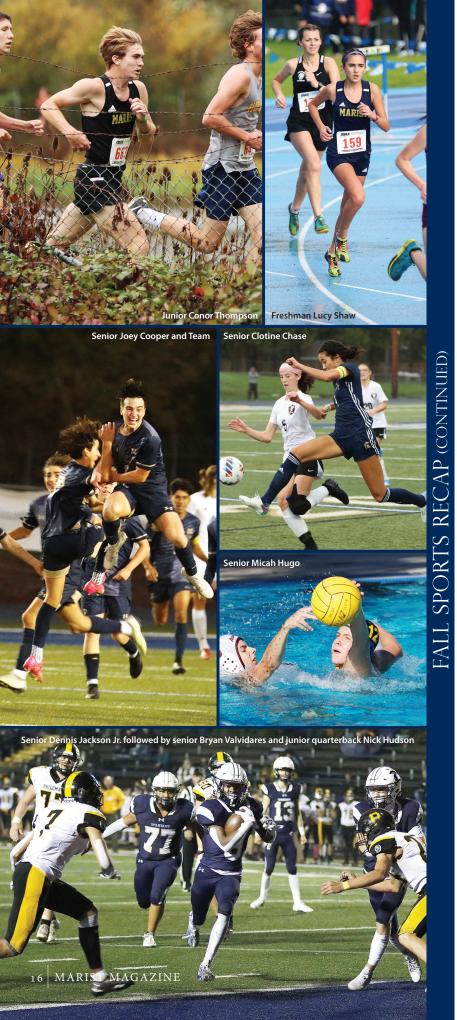
OnPoint Community Credit Union 2023 4A Volleyball State Championship

Marist Volleyball Reigns Again!

The 2023 volleyball season is over and it's one for the books! In a marathon weekend of state tournament play at Springfield High School, which included 14 games in three matches for the Spartans, the team of gritty and goofy girls outlasted league rivals and defending state champs, the Marshfield Pirates, in the state championship game to win the 4A state title in front of a huge crowd of students, family and friends. It's the first volleyball banner for Marist in 24 years and the third total. It's also the third championship trophy for 31-year head coach Shari Pimental who coached the last state champions in 1998 and 1999. "We did it together," Pimental said.

The No. 2-ranked Spartans (23-2 overall) beat Hidden Valley 3-0 in a first-round 4A state game at home, then beat Crook County 3-2 in a come-back nail-biter quarterfinal game at Springfield High School, and took down the Mazama Vikings 3-1 in the semifinal game to make it to the championships.

The Spartans, who were co-champions with Marshfield in the Sky-Em League, were led by freshman setter Lauren Rohman and a talented crew of outside hitters including junior Giana Elgarico and senior Avia Tuguldur. Tuguldur also led in aces, gutsy sophomore Kegan De Lee led the defense in digs and junior Avy Roundy led in blocks.



Cross Country

Junior Conor Thompson placed 9th at the OSAA 4A State Meet held on a rainy Nov. 4 at Lane Community College. Thompson led the boys team of seven that placed sixth at the state meet after placing second at the Sky-Em District Meet also held at LCC. Freshman Lucy Shah, the only Marist girl to qualify for state, finished 29th after placing sixth at the Sky-Em District Meet the week before.

Boys Soccer

The boys had a great run at state this year and ended their season with a 0-3 quarterfinal loss to Newport/Waldport on the road on Nov. 4. They beat Hidden Valley on the Mustang's turf 1-0 in the first round of the 4A State Tournament, a game that ended in an exciting sudden death after tieing 0-0 in regulation and penalty kicks. They finished their regular season second place in league behind the No. 6-ranked Cottage Grove Lions and were 10-4-2 overall and ranked No. 11 in the state.

Girls Soccer

The No. 1-ranked, defending state champions Marist Spartans are headed to the OSAA 4A State Championship game again where they will play North Marion on Nov. 11 in Hillsboro. They defeated Hidden Valley 1-0 in a home semifinal game on Nov. 7 after beating Gladstone 3-1 at home in the quarterfinals three days earlier and beating Astoria 6-0 in the opening round of the state tournament at a home game on Halloween. The girls are now 17-0-1 with their only tie coming from a late-season, non-league game with 3A powerhouse Catlin Gabel. Marist is led by team captain and sole senior, Clotine Chase, who will play at the University of Oregon next year. Chase has now scored 118 goals in her high school career.

Water Polo

The co-ed water polo team had another year of growth both in numbers and skill. They played a large majority of their games against boys teams and had their first win in seasons against a co-ed Sheldon team. The team prided itself on its family spirit, sportsmanship, hard work and having fun.

Football

The No. 2-ranked Spartans are now headed to the quarterfinals of the 4A state tournament where they will host the No. 7-ranked Mazama Vikings on Nov. 10. They beat Crook County 42-14 in a first-round playoff game at home on Nov. 3 where they scored 42 unanswered points starting at the end of the first half. The Spartans went 6-0 in the Sky-Em League and are now 9-1 overall with their only defeat coming from a 29-33 loss to Springfield at the start of the season. Junior Nick Hudson leads the passing-dominant team at quarterback with a host of receivers led by senior Brady Bidwell while seniors Aiden Hazen and James Harvey lead a smart and fast defense.

Volleyball (see previous page)

Photos by Toni Cooper



UMNI NOTES

1970s

Alumni parent Byron Murray, husband of Sandy (Bringe) Murray '72, led a weeklong study tour of the Civil War Battles of Gettysburg and Antietam in July. Here on the last day, at the Gettysburg National Cemetery in Pennsylvania, are Kate & Brian Laurinat '95, Marist history teacher Jon Nuxoll, Thao Trinh, Bo Murray '20, and Byron & Sandy Murray, pictured with a Union cannon.

1980S

Diza (Hoglen) Hilles '81 completed her 9th Boston Marathon last April and her 17th marathon overall. She plans to run in the Boston Marathon again in 2024.

2000S

Nicole Brown '08 recently donated stem cells anonymously to a 59-year-old woman suffering from life-threatening myelodysplastic leukemia. Nicole is a surgical nurse in Vancouver, Washington. "Knowing that I was able to save a life is the greatest gift and proves that I have

at least one purpose on this earth. As a nurse, I know how precious this gift is and what a difference it can make for someone fighting for their life."

Andrus Harper '08 married Dr. Joshua Thompson on September 1, 2023, at the Oregon Golf Club in West Linn. Her matron of honor was *Emery (Hilles)* Heffernan '08.

Emelia (Gubrud) Hutto '09 welcomed baby girl Tennessee on October 4, 2022. They are pictured with their dog, Barkley.

2010s

Jacob Gubrud '11 is now an associate dentist at Distinctive Dentistry with Tv Jaros '08. Jacob is pictured here with his patient and mother, DawnD Gubrud.

Jerry '11 & Madison (Hiday) Rouleau '11 welcomed baby boy, Redmond Baker Rouleau, on June 1, 2023. Redmond was 6 pounds 12 ounces and 20 inches long. He joins big sister Remington shown here at his Baptism.

Andrew McIntyre '12 completed a Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Studies from Liberty University. He is currently the Associate Pastor at Community Chapel in Sweet Home, Oregon. (No photo).

Jack McGaughey '17 married Madeleine Rowell on June 24, 2023.

2020s

Emilie Nelson '22(pictured far right) is studying architecture at Benedictine College in Kansas. Emilie made All-Conference as a freshman and qualified to compete in the NAIA National Championship for both cross country and track & field's 4x800m.

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REUNIONS

Class of 2013 - 10 years

The class of 2013 celebrates their 10th reunion in July at Springfield's Public House.

Class of 2003 - 20 years

The Class of 2003 celebrates their 20th reunion at Armitage Park in July.

Class of 1993 - 30 years

The Class of 1993 celebrates their 30th reunion at the home of Brian Ranstad '93.

Class of 1978 - 45 years

The Class of 1978 celebrates their 45th reunion at Armitage Park.

Class of 1973 - 50 years

The class of 1973 celebrates their 50th reunion at the home of Mark & Mary K. (Kerns) Newson '73 in Pleasant Hill.

Class of 1972 - 51 years

The Class of 1972 celebrates their 51st reunion at Papa's Pizza.

Class of 1967 - 54 years

The Class of 1967 celebrates at the home of Joe '67 & Sharon (Rodgers) Harbert '67 in September. The letterman sweater in the photo belonged to Gene Brodsky '62 who passed away in 1962 in a car accident. He had lettered for three years in both wrestling and football. The sweater was donated by his sister Joann (Brodsky) Bonneville '67 and will now be displayed in the St. Francis case at Marist.

Class of 1963 - 60 years

The Class of 1963 celebrates their 60 year reunion in July at the home of Armond '63 & Sue Clemens.

SUMMER 2024 REUNIONS

The Class of 2004 will celebrate their 20th reunion this coming summer. If you are interested in being part of the planning process, please contact Kait (McNally) Kenobi at kaitkenobi@gmail.com.

The Class of 1984 will celebrate their 40th reunion this coming summer on August 17. If you are interested in being part of the planning process or want more information please contact Kevin McMullen at kevin@rmspdx.com.

The Class of 1974 will celebrate their 50th reunion this summer on Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10, 2024. Please contact Margaret mbstevenson74@gmail.com or Jim Walsh at diegowalsh@comcast.net for more information.



IN MEMORIAM



Mark Montgomery '62 passed away on Jan. 19, 2023. His brother is Michael *Montgomery '63 †* and his sister-in-law is Rosemary (Storms) Montgomery '63. His nieces include Amanda Weiler '10, Jeanette Weiler '10 and Victoria (Weiler) Genovese '10.

Lance Pynes passed away on Feb. 11, 2023. His siblings are Mark Pynes '75 and Ann (Pynes) Damian '79. His uncles are Jack Pynes '51 and Fred Pynes '56. His aunts are Sue (Pynes) Woodford-Beals '54 and Pat (Stapleton) Pynes '57. His first cousins include *Dominic Pynes* '79, Tara (Pynes) Hytek '81, Shawn Pynes '82, Jobina (Pynes) Peterson '84, Monique (Pynes) Beach '85 and Shivan (Pynes) Tucci '86. His first cousins once removed are Tosten Peterson '16, Hadley Peterson '18 and Teagan Peterson '20.

Don Hassler '75 passed away on March 26, 2023. His siblings include Gary Hassler '72, Linda Hassler '73, Bruce Hassler '78 and Greg Hassler.

Verda Sherman passed away on April 3, 2023. Her son is *Brad Sherman '82*. Her grandchildren are Kris Sherman '08, Kourtney Sherman and Trent Sherman '19.

Br. Hank Sammon FMS passed away on April 5, 2023. He taught biology at Marist from 1974-75.

Don Murphy passed away on April 26, 2023. His children are Mark Murphy '76, Michael Murphy '78 and Marti Flint '82.

Sally Olson passed away on April 29, 2023. Her grandchildren are *Hayley* Olson '13 and Trent Olson '16.

Paula Kline passed away on May 1, 2023. Her sister-in-law is Kelley (Olsen) Kline '80. Her nephew and niece are Tucker Kline '10 and Katie (Kline) Webster '11.

Patricia Baier passed away on May 8, 2023. Her children are Cathy (Meagher) Brown '72, Colleen (Meagher) Gardner '78, Joan (Meagher) Kerns '79, Peggy (Meagher) Wells '80, Kristen Meagher '84, Peter Meagher, Neil Meagher '77 † and Jimmy Meagher †. Her son-in-law is Pete Kerns '79. Her grandchildren include

Connor Kerns '08, Erin (Kerns) Green '09, Molly Morris, John Kerns '15 and Ashley Meagher '16.

Scott White passed away on May 10, 2023. His children are Josh White '14, Danika White '17 and Jacob White '19.

Alvin Schor passed away on June 6, 2023. His grandchildren are Michael Schor '05, Krista Schor '11 and Alex Schor.

Sally Baker passed away on June 9, 2023. Her children include *Bill Baker '80 †*, Sue Rouleau and her son-in-law Jerry Rouleau, former Marist Foundation Board President. Her grandchildren include Jerry '11 & Madison (Hiday) Rouleau '11.

David Shepard '61' passed away on June 21, 2023. His siblings are *W. Thomas* Shepard '57 † and Stephen J.R. **Shepard '65**. His nephews are **Thomas** R. Shepard '01 and Mathew G. Shepard '03. His cousins include *Laura (Bonzer)* Howard '69, Lex (Bonzer) Schmidt '70 and Dolores (Bonzer) Iwanaga '73. His cousins once removed are McKenzie (Schmidt) Ma'aseia '06 and Kelsea (Schmidt) Carlucci '10.

Patrick "Brian" McGuirk '80 passed away on June 22, 2023. His brother is Tom Happy '77.

Caroline Hubbard passed away on July 8, 2023. Her son is Ken Hubbard '86. Her grandsons are Kyle Hubbard '11, Jacob Hubbard '15 and Austin Hubbard '18.

Joe Claska '63 passed away on July 9, 2023. His mother is *Grace (Schaefers)* Claska '38 †. His siblings are Kaye (Claska) Stephenson '64 †, Jean (Claska) Monaco '66, Patricia Claska '68, Susan (Claska) Burnett '71, Mary Claska '73, Margaret (Claska) Reh, Laura (Claska) Whited '76 and Julie (Claska) Scalisi '79.

Joshua Fraim passed away on July 13, 2023. His mother is *Cheryl (Hafdahl)* Horner '63.

Barbara Marty Evarts passed away on July 20, 2023. Her son-in-law is Carson Ferreira '99 and her grandson is Miles House '25.

Jean (Higgins) Skordahl '48 passed away on July 27, 2023.

Tony Barbisan passed away on Aug. 5, 2023. His father is *Carlo Barbisan '55 †*. His aunts and uncles are *Joann (Barbisan)* Savage '55, Gino Barbisan '57 † and Bruno Barbisan '58 7. His siblings are Jeff Barbisan '76 and Gina Barbisan-Crowder '80. His cousins include Gerald Barbisan '79 and Nick Barbisan '80.

John Reynolds passed away on Aug. 15, 2023. He was a former Marist Brother and taught at Marist from 1968-1969.

Bruce Chambers passed away on Sept. 2, 2023. His niece is Julia (Chambers) Stiltner '09.

Carol Martin passed away on Sept. 8, 2023. Dr. Rick Martin, Director of Campus Ministry and Formation at Marist is her son. Her grandchildren are Megan (Martin) Li '03 and Claire (Martin) Maramba '07.

Edith Friese passed away on Sept. 27, 2023. Her grandchildren are Jordan Friese '06 and Amanda Friese '07.

Remembering Loved Ones

If you know of an alumnus, family of an alumnus or friend of Marist who is in need of prayers due to the passing of a loved one, please let us help.

Email us at alumni@marisths.org.

Although care has been taken to ensure the accuracy, completeness and reliability of the information provided, we sometimes make mistakes. If any information in this publication is inaccurate, please let us know at alumni@marisths.org.



Calling all Gaels, Saints and Spartans!

Together St. Mary's, St. Francis and Marist Catholic High Schools represent more than 100 years of Catholic education in Lane County.

Please send us your most current contact info and encourage your classmates to do the same. And don't forget to update us at alumni@ marisths.org with any changes in your life as we are always looking for alumni news and story ideas.

We Are One!



Daughter of St. Francis grads Joe '67 & Sharon (Rodgers) Harbert '67; sister (and sister-in-law) to Ryan Harbert '92, WC '99 & Katie (LeBrun) Harbert '00 and Josh Harbert '01; aunt to Treysn Harbert '21 and Macoy Harbert '23; and member of the 1996 Girls Basketball State Championship Team (inducted into the 2nd class of the Athletic Hall of Fame) Dr. Kelly (Harbert) Goodsell '96 makes history as the first woman president of Bellarmine Preparatory School, a co-ed high school in Tacoma, Washington. Her answers to these five questions illustrate her love for community and education.

What did you want to be when you were a little girl and how did Marist prepare you for your current career?

I always wanted to be a mom and an interior designer. I wanted to have a big family and a full career. My Marist education taught me to trust my unique path and purpose. In a world that promotes competition and comparison, these skills have been a rare gift to living a joy-filled and meaningful life. A Marist education takes seriously "We are ONE." I deeply value this and have spent my career championing what it means to cultivate and maintain community prioritizing the greater good ahead of individual needs and desires. My Marist education encompassed rigorous learning, spirituality, meaningful social engagement and sports, allowing me to find meaning in the intersectionality of these aspects. The school provided numerous leadership opportunities, such as being involved in ASB, Campus Ministry, and athletics. Serving as the rector for the Junior Encounter and participating in service learning were particularly empowering experiences that I cherished. To this day, my Marist cross hangs over my rearview mirror in my car. It serves as a daily reminder of my roots — and my Marist roots matter to me.

Who was your favorite Marist teacher and why?

It's difficult to choose just one favorite teacher at Marist. Mrs. Yocum inspired in me a love for literature, and to read with emotion and heart, Mrs. Schmidt was a constant source of inspiration and support, Mr. McGinnis' Philosophy class completely shifted my perspective and expanded my mind and Mr. Nuxoll brought a whole new meaning to the word "radical" in history class. Marist provided an experience where everyday interactions with teachers and classmates shaped my memories and overall development.

You are the first woman president of Bellarmine Prep. What has been your experience navigating what has been a "man's world" until now?

I was raised as the only girl with all brothers, and I now raise four boys of my own. Up until recently, my biggest champions and mentors have been men. I have led and collaborated at multiple levels in education reform — in the classroom, schoolwide, districtwide,

statewide, nationwide and now as Bellarmine Preparatory School's president. Bellarmine is nearly a 100-year-old school, so our deep-rooted community should stand proud that the first woman president will bring the community into its next chapter of legacy and mission.

What similarities/differences do you notice between Bellarmine (a Jesuit school) and Marist?

The Marist Brothers were incredible educators and men. Immediately after college graduation, I served with the Marist Brothers through the Marist Volunteer Program/ AmeriCorps. It was this experience in the south side of Chicago with the Brothers that turned me toward the field of education. Education was never my plan. Twenty-three years later, I am still an educator and more passionate than ever. The Jesuits are the Society of Jesus and the Marists are the Society of Mary, so there are many similarities. The Marists and Jesuits share a unique approach to education that is holistic, and a core belief that we are called to accompany our students through the formative years of young adulthood. This pilgrimage to walk alongside our students and allow God to lead takes a specialized skill set and dedication to staying reflective, relevant, relational and faithful to the educational process.

What advice would you give today's Spartans?

Resist letting others define you, because if you let them, they will try. Keep learning and transforming into your best version yet. Go all-in because we get one shot at this game called life. Don't resist where God wants you to serve. He has a plan and it's worth trusting!

Dr. Kelly Goodsell is the new president of Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma, Washington. Photo courtesy of Amanda Howse



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NOVEMBER

15 Fall Concert - 7:30 p.m.

18-20 Women's Encounter

DECEMBER

2-3 Sophomore Journey Retreat - Girls

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8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass - 10:25 a.m.

13 Christmas Concert - 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY

5 Feast of the Epiphany Mass - 10:30 a.m.

12-14 Senior Metanoia No. 1

31 All Catholic Schools Mass

FEBRUARY

3-4 Sophomore Journey Retreat - Boys

10-11 Sophomore Journey Retreat - Co-Ed

10-12 Men's Encounter

14 Ash Wednesday Mass - 10:25 a.m.

16-18 Senior Metanoia #2

24-26 Co-Ed Encounter

MARCH

8-9/15-16 Spring Theatre - "As You Like It:

A Rock & Roll Romp"

13 End-of-Winter Music Concert - 7:30 p.m.

APRIL

13 Mr. & Ms. Spartan Pageant - 7 p.m.