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THE NEWSLINE

Official Newsletter of Marist Catholic High School

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Marist Families,

I hope you and your family had a restful and joyful Thanksgiving. Grace and gratitude abound on campus and our students are ever present signs of it. As we head into winter there are a number of items to keep in mind:

- Students are no longer required to wear masks outside. With winter cold and flu season coming it is more important than ever to keep students whom when they have any symptoms, no matter how minimal.
- Winter sports are beginning. We will be working with our student fans regarding remaining masked during games and exhibiting exceptional sportsmanship. Keep your eyes open for communication regarding this.
- Our first indoor dance in two years will be happening soon. Outside guests will be permitted but the number is limited. Please reach out to Stacey Baker or Beth Wirth with questions.
- Final Exams are just around the corner. The dates of specific exams will be communicated just after Christmas Break. For many students this will be the first time they have taken a final exam and for others the first time in years that they have taken one. We are working with teachers to emphasize making that week and the experience of finals manageable for our students. Final exams are one more step back to normal, but we are continually learning that all of our students lost valuable habits over the past two years and that building those back takes time. Please remember that students are expected to sit for the exam when it is administered. We ask families to schedule vacations and other events around the exam dates and times.

Blessings,

Andy Oldham
Interim Principal

Add the official Marist calendar to your Google Calendar to keep up to date on all future events!

AROUND CAMPUS

Purchase your student's Yearbook NOW before getting swept up in the hectic holiday season!

Click to order your Yearbook

maristhsyearbook.weebly.com

Graduation Orders

Final Deadline to order for graduation is December 17. Cap and gown unit are required for graduation, if you are using a siblings cap or gown you still need to purchase a tassel and inform Mrs. Acton via email at sacton@marisths.org that you are doing so! Visit https://minersgrad.com to order your cap and gown today!

Volunteer Corner

Tis the Season... to share your goodness as a Marist volunteer!

- Help with lunch service on Tuesdays or Fridays
- Chaperone the Winter Dance, Saturday, December 11. Ten volunteers are needed from 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Partial shifts available: just note in the comments as you sign up https://signup.com/go/GmAwJQE
- Celebrate the return of a tradition: Show sweet appreciation for the staff by providing a dozen (or so) home-baked or bakery-made cookies before the holiday break.

For details on all these projects, please contact Vivi at volunteers@marisths.net.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

Sponsored by NHS & J.A.M.

The St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Peter & St. Mark Catholic Churches would like our help with adding a personal touch to their grocery gift card distribution to families in need.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- CREATE HANDMADE CHRISTMAS CARDS
- BAKE OR BUY CHRISTMAS COOKIES

(Cards & Cookies are needed by December 9) Drop your cards off at the Campus Ministry Office anytime between now and December 8. Bring your cookies to the Campus Ministry Office on December 6, 7 or 8.

THANK YOU!

Winter Sports

Winter Sports contests and games start this week! It is an exciting time for Marist winter sports athletes. Basketball games, swim meets, ski team competitions, and cheer performances are scheduled for our student-athletes. While the outdoor mask mandate has been lifted, the OHA indoor mask mandate is still in place.

Currently, student-athletes are not required to wear a mask indoors when practicing or playing a competitive sport. However, student-athletes not actively participating (i.e., on the sideline during an indoor or outdoor competition, etc.) must wear a mask.

Additionally, indoor spectators (5 years or older), coaches and support staff, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask while attending indoor games and practices.

Another essential item for spectators to note is that no food and drink are allowed in the Marist gyms at this time.

ADMISSIONS

You're our best ambassador!

If you know a family who is considering a Marist education, encourage them to attend *Preview Marist*, our premier admissions event. Beginning January 8, in person and on campus, prospective families can learn more about Marist: our college-prep curriculum, passionate and engaging teachers, vibrant faith life and exceptional athletics and activities. For those who can't make the in-person event on Saturday, Zoom webinars will be offered January 10-12, 2022 in which students and faculty will share the benefits of a Marist education.

Spread the word about becoming a Spartan!

Visit the Preview Marist website

ADVANCEMENT

The FUND for Marist

We Are One

Your Fund for Marist letter requesting support for Marist students will arrive early this month. There are many important reasons why support from our current families is vital to our success.

- Tuition only covers 85% of the cost to educate each student. The **Fund for Marist** gifts help provide the **additional** financial support necessary to fill the revenue gap.
- All donations, regardless of amount, help us maintain small class sizes, provide technology for 21st century learning, keep Marist accessible, attract and retain the best teachers and offer a faith-filled academic environment that prepares your student for college and beyond.
- 100% participation in the **Fund for Marist** powerfully enhances outreach to the larger community - alumni, past parents, businesses and private foundations. As we request support, often the first question we are asked is, "How many current families give to the Fund for Marist?" Help us answer that question with confidence and assure that every Marist student benefits from your generosity.

We are thankful that you are part of the Marist family and grateful for the many blessings that make Marist so unique.

Make a gift (you don't have to wait) to the Fund for Marist today. Thank You!

Donate Today!

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Marist Catholic High School **Facilities Department**

September 20th 2021

Dear Parents, Teachers, Staff and Building Occupants

Uncontrolled asbestos contamination in buildings can be a significant environmental and public health problem. Both the public and private sectors have been dealing with the asbestos issue for many years. In 1986, Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) primarily to require school districts to identify asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers. In 1987, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a regulatory program, which enforces the AHERA.

In compliance with the AHERA regulations, we had our school facilities inspected by an EPA accredited building inspector. During the inspection, samples were taken of building materials suspected of containing asbestos. The results of the inspection and laboratory analysis of the samples have confirmed the presence of ACM in portions of the school facilities. It is important to note that these materials are in a form and condition that does not pose a health threat to students, faculty or employees.

With confirmation of the presence of ACM, an Asbestos Management Plan was developed for our schools by an EPA accredited management planner. The Management Plan includes the inspection and physical assessment reports, the training program for our custodial and maintenance personnel, the plans and procedures to be followed to minimize disturbance of the asbestos-containing materials, and a program for regular surveillance of the ACM. Every three years, a re-inspection by an accredited inspector must be conducted on all friable and non-friable known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) to determine whether the condition of the ACBM has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM.

During the 2021/22 school year, **periodic surveillance inspections** will be conducted to check the condition of the asbestos and to determine if any action is needed. Schedules are pending

For further details on the locations of the ACBM or on the asbestos activities, you are welcome to review a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan in our school administrative office during regular office hours. Mr. David Hodgin, Property and Risk Management Coordinator of the Archdiocese of Portland, is our asbestos program coordinator and all inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to him at (503) 233-8313 or dhodgin@archdpdx.org

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

SENIOR FAMILIES

COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA NOW!

- FAFSA - Complete as soon as possible. See below for tips. This is required for all federal and state financial aid, federal student and parent loans, and most scholarships.
- Here is how to start!
  - Student - Create an FSA ID - HERE. FSA IDs are needed to sign and submit your FAFSA.
  - One Parent must also create an FSA ID - HERE
  - Use 2020 tax return data!
  - Complete the FAFSA for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - Add all the colleges you are applying to! If you add colleges to your list after you have completed the FAFSA -- just edit it and add!
  - Use your legal name!

FAFSA and the IRS Retrieval Tool - Should you use this?

- You can save time and effort if you qualify to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. It will transfer your income tax data directly from the IRS to your online FAFSA.
- You and your parents may be eligible to use this tool if:
  - Your family income tax returns were filed electronically at least two weeks before you complete the FAFSA.
  - Your family income tax returns were mailed to the IRS at least eight weeks before you completed the FAFSA.
  - If you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and choose to do so, you'll be transferred from the online FAFSA to the IRS website, which will guide you through the transfer of your tax information.
  - When you are done, you will be sent back to your FAFSA.
- If an applicant does not use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and the applicant's FAFSA is selected for verification, the applicant will be required to complete IRS Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, during verification.
- It is no longer sufficient to provide a photocopy of the federal income tax return.

CSS PROFILE

- Do you need to complete this financial aid form too? Some schools require it - check your school's financial aid websites.

UPDATE NAVIANCE STUDENT

- Are ALL schools to which you are applying in your College's I'm applying to list?
- Are your deadlines accurate?
- Add all non-Common App schools too!

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- **The Early Action November 1 deadline has passed.**
- If you did not submit your application by the college's early deadline then you can submit by the regular deadline - usually in January or February.
- Check Naviance for future deadlines.

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SENIOR FAMILIES

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS cont.

- ***It is especially important to get applications in soon for any schools that have a deadline that falls during winter break.***
  - Many colleges have a January 1 deadline.
  - Students should notify counselors regarding any transcripts, letters of recommendation, or any other school forms that need to be submitted prior to leaving for Christmas vacation.
- Once students hear back from colleges the admission decision should also be updated in Naviance (admitted, denied, deferred, waitlisted etc.)
- Students applying to LCC, and other two-year colleges can wait until after Christmas Break to begin applications.
  - LCC Foundation also offers scholarships for students. Check their website at https://www.lanecc.edu/foundation/scholarships

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION & TRANSCRIPTS!

- We have sent all letters of recommendation that were requested for November deadlines.
- Check Naviance Student, Colleges I'm applying to list.
- In the Office Material column, you will see "Initial materials submitted" if letters, transcripts, school report, school profile, and common app forms have been sent.
- Please notify your counseling if something was not sent.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION - Do You Need to Request?

- If you have a December or January application deadline you should get these started. See the College Application FAQ handout on our college planning website.

NET PRICE CALCULATOR

- Students and parents work together to complete a Net Price Calculator for each school on your list.
- This will give you an estimate of what each school will offer in financial aid and scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIP ALERTS

OSAC Scholarship Application is Now Open!

- Must be an Oregon resident - If you only apply to one outside scholarship *apply to OSAC!*
- OSAC awards more than $10 million in scholarships annually. You do not need to be a merit scholar or a student with financial need to apply.
- OSAC administers more than 600 scholarship programs.
- APPLY - HERE.
  - **Early Bird Deadline - February 15, 5:00 p.m. PST.** Error-free applications will be entered into a drawing for one of several $1,000 Early Bird scholarships.
  - **FINAL DEADLINE March 1, 5:00 p.m. PST.**
  - FAFSA is required for all scholarships!
  - Please request the school send your transcript and we will automatically upload them for you.
- OSAC Step by Step Guide: https://www.smore.com/aex53

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SENIOR FAMILIES

SCHOLARSHIP ALERTS

Oregon Promise Grant is Open

- Scholarship for community college.

University of Oregon Scholarships

- Freshman merit scholarships. All scholarships for fall 2021 applicants are **test-blind**, meaning UO will not look at or use test scores whatsoever in the awarding process, even if they are submitted.
- Students should plan to submit the 2021-2022 FAFSA (now open!) by March 1 at the latest.

Oregon State University Scholarships - HERE

Black United Fund of Oregon: ACCESS Scholarships

- ***What it covers*:** $10,000 to full unmet need at Lewis & Clark College, Pacific University, or Reed College.
- $10,000 - $15,000 renewable scholarships are also available at Linfield University, University of Portland, and Willamette University.
- ***Who is eligible:*** Varies, minimum 3.0 GPA.
- ***Regular deadline:*** January 31, 2022.

The Ford Family Foundation: Ford Scholars Program

- ***What it covers:*** 90% of unmet college costs including tuition, fees, room and board, personal costs, etc. Includes academic, emotional, and professional guidance and leadership development.
- ***Who's eligible:*** Residents of Oregon or Siskiyou County, Calif. who are graduating high school seniors (or equivalent) or community college students at point of transfer as a junior and who are seeking a bachelor's degree who plan to enroll full time in the fall in their state of residence (Oregon or Calif.), and who have NOT already started full-time at a 4-year college.
- **When applications are due:** March 1, 2022.

Western Undergraduate Exchange

https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/

Scholarships Awarded by the College or University

Most Colleges award admitted applicants' automatic scholarships

- The criteria for these scholarships are as varied as the schools themselves.
- Many of these scholarships are automatically awarded upon admission and are based on the student's admissions application.
- Make sure your application for admission is strong!

Check each school on your list's Financial Aid and Scholarship webpages!

- Are there any additional applications needed (besides the admissions application)?
- Are there any scholarships that fit your profile and need an additional application?

Safeway and Albertsons Job Fair December 4 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- Candidates are welcome to stop by their hiring table for an on-the-spot interview.
- They have positions for students starting at 16 years for Courtesy Clerks and Starbucks Baristas. They offer flexible scheduling, paid time off, and education.

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JUNIOR FAMILIES

- Counselors will be starting junior college planning meetings in December. Students should fill out the college planning survey posted in the Class of 2023 schoology group.
- Juniors should be exploring Naviance and completing the “Do What You Are” under the “About Me” tab.
- The Do What You Are will help students learn about their personality, strengths, blind spots and more! Student will also see suitable careers and majors.
- Create a college list – Colleges I’m Thinking About
- If your student does not know their username or password, they should contact their counselor.

SOPHOMORE FAMILIES

- Counselors completed the Sophomore check in meetings. The meetings focused on activities, school, grades, mental health, sleep, balancing workload, and college information.
- Create a college planning file that includes:
  - Report cards.
  - A list of awards and honors a student has received.
  - Description and reflection of participation in school and community activities.
  - Description and reflection of volunteer experiences or paid jobs.

FRESHMEN FAMILIES

Finals Exam Prep Strategies

- Over the break students should organize their materials. Gather all your notes, assignments, old tests and handouts.
- Organize your notes by class and date

Create a college planning file that includes:

- Report cards.
- A list of awards and honors a student has received.
- Description and reflection of participation in school and community activities.
- Description and reflection of volunteer experiences or paid jobs.

Visit our
College Counseling Website!
http://counseling.marisths.org/

CAMPUS MINISTRY

DR. RICK MARTIN - DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY & FORMATION RETREAT COORDINATOR
JULIE FERRARI - ASSISTANT CAMPUS MINISTRY/LITURGY & CHRISTIAN SERVICE COORDINATOR

RETREAT NEWS

The first two ENCOUNTERS have now taken place. It is GOOD to be back at St. Benedict's, and juniors (as well as seniors on the team) have shared that the Encounter is well and good! If your junior or senior student has not gone yet, be sure to note the dates for the final opportunities for this year coming in February – you don't want them to miss the Encounter! Many seniors were unable to go last year, so we encourage you to join us this year – ask your classmates if you are unsure! Many students report that the Encounter is Marist at its best! Information is available in the Campus Ministry Office. See Mrs. Baker, Mr. Oldham, or Mr. Moser for more information.

SOPHOMORE RETREATS: Sophomore Journey retreats are beginning. Registration forms are available in Campus Ministry and soon online. See Mrs. Ferrari for information regarding the Girls Journey Retreat and Dr. Martin regarding the Boys Journey Retreat.

SENIOR METANOIA RETREAT: Information regarding our Metanoia opportunities has now gone out, and registration has begun. Seniors can choose from three possible weekends in January and February to attend their co-ed Marist retreat at St. Benedict Lodge. Due especially to COVID precautions, each weekend has a limited number of spaces. For that reason, the deadline is Friday, December 10. Based on sign-up at that time, we will determine whether to use all three weekends or reduce to two weekends. IF YOU INTEND TO GO, MEET THE DEADLINE!! Sign-up after December 10 is permitted as long as spaces are available. See Mr. Ferrari or Mrs. Boyd for more information. Registration forms are in Schoology and in the Campus Ministry Office.

SCHOOL OUTREACH: ADVENT ANGEL PROJECT

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The season of Advent calls us to make room in our hearts for Jesus to be born again. Our Advent Angel Project provides an excellent opportunity for us to invite local families into our hearts through prayer and our generosity.

From December 1–10, each theology class will be adopting a Catholic Community Services family. In addition to praying for them, we hope to collect donations of gift cards to help with the extra expenses associated with Christmas gifts and family celebrations.

Please ask your student about their class family and consider contributing $10 or a $10 gift card (or more, if you like) so we can help provide them with a truly, merry Christmas. Thank you!

The mission of CCS is "Responding to Christ's message to love our neighbors as ourselves, Catholic Community Services offers immediate help by providing food and other assistance to anyone in need and seeks to instill hope by helping Lane County families take positive steps to move out of poverty."

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

SUICIDE AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Did you miss the Suicide Awareness & Prevention Workshop?
The 2020 workshop was recorded and is available on the Marist website Campus Ministry video page, along with numerous attachments containing essential information on suicide prevention. Please watch, read, and TALK TO YOUR KIDS.
https://www.marisths.org/videos.html

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Special congratulations to the following seniors who completed 50 or more service hours (and were not acknowledged in an earlier Newsline)!

Claudia Pelayo

Upcoming Events

December 1-10	Advent Angel Project
December 4-5	Sophomore Girls Retreat #1
December 8	Immaculate Conception Mass
December 17	Christmas Prayer Service
January 5	Epiphany Mass
January 14-16	*Senior Metanoia Option #1
January 28-30	*Senior Metanoia Option #2
February 3	Catholic Schools Week Mass
February 5-6	Sophomore Boys Retreat
February 12-14	Junior Men's Encounter #2
February 12-13	Sophomore Girls Retreat #2
February 18-20	*Senior Metanoia Option #3
February 26-28	Junior Women's Encounter #2

**Metanoias may be reduced to two weekends depending on interest*

Advent Blessings!

An Advent Prayer

God, You who dispel all darkness,
Come to be with us, in each one of our situations,
Come to live among us, live with us and in us,
Come to fill the distances that divide and separate us,
Come to reconcile us with You and with one another.
God of Light, Open our hearts to the mystery of your love and the invitation of your grace.
Let our complacency give way to conversion and our judgments to compassionate acceptance of others.
Turn oppression to justice and transform conflict to peaceful accord
We ask this in the name of Jesus, who draws near, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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