



# MARIST HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2005



Perry Martin  
Principal

Welcome back to a year of great hope and to a journey which could prove to be challenging. The beginning of a new school year reminds us to give thanks for new beginnings and the ability to use the talents we have been given.

I know our prayers are with the residents of the Gulf Coast region who are suffering after the effects of Hurricane Katrina. To see the pain and suffering of these people is heart-wrenching, and as fellow Americans we must reach out to those in need. Please know how proud I am of this community. When called upon to help, we have always risen to the challenge. I know the same will be true during this national emergency. Let us continue to pray for the safety and well-being of all of those affected by this natural disaster, and pray for those who lost a life in the hurricane and its aftermath.

I encourage everyone who is able to make a financial contribution to a charity assisting with the relief efforts. If you donate online, please be aware that, sadly, there are web sites that are not legitimate, but rather scam sites preying on the goodwill of others. A list of relief organizations approved by the federal government can be found on the web site of FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency at [www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=18473](http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=18473).

I have advised the Marist Admissions Department and our Academic Administrator to expedite the admission of any student in an affected area who wishes to come to Marist to continue his or her studies. To date, we have not received any requests. We will do whatever we can to welcome these students for whatever length of time they need us.

We are a goal-oriented school accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools. We will be participating in our six-year review this spring. Mrs. Roelofs will be directing our accreditation process.

Special thanks go out to the Devereaux, Johnston, Murphy, Romania, Stewart and Wildish families who helped during the summer months to improve the landscaping around our campus, as well as the beautiful landscaped parking lot entrance, which will be finished in a couple of weeks.

I would also like to thank all who sponsored a classroom for improvements. We were able to improve ten classrooms with the money we received; four of them into "smart" state-of-the-art technology rooms. Plaques have been placed outside the sponsored rooms to show our appreciation for their generosity. Should you want to participate in this "Sponsor the School Campaign," please call Nancy Gryzic at 686-2234.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT...

Our athletic and activities programs are developing an advertising program for each sport season. Please consider calling our Development Office to purchase an ad in this magazine. It is a great way to advertise and an excellent way for Marist High School to showcase an exciting publication highlighting our school programs and athletes. Please contact Toni Cooper at 686-2234 for more information.

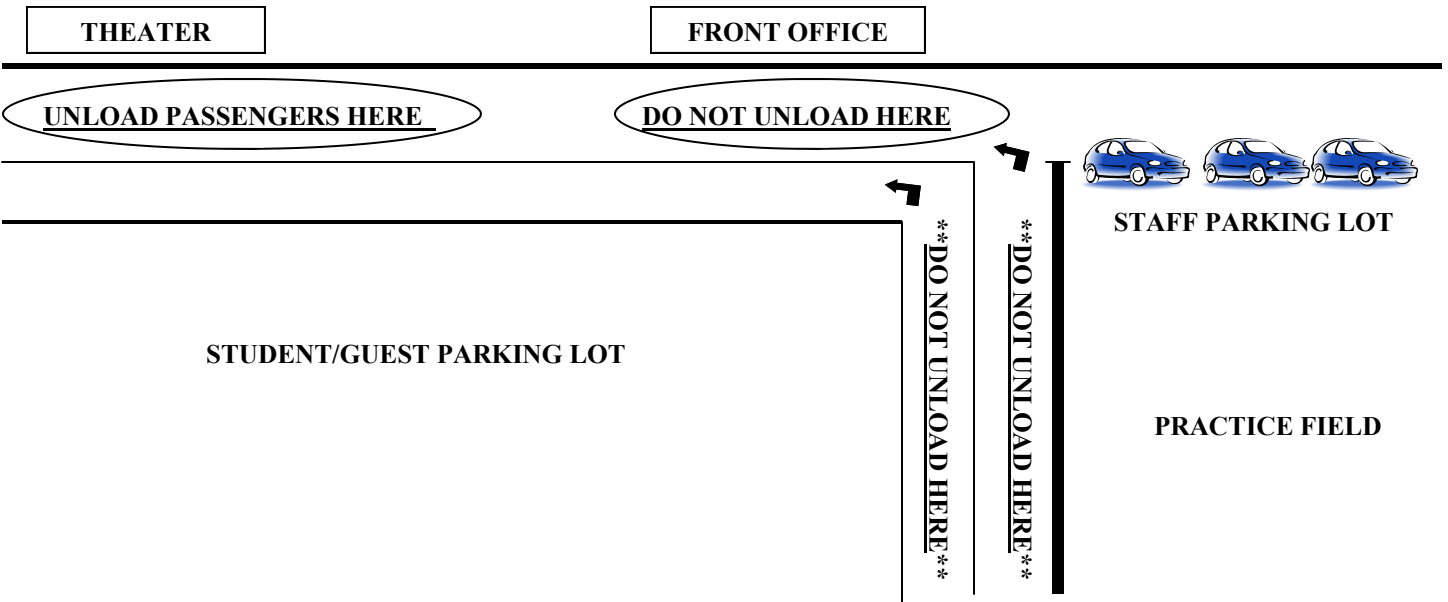
A reminder to our Marist parents about the first annual Marist High School golfing event, which is scheduled for Thursday, October 6th at RiverRidge Golf Course. To obtain an entry form to play and/or for more information, please contact Nancy Gryzniec at 686-2234.

Thank you so much for sending your student to Marist. I will work hard to make it a great school year.

Perry Martin  
Principal



In the past and since the start of this school year, we have had several incidents where students have come close to being hit by Marist staff members trying to get into the staff parking area, or by parents during the early morning drop-off period, as well as at pick-up in the afternoon. **We have a situation here where one of our students will incur a serious injury if we do not follow the student loading/unloading policy that is in place. PLEASE heed this important request! When approaching the front of the school, cars should pull up by the Marist Theatre to drop off and pick up your student to allow the entrance to the staff parking lot to be free and clear of cars and students. Below is a diagram of our loading/unloading procedure:**



**FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL****PARENTS ASK, “HOW CAN I HELP MY STUDENT?”**

Change can be difficult and extra-hard for some. Change from a relaxing, flexible summer to a day filled with schedules and homework can often not bring out the best in families. My encouragement to you is to give some time for students to settle in and “hit their stride.” We are delighted with our student body this year. This is going to be a great year.


Parents have already called to ask for suggestions on how they can best support their sons/daughters. I have found that adults can serve their students by being active listeners - not always jumping in to try to fix a problem, but discussing what steps the student could take. Consistently I hear that everyone else has more friends and are smarter and richer than they are. Perspective is not a natural talent for high school-aged students. Sometimes students just need to vent and they need to have a safe place to do so. We all have to operate within boundaries and high school students will test those frequently, but that is not to say the boundaries should be abandoned. Communication and honesty are vital as well as knowing that conflict is normal, uncomfortable, and necessary to the growing-up process. As teachers, we can honestly say it is easier to work with teenagers than to be one.

The most universal problem students of all ages have in relationship to academics is organization. Assisting students and providing space for them to set up a file system in which they keep graded papers from each class and pertinent notes and materials that they do not need to carry around every day is vital. Encourage your student to keep their books, backpacks, and desks, and lockers in good order so that they can avoid doing work that never gets turned in. Remember, as well, that Marist teachers try to remain vigilant in posting homework each night on their websites. A quick check each evening can give a student confidence that they have completed all the necessary work due the next day. Checking that the work/project/books are ready to go for the morning can save a parent’s trip to assist a student who has left needed materials behind.

**PROGRESS REPORT AND END OF QUARTER GRADES**

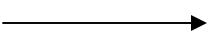
October 6th marks the end of the First Progress Report period. These reports will be mailed home to parents and should arrive no later than October 13th. Remember that these grades are only a “snapshot” in time providing both students and parents an idea of how the student is doing. These grades are given at an approximate mid point in the quarter allowing the student time to adjust his/her work patterns if more effort is indicated, or to assure they are on the right track. Each set of progress report grades factor into the quarter grades, but do not appear formally on any report issued from the school. These grades are used to identify **Mandatory Study** students for the first time. A letter will be included with the report if a student is designated as one who will benefit by this academic support program. The first quarter ends on November 3rd. This grade in each class will comprise 40% of the semester grade. Technically, these grades are complete and give the student a chance for a new beginning second quarter. For those students who are disappointed in their progress it is important to realize that there is still 60% of the quarter left to get on track and find success for the semester.

Remember that semester grades are the only ones to appear on the student’s official transcript and upon which **accumulated GPA’s** are figured.

**TESTING DAY—OCTOBER 12TH**

Like-it-or-not, standardized tests are a part of academia. Many students tell me that they aren’t good test takers. I would like to encourage students **and** parents not to get in the habit of describing their student this way. Taking tests is stressful for everyone and the timed element of standardized tests increase the stressful nature of these assessments. So much is dependent on the day and the physical/mental state of the test taker at the time. Timing a test hinders those who are methodical and/or are slower readers. Because of that standardized tests are not reliable indicators of probability of academic or life success, but a student can learn to be a better test taker and shouldn’t just accept the label of “poor test taker.” The really good news is that there are very few jobs or descriptions of life endeavors that ask for a person to be a good test taker!

Then, the question is, why give them? Part of the answer is in the above comment. Being a better test taker comes from practicing taking tests. Because the PSAT/ACT/SAT tests are high-stake tests. Marist gives each Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior student a standardized test for the purpose of developing those skills. The more timed tests a person takes, the less stressful these tests become. In addition there are specific benefits from each test taken as described on the next page.

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**VICE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT. . .**

- ⇒ Freshman students take the EXPLORE. This test, developed by the ACT people, is normed against 9th grade students nationwide and has a specific career/interest inventory section.
- ⇒ Sophomore students who are not enrolled in either honors Math or honors English will take the PLAN test. This test is normed against 10th grade students nation-wide, includes a career interest portion, and gives students an idea of what their score on an ACT test might be.
- ⇒ Sophomore students enrolled in honors Math and/or honors English will take a PSAT test for practice. The PSAT "counts" for only 11th graders, but it is valuable for these students to see where areas of improvement are indicated.
- ⇒ All Junior students will take a PSAT which is the precursor for the SAT test. In addition, the National Merit Scholarship Program is based on PSAT scores in the junior year. For those students having exceptional scores, this test serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. This year we have three Seniors who have qualified to compete for National Merit and Presidential scholarships. Other corporations have also joined with PSAT/NMSQT through which they distribute scholarship funds.
- ⇒ The registration and cost for each of these tests is completed through the school at no extra charge for Marist students. Materials explaining each program will be distributed to students in English classes during the week of October 3rd. This material contains valuable information that could contribute significantly to a student's success on a test and can answer many parent questions. Parents are encouraged to ask for and review materials with their student. When test scores are returned (most often just prior to Christmas break) those scores and explanation materials will be sent to each student's home.
- ⇒ The EXPLORE, PLAN, and PSAT tests will begin at 8:00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 12th. This is the only day and time these tests will be given this year. If a student is absent, there will be no make-up tests administered at Marist. Although individual test times will vary slightly, each takes approximately 3 hours and 20 minutes. Students do not attend any classes this day and will be dismissed after the testing is complete which could be important information for transportation purposes.
- ⇒ Senior students do not have testing or other activities on campus that day, but they are encouraged to spend this time working on Christian Service hours, making campus visits, or working on college applications. SAT and ACT schedules are posted and registration materials are available in the Counseling Department.

**ACT TEST SITE** 

Marist became a regional testing site for the ACT test two years ago. We felt that it might give our students a "home court advantage" to be taking this test in familiar surroundings with familiar teacher/proctors.

This year Marist will again be an ACT testing site for the October 22nd and December 10th tests and will include the optional writing portion. Sign-up is not completed at Marist, but materials and instructions are available in the Counseling Office.

**MODIFIED BLOCK SCHEDULING** 

I just wanted to include a word about Marist's foray into modular scheduling. Despite some trepidation, I consider it a success. Teachers and students are very comfortable with the extended class time. The pace of the two days and, therefore, the entire week slows down - fewer bells, less movement, nice breaks.

As we explained in the letter last spring, the increase in class time minutes due to no interruption in class schedules for other events, is significant. Running both seven period and four period days is the best of both worlds and the results so far indicate a positive impact on learning.

*"Each day we make deposits in the  
memory banks of our children."*

*Charles Swindoll*

**COUNSELING  
OFFICE  
INFORMATION**

**COLLEGE PREP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Valuable Experience**

◆ *How are your activities related to college and financial aid?*

- ⇒ **Scholarships:** Sponsors often ask for a list of volunteer and extracurricular activities. Gained skills and accomplishments can set you apart from other scholarship applicants.
- ⇒ **Colleges:** Set yourself apart from other applicants by showing an admissions office more than a high GPA or test score.

◆ *What can you do now to enhance the activities you are already involved in?*

- ⇒ Take on different roles within the organization; identify your strengths and preferences.
- ⇒ Keep hard copies of materials from events or projects you help to organize.
- ⇒ Maintain a personal record of tasks, responsibilities and achievements.
- ⇒ Be a leader/active participant in a few organizations rather than simply showing up to many. Use those organizations as an opportunity to develop leadership skills.

**MAKE MOST OF HIGH SCHOOL**

◆ *Meet with your counselor.* Plan your high school curriculum early to be sure you're covered for college requirements.

◆ *Take more rigorous classes.* Grades are important, but so is the difficulty of the courses you take. Instead of the easy "A," choose the most academically rigorous courses you can.

◆ *Master the basics.* Strengthen your reading, writing, math and vocabulary skills for college and scholarship essays, as well as standardized tests.

◆ *Explore your interests through your classes.* Take classes in a variety of subjects to find out what interests you.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT - ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE**

◆ *What are advanced placement classes?* Advanced placement (AP) courses prepare students for the rigors of college coursework. Many colleges also allow you to use high AP scores earned in high school to fulfill course requirements.

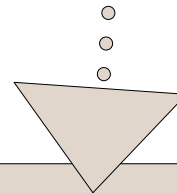
◆ *How can I earn college credit?* Check with your prospective colleges to ask about their AP policies, which can differ among colleges. Once coursework is complete, you may take the AP exam for that particular subject. The tests are scored on a scale from 1 to 5. Generally, you need a score of 3 or 4 or higher to obtain college credit.

◆ *What are the benefits of taking AP classes?*

- ⇒ Explore more challenging, college-level coursework.
- ⇒ Improve your college applications. Admissions offices recognize the work and commitment required by AP courses.
- ⇒ Earn college credit that will allow you to advance more rapidly through your major and general education requirements.
- ⇒ Save money on tuition Earning college credit in high school may allow you to graduate early.

◆ *What else do I need to know?*

- ⇒ You may also need your high school's assistance in coordinating your exam.
- ⇒ Some colleges may charge a fee for your AP credits to transfer to college credit.
- ⇒ The fee for one AP test is \$82.00. Ask your counselor about payment options.



**COLLEGE VISIT SCHEDULE (Tentative)**

Univ. of Portland	9/22	10:30 am
St. Mary's (CA)	9/27	2:00 pm
George Fox	9/28	10:30 am
St. Martin's (WA)	10/3	8:30 am
Bennington College	10/4	1:30 pm
Williams College	10/10	8:30 am
Univ. of Colorado	10/11	8:30 am
Linfield College	10/18	8:30 am
Seattle Pacific Univ	10/21	8:30 am
Univ of British Columbia	10/24	1:30 pm
Seattle Univ	10/27	10:00 am
Univ of Puget Sound	10/28	8:30 am
Harvey Mudd College	11/4	1:30 pm
Willamette Univ	11/8	9:30 am

**CAMPUS MINISTRY****RETREAT NEWS**

The year's first two ENCOUNTERS are fast approaching. Information and registration forms will soon be available for both retreats. There will also be Encounters in February. We ask students to choose the dates that better fit their schedule. Please be aware that these retreats have limited space and do fill up quickly! Also, students are not allowed to arrive late or depart early. These retreats are a great part of the Marist tradition and are not to be missed. Contact Mr. Oldham for information regarding the Boys' Encounter, and Mrs. Baker regarding the Girls' Encounter.

The year's first SOPHOMORE retreat is scheduled for the first weekend in November. For those who have never been on a retreat - we invite you to come give it a try. It is a great weekend to spend with your class, getting to know each other better, and "retreating" from the normal routine of things. Look for information soon. Mrs. Ferrari is the one to go to for information.

**LITURGY NEWS**

Daily Mass is taking place for students on a regular basis. Tuesday's Mass takes place generally at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday (block days) Mass takes place at the start of lunch. Friday's Mass will follow school at 2:45 p.m. These Masses will take place in the chapel. Students are encouraged to come pray daily or for special occasions. Does a friend need a special prayer? Are you in special need of God's grace? Are you celebrating a birthday? These are but a few of many good reasons to join together in prayer.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS**

Junior and Senior students should be in touch with Mr. Hendricks in the Campus Ministry Service Office regarding their selection for the service they will be doing for the community. Those who have already been approved and have begun their hours need to be fulfilling their checkpoint requirements as they come due. All who have not done so should purchase their Christian Service Experience Journals from the main office (cost is \$5.00).

Parents of Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to become involved with your students work in this area. This can happen in many ways; join them sometime when they are volunteering, help them keep track of their checkpoints, discuss their experience and encourage them to reflect on what they are learning, making sure they keep their journal up-to-date and guide them to a successful completion of the program well before the last few weeks of their Senior year! As you know, this is a requirement for graduation and is an important element in the development of each student as a socially aware and spiritually-formed grad of Marist High School.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hendricks by calling (541) 284-7534 or emailing [bhendricks@marisths.org](mailto:bhendricks@marisths.org).

**SOPHOMORE PARENT ONLY NIGHT**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH FROM 7:00-8:30 PM, IN THE MARIST CAFETERIA ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

The Sophomore year has its own special challenges. This evening is designed to address specific issues, including students' personal health, peer and adult interaction, critical choices and academic success. Parent and panel interactive questioning will make this a valuable and useful evening. This will be facilitated by upper classmen of the Christian Leadership Class with Campus Ministry and Counseling Departments. **This is an important meeting to attend; we hope to see you there.**

**REMEMBER TO VISIT THE MHS WEB SITE ([www.marisths.org](http://www.marisths.org)) FOR IMPORTANT CAMPUS MINISTRY INFORMATION, INCLUDING A FULL LISTING OF APPROVED AGENCIES FOR CSE.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Freshman Lock-In	10/1-10/2
Mass	10/20
Jr. Boys' Encounter	10/22-24
Soph. Parent Night	10/24
All Saints Day Mass	11/1
Soph. Girls Retreat	11/5-6
SAFE:Teen Parent Night	11/8
Jr. Girls' Encounter	11/19-21

  
**STUDENT ACTIVITIES UPDATE**  
**SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER  
ACTIVITIES**  
▼**CLUB & SERVICE FAIRE:**

Mark September 29th on your calendars for the annual Club & Service Faire in the Marist cafeteria. This is where Freshman students can pick up an application to run for Freshman Class Council and this is where Juniors and Seniors are able to sign up for Christian service opportunities with different outside community agencies and the like. The Faire will be held during breaks and lunch times.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL DANCE:**

There will be a back-to-school dance on September 29th in the Marist courtyard during school time. There is no charge for attending this dance.

**FRESHMAN CLASS ELECTIONS:**

Freshman class elections will be held on October 20th.

**FRESHMAN LOCK-IN RETREAT:**

Encourage your Freshman student to attend the Freshman Lock-In retreat on October 1st and 2nd at Marist. It is the start of an enriching four-year experience with the Retreat Program here at Marist.

**HOMECOMING WEEK EVENTS:**

Homecoming Week is scheduled for October 24th through the 28th. There are many fun activities for students to participate in, culminating with the Homecoming Game on Friday, October 28th, and a dance on Saturday, October 29th from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

**We are in need of convertible cars to take the Homecoming Court around the track at halftime of the game on Friday. If you own a convertible and can help, please contact Mrs. Pimental at 686-2234, Ext. 1523.**

**DAILY PRAYER TIME**

**Please note that the Front Office staff will not answer telephone calls from 8:00 to 8:10 a.m., each day in order to participate in morning prayer with our students and staff.**

**Thank you!**

**PARENTS & ALUMNI SERVICE  
ORGANIZATION**

PALS is working hard preparing for the 23rd Annual Calendar Party on Sunday, October 23rd at 1:00 p.m., in the Marist Activity Center. PALS will be selling individual tickets for people to sit at one of four PALS sponsored tables.

If you do not have a table to sit at, invite a friend and sit at a PALS table.

We still need basket donations for the Calendar Party. If you are not able to attend this year but would like to help, please consider donating a basket of items to be auctioned off. Look for the PALS table at Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 21st to sign up to donate basket items. For questions, contact Sabrina Enright at 341-1786 for more information.

PALS is looking to fill the position of Secretary on its Executive Board. We are also still in need of a chairperson for the Mother/Son Dinner Dance on March 12th. Please call Tina Auld at 431-1713 if you would like to fill one of these positions.

*"Every parent is a PALS member, working toward building a positive community, in which every parent feels welcome."*

**SPARTAN CLUB NEWS**

The Marist Spartan Club would like to invite all parents and Marist staff to join the officers, and Marist coaches at their monthly get-togethers. This month we will have a luncheon meeting at Mac's at the Vet Club on Tuesday, October 11th at 11:30 a.m. Our head football coach Rory Rosenbach will be there to field questions about our current football season. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**ATTENDANCE CALLS**  
▼

**Please call 681-5485 or 681-5487 for all attendance calls (i.e., to report a sick or late student, etc.). Do not call the front office first for attendance calls.**

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**FROM DEAN OF STUDENTS**

“We can never be too careful. . .” Even though we are off to a good start, I would like to strongly recommend that all parents and guardians of students who drive stress the importance of safety, especially in and around our school premises, to include Kingsley Road. As stated in the Student Handbook, under Driving/Parking Regulations, students will eventually lose their privilege to drive on campus permanently if violations occur.

Due to an increasing number of students changing their clothes in the parking lot before going to their sports practice (instead of going to the locker room), we find it necessary to institute proactive measures to put an end to this kind of behavior. Students will be notified ahead of time that consequences will be assigned to violators.

As the year progresses, it is of extreme importance for students to be reminded to keep their belongings in a secure location at all times. If your student misplaces an item, or in the unfortunate event that he/she becomes a victim of a stolen item, please have them file a report with me immediately. In the past there were a few instances where items were misplaced or stolen and we were able to recover most of them.

As always, feel free to contact me at any time if I can be of assistance or if you simply need a good listener. I truly hope you have a great year!

A logo consisting of a series of horizontal green lines of varying lengths, forming a downward-pointing triangle.  
**MARIST FOUNDATION NEWS****ANNUAL APPEAL**

Annual Appeal will kick off October 1st. Our goal this year is to raise \$180,000 to help with the Scholarship Program. In April we awarded over \$67,000 in scholarships to deserving students. However, we do have many scholarships that have not grown with inflation. Our textbook scholarships alone start at \$100 each. This has little effect when textbooks for a year are running anywhere from \$400 to \$650 per student. We want to increase all scholarships to a minimum of \$500 each. Please take the time to look over the brochures that will be mailed shortly and consider helping with a donation to help others at Marist High School.

**ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE**

There will be a “Special Remembrance” book in the Marist Chapel for All Soul’s Day on November 2nd until the end of the month. Names of the deceased from our monthly Shield, plus names of family and friends that you would like to include, will be in the book. Please send names you would like to include to the Marist Foundation, P.O. Box 41165, Eugene, OR 97404 or email them to [ebrown@maristfoundation.org](mailto:ebrown@maristfoundation.org).

**SAVE THE DATE**

The 35th Wonderful World of Auction is scheduled for **MAY 13, 2006**. We will be celebrating the past 35 years of auction and the support it has given to Marist High School. Please consider being a part of this important event. We will be starting up our oral auction procurement and sponsorship teams in October. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Foundation Office at 686-0251.

**WELCOME BACK TO OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF!**



### MARIST PRODUCTION PLANNED

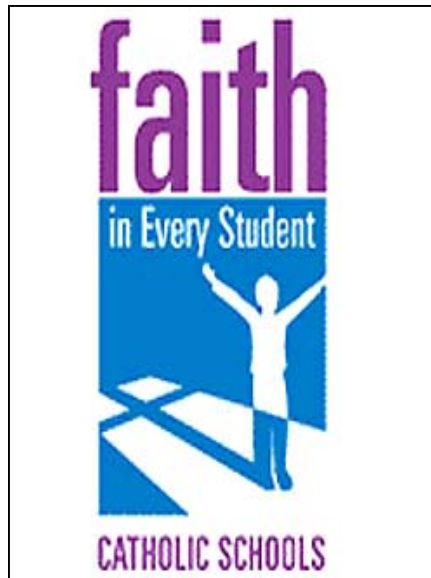
The Marist High School Theater Department is proud to announce the first production of our 2005-2006 season: A staged reading of John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath," directed by our new theater teacher Mr. Tony Rust.

Performance dates are Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd at 8:00 p.m., and again on Sunday, October 23rd at 2:00 p.m., all in the Marist Theater.

For ticket information call the Theater Box Office at 686-2234, Ext. 1132.



### MARIST BULLETIN BOARD



### "WE ARE ONE"

Yes, the Parent Volunteer Program is alive and well! There is a rumor going around that volunteering here at Marist is not required any longer. Not true! We need parent help even more than we did before. By volunteering you make a Marist High School education more valuable for your child Email Terrie Clemens at [tclemens@marisths.org](mailto:tclemens@marisths.org) or call 686-2234 for questions.

**"Serving others is an integral part of living Christian values."**

### MARIST OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Welcome back Marist community! MOAP is ready for an exciting year, with many outdoor adventures. Watch for upcoming events in the monthly Marist newsletter.

If there is enough interest, MOAP will hike Spencer Butte on October 14th, with another hike on November 11th. Watch for details.

Contact Jeff Dreiling for additional information at 686-2234 or email him at [jdreiling@marisths.org](mailto:jdreiling@marisths.org). Have a great fall!



**INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?**  
Please go to [www.marisths.org](http://www.marisths.org) and click on "Parent Groups" and then to "Volunteer Program" to access a listing of volunteer opportunities. We can't run the school alone; we need YOU! Thanks for always being there for us and your children!!



### NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

Remember to recycle those daily newspapers. Marist has two newspaper drop boxes in the auxiliary parking lot in the front of the school. Please consider recycling and take advantage of the free drop.

Thank you!



## MARIST HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

**As a Catholic,  
college preparatory high school,  
WE ARE ONE  
as a community of believers  
tied together in the love of Jesus Christ  
on a journey of faith.**

**We covenant together  
to develop disciplined students  
who are  
academically prepared,  
morally strong,  
and socially aware to  
impact their world  
as responsible Christian  
leaders and witnesses.**

