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The SPARTAN SPEAR

MARIST HIGH SCHOOL *Online*

Sports Update

Boys Basketball

On Tuesday Jan. 8 the Spartans began league play with a 64-46 win over Junction City who was ranked number one in the state.

Girls Basketball

On Tuesday the girls basketball team had their league opener against the undefeated Junction City Tigers. Junction City won 51-43 over Marist to drop them to 0-1 in league, 8-5 over all.

Wrestling

The Spartans wrestled Pleasant Hill on Thursday at Marist. The team lost overall. The next tournament is on Saturday in Coquille.

Fans Go Under Cover



Marist fans at the Junction City game. Photo By Luke Koester

By Grant Mascolo

This winter the boys basketball games have been getting great attendance from students. Among these students are a few who have set themselves apart by taking their "fanhood" to the next level.

These fans began by dressing up as altar boys and priests and since

then have been gaining support and growing in numbers.

Against Douglas they covered themselves in snow gear for the theme that "a storm was about to hit."

For the league opener against school rival Junction City, they urged their fellow classmates and

dedicated fans to participate along with them.

The fans responded for the game by wearing all of their best hunting gear and camouflage.

On Friday night the boys basketball team will play again at home against Elmira, who will be at the mercy of the superfans.

Insomnia

By Abbie Silva

When I was seven, staying up late was basically the coolest thing ever. Now that I'm 17 and have been experiencing insomnia for the past few months, I can think of a lot of different 'coolest things ever.'

While these sleepless nights aren't fun to go through, they can prove themselves useful. It's amazing how much I can get finished with an extra six hours in my day.

Over the past few weeks of nights without sleep, I have cleaned out my closet, written two essays, finished two books, read four magazines, and updated my iPod, all under the watchful eye of the moon.

If I'm lucky, I finally drift off to sleep around 3:30 a.m. until I am viciously awakened by my alarm clock at 6:00. Functioning on two and a half hours of sleep is hard for anyone, but it is especially hard for me since I was used to eight hours of sleep per night.

The problem with making it through the day on these few hours of sleep without dozing off during class grows even larger because I refuse to be aided by the caffeinated kick of coffee or soda (both of these beverages literally make me sick).

So I continue through my days tired and slightly less quick-witted than normal, hoping that each night will bring me a few more precious hours of sleep.

Now I scoff at my younger self who relished staying up until 3:00 a.m., and spend a lot of time thinking of how the 'coolest thing ever' would actually be to sleep through the night, or even to sleep at all.

Little Smalley Visits Marist

By Kyle Lakey

On Tuesday Jan. 8, Mr. Smalley's freshmen health class got the opportunity to listen to Mrs. Smalley's baby using a heart monitor. The class was very excited to receive this opportunity. They learned about the different cycles an unborn baby goes through in the womb. They could ask the doctor any questions regarding pregnancy.

Preview Day



THIS SATURDAY!
January 12, 2008
Starts at 1 p.m.

Check www.marisths.org for more info!

STARTS TODAY!
Dead Man Walking
Presented By Marist Drama

Students Explore Issues of Life and Death

Classes study Dead Man Walking

By John Stahmer

Tonight the Marist Theater Program's production of Tim Robbins' Dead Man Walking opens. The story follows Sister Helen Prejean, portrayed by senior Erin Ross, and her work with a death row inmate and convicted murderer Matt Poncelet, portrayed by senior Zach Hammond.

The playwright offered his script to high schools with the intention of the topic of the death penalty being used across the curriculum. Marist has done so through several classes, such as the junior AP Literature class, filmmaking class, photography class, and Christian Leadership Class.

In photography class, students made posters for the promotion of the play. Through their research, students in photography began to see a different side of capital punishment. Sophomore Tucker Kline said the project "changed my view on the death penalty." Senior Johnathan Shivers, also an actor in the play, said the activity "brought to life aspects of the death penalty I did not know."

The play's topic is very controversial in modern day society. Along with the cross-curricular study of the issues surrounding capital punishment, Tim Robbins and Sister Prejean ask for a talk back after each performance.



Actors wait in the green room during rehearsal. Photo By Toni Cooper



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Dance Team Steps It Up!

By Lauren Furrer

The Marist Passion Dance Team has been practicing very diligently for their upcoming competitions. The team practices weekday mornings at 6 a.m. That means a big commitment by all the girls on the team.

Their next competition is on Jan. 19 at Thurston. Feel free to go and cheer on your team!



Photo By Katie Lilley

Spartan Team Announced

By Erica Cross

For the 14th year running Marist is putting on a show to help the Children's Miracle Network save premature babies. Our 2008 Mr. Spartans are: Ryan Bell, Michael Bellamy, Trevor Clemens, Andrew Hughes, Connor Kerns, John Stahmer, Chad Swenson, Colton Thomas. The girls running the show are: Camille Cioffi, Margaux Gonyea, Andrus Harper, Emery Hilles, Mimi Nguyen, Priscilla Osredkar, Caroline Phillips, Danielle Ragan, Abbie Silva, and Kelsey Weilbrenner.