



Sports Update

Volleyball
The Spartans played North Bend on Tuesday at home. Varsity lost 2-3, JV won 2-1 and JV2 lost 1-2. Thursday night the varsity team beat Springfield 3-0 at home.

Boys Soccer
Boys soccer played Springfield Tuesday, winning 6-1 and came up short against Churchill 0-1 Thursday at Churchill High School.

Girls Soccer
Varsity beat Churchill 9-0 in their home opener. They begin league play next Tuesday against Marist rival Junction City at home.

Cross Country
This Saturday cross country heads to Newport for their first meet.

Water polo
Water polo kicks off play next Thursday, September 11 at the Amazon pool vs. Sheldon.

Football
Varsity lost their season opener against the number-one-4A rated Central 42-56 at Western Oregon University last Friday. JV traveled to Marshfield Thursday and lost in double overtime 26-32. The freshmen team began their season by blowing out LaSalle 40-8 at home.

Fifth Period Frenzy



A small group of Marist seniors show their passion for the "Free Our Fifth" Movement. Photo By Nick Genovese

By **Jordan Schrader**

"Oh what?!" was senior Ian Skurdal's first reaction when he saw his schedule for the first time this past summer. This was due to the fact that he did not have fifth period free, which has been a Marist standard for years.

"I was confused and frustrated over why there were random free periods," he said, "and I was disappointed I would not be able to share lunch with all my friends,

which we were planning to do for three years."

After talking to fellow seniors Matt Perkins and Matt DeBellis, the three had the idea to make shirts for the senior class.

From there, the "Free My Fifth" movement was born. The three seniors ordered the simple shirts that made the strong demand "Free My Fifth Period."

The senior hallway was filled with the shirts on the first day of

school. "The shirts united the senior class, and it was all in good fun," Ian said. Everyone who saw the shirts outside of the senior class loved the idea and the enthusiasm.

Although frustrated, the senior class is coping with these first week growing pains due to the unfamiliar system. There is no fix to this situation in the near future, but possibly something can be done for the distant second semester that will satisfy everyone involved.

Power School

By **Rebecca Hanson**

It is a new year here at Marist High School, and the administration has introduced a new system of student data organization called Power School.

Marist decided on this new system through a series of meetings and research looking for a more convenient way to allow students to follow their progress and to replace the old outdated system.

The idea is that students will be able to view their grades, attendance and assignments at any time they please. Instead of receiving the periodic progress reports, emails will be sent out to parents and students to check one's grades.

In addition to helping students, Power School will aid the staff in future scheduling and parents will be able to view their children's progress, or lack thereof.

Though parents are able to access use Power school as well, it is primarily for the students, who will be able to keep in tune with how they are doing in their classes and assignments.

The New News Crew



Welcome to the new school year. The 2008-09 Newspaper Staff is ready to provide you with all of the latest campus news. This year's staff includes: Pat Bartels, Jeff Bedbury, Jordan Brandt, Danielle Gehrke, Rebecca Hanson, Art Hickman, Luke Koester, Kristen Lee, Erica Little, Amy Parks, and Jordan Schrader along with the advisor Ms. Toni Cooper.

First Day For Freshman and Transfers

By **Erica Little**

Incoming freshmen and transfer students filed into the gym on Thursday to experience the traditional Orientation Day. The front end of the gym became crowded with new people who were soon corralled into the bleachers by Shari Pimental, the sophomore/junior counselor.

After the standard welcome talk, Marist Chaplain Father David Cullings took the spotlight. In a way that I hadn't seen before, he proved to everyone once again that "we are one" as a school and a community.

After asking everyone to stand for what middle school they had gone to, he asked everyone who goes to Marist High School to stand. Hesitantly, the new students stood. Then he said, "From now on, you are all students of Marist High School. Forget about where you all

went to middle school."

With that thought fresh in their minds, the new students dispersed into their small groups where they played games and took a tour of the school. During the activity, each group took a short break so that all the students could write a letter to themselves in which they could write whatever they chose. After finishing, they put the letter in an envelope and addressed it to themselves so that it could be sent to them at the end of their senior year.

After the activities had finished, the students went to all their classes so they would be prepared for the first day of school. The gym and courtyard became still while the classrooms filled with students. The first day of school would fill the empty space again and mark the beginning of a new year and new traditions.



New freshman Dylan Beneat puzzles over his next move at freshman orientation.

Freshman Dylan Karr spends time next to the fountain writing himself a letter he will receive upon graduating high school.

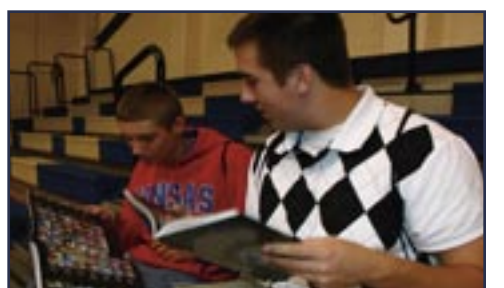
WELCOME BACK DAY AFFAIR

By **Pat Bartels**

Welcome Back Day was last Tuesday in the Marist gym. The returning students came to pick up last year's yearbook and to get their pictures taken and get their student ID's. Last year's seniors and the incoming freshmen encountered each other for a brief moment

as the graduates collected their yearbooks and gave their final farewells.

It was a short affair; students were able to take care of photos and get their planners and other information regarding their classes in around 20 minutes.



(Above) Sophomores Nolan Cogan and Matthew Devereux look over the 2008 Yearbook.

(Left) Juniors Kendall Silva and Angela Bruni hand out 2008 Yearbooks that they helped create.