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THE MARIST NEWSLINE



The monthly newsletter of Marist Catholic High School

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October 2010

Principal's Notes


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Jay
Conroy,
Principal

Greetings Parents,

Mission statement finalized A mission statement should be a vital, concise, clear statement of who we are. It should serve to guide our planning and decisions and remind us of our "core" values and direction. Our staff, school board and strategic planning groups have boiled down their work to the following language.

Marist Catholic High School is a Christ-centered, welcoming community committed to academic excellence and preparing students to lead and serve others.

In many respects it is simple, not earth-shattering. But, most importantly, for us it is a statement that can easily be recalled and used by our school community as a measuring stick, a screen, a guide. Thank you all for all of the input, thoughtful reactions and prayerful reflections on just what the particular wording should be. Our task now is to hold ourselves to its profound and hugely important content.

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Theology teacher We are pleased to announce that we have hired ***Katie Ryding*** to serve as our Theology teacher for the year, replacing Teri Dibos who resigned to attend to personal matters in early September. Katie has a strong academic background with a Masters degree in Education. She has led adult RCIA classes in her parish and has worked for Marist during the last few years as a very popular and capable substitute teacher and part-time media assistant. She is working closely with fellow Theology teachers, Julie Ferrari and Heidi Susec, in planning and carrying out the two different classes she has so positively and effectively taken on.



Katie
Ryding

This coming March, we will conduct a full search to fill the position with a permanent appointment.

Enrollment, Budget and Annual Fund Drive Keeping you posted, we started our school year with 483 students, including a 9th grade class of 124 new Spartans. That is actually two more than projected; however, we have to also report that due to the very tough economic times, we are right at, or slightly shy of, projected income due to a shortfall in projected tuition receipts.

In order to maintain students currently enrolled in Marist and to allow families to bring siblings to Marist to join students already here, we had to extend tuition reimbursement levels. We are watching expenses very closely and putting huge efforts into our "Annual Fund Drive." It is more important than ever before that we go out to current parents, alumni and community members to ask for their support in these very tough times. We want to continue to offer the great experience of Marist to as many as possible. Anything less means we're falling short of our mission and our faith-based commitment to our students. Thank you in advance for your generosity and your prayers in helping us meet our Annual Fund Drive in the months ahead.

MPA While on the subject of "thank you's," we all want to thank the ***Marist Parent Association*** for stepping up this fall to renew their commitment to help make our school a welcoming and positive community. Thank you especially to last year's President, Leisa McAdams, and this year's new President, Cinda Holaday, for their energy and guidance on the great projects they developed and will continue and grow this year. Stay tuned for opportunities for parents to be involved and to get together in community at Marist.

Coffee with the Principal We had a good showing for our first coffee meeting in September and have our second one slated for **Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 8:15 A.M.** in the cafeteria.

The main topic is *Juniors: What's ahead this year?*

As always, we cover a number of questions and topics and rumors, so come enjoy coffee and a light pastry.

Blessings to you all as we push towards the heart of the first semester. Thanks for all your prayers and support.

In faith,

Jay Conroy, Principal

Commended Students Announced



Amy Parks; Gerald Rouleau; Blaine Patrick Werner

Sept 27 -Marist Principal Jay Conroy announced that seniors Amy Parks, Gerald Rouleau and Blaine Patrick Werner have been named Commended Students in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commmendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), which conducts the program, was presented by Conroy to these scholastically talented Marist students.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2011 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2011 competition by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test (PSAT/NMSQT).

"Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success."

The Marist Staff also offer their congratulations to Amy, Jerry and Blaine!

September Spartans of the Month



Mathew Beattie (senior); Trish Laver (senior); Tate McCurdy (senior);
Laura Whalen (senior)

Congratulations to these students who were chosen by Marist Staff as deserving of special recognition for their contributions to our Marist community.

September Athletes of the Month



Carson Kiesewetter (senior - football); Alexis Mollahan (senior - volleyball); Katie Noonan (senior - soccer); Tyler Patterson (junior - soccer)

Campus Ministry

RETREATS

With the successful completion of our **Formation Retreat**, the retreat season is off to a fine start! Forty-two (42) of our juniors and seniors attended the Formation Retreat in order to prepare themselves as leaders for the sophomore retreats and junior Encounters that we will launch in mid-October. These events promise good things, with a fine student team at the helm and the Spirit of God providing the energy and direction.

There are two opportunities for juniors to attend retreats this year: one this fall and one in the winter. The deadline for registration for the first boys' Encounter is **Oct. 11** and for the girls' Encounter, registrations should be in no later than **Friday, Nov. 5**. Please speak with Mr. Oldham regarding boys' Encounters and Mrs. Baker regarding girls' Encounters.

For sophomores, we will begin with an all-class Sophomore Retreat during the school day on **Tuesday, Oct. 12**. This retreat will be led by Doug Tooke, along with members of the Marist Retreat Team. This is a return engagement for Doug

who led the retreat last year. Doug brings a spiritual richness and unique ability to communicate with teens that will provide them with a great experience on the 12th. More information will come home through the Theology classes.

There will also be opportunities later this year for sophomores to join in a weekend Journey retreat. The girls' offerings are in December and February and the boys' in February. Contact Mrs. Julie Ferrari for more information regarding the Girls' Journey retreats or Rick Martin regarding the Boy's Journey retreat.

LITURGY

On **Oct. 14** our students will celebrate Mass with their class communities. The freshman Mass, held in the Theater, is a continuation of the Lock-In. The sophomore and junior classes will gather together in the Activity Center to focus on living the Marist motto "We Are One." The senior Mass (in the cafeteria) will call the students to be spirited servant-leaders who "Live the 4th." As always, parents are more than welcome to join us!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Preach the Gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words - St. Francis of Assisi

Junior Parents: Thank you for supporting your junior students in arranging the 10 local hours of service that they need to have completed by the end of the first quarter.

Senior Parents: We are still processing journals completed by your students over the summer. We should have progress assessed soon so that we can help your students move on to their final reflective pieces. Thank you for your support and work with them. Any seniors who have not yet completed all their hours need to see Mrs. Ferrari as soon as possible. Completion of these hours figures into their grade for senior Theology and is a requirement for graduation.

All parents: If you have any questions regarding Marist service requirements, please contact Julie Ferrari.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 12: Sophomore Retreat (in-school)
- Oct. 14: Class Community Masses
- Oct. 30-Nov 1: Junior Boys Encounter
- Oct. 25: Sophomore Parent Night

- Nov. 9: Parent Response Night
- Nov. 20-22: Junior Girls Encounter

Mr. Spartan Program

The Mr. Spartan Program is selling calendars - with great coupons - to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. The calendars, produced by Bruce Berg Photography, feature students from Lane County high schools. Senior Logan Silver is featured in the 2010-11 school calendar. The cost is only \$10. Contact Julie Ferrari at jferrari@marisths.org to purchase one. Thank you for your support!

Marist Theatre presents...



[Order your tickets today!](#)

The Bench Is Back!

In 2002-03, Marist senior Morgan Koons constructed an amazing teak bench and two teak chairs. The bench was a memorial to Amanda Snook, class of 2001, who died of brain cancer in 2002. Although not officially "plaqued," the chairs were made in memory of two other members of the class of 2001 whom we have lost: Marie DeHoog and Chase Saunders.

The bench and chairs were placed in the courtyard and, unfortunately, the weather took its toll. They fell apart and were "in hiding" behind the chapel for years. Enter Marist's "knight in shining varnish," Elmer Dreiling, father of Mr. Jeff Dreiling, Campus Supervisor. Elmer took the bench and chairs home for the summer and did an incredible job of restoring them to their former glory. They are now inside the Main Office front lobby, so feel free to enjoy a rest on them during your next visit to Marist.

Are you new to Marist?

If you are a "new" Marist student or parent and have questions about where to find information (*What's tomorrow's class schedule? What's Campus Ministry all about? When's the next home soccer game? How do I print out my homework at school?*) a great place to start is the Marist website.



For parents and students, you'll find a [school calendar](#), a [complete sports calendar](#), access to all [Teacher Webs](#). You can [search for books in the library catalog](#), find information about [how to use the school computer network](#) and much, much more. [Check it out!](#)

News for Senior Parents

Grad Party Fundraiser

We are still looking for good recruits to man the fall sports events concessions and throughout the year. Remember this is a fundraiser for the Senior Grad Party. [Take a look at our concessions volunteer schedule here](#), then contact Jill Noland at 541-913-1353 or jill.noland10@gmail.com. Thank you for helping us help your Grad! If you are a parent of an undergrad who would like to join us, we'd be delighted to have you sign up, also.



From the Registrar

Seniors were given graduation packets from Miner's and Associates on Wednesday, September 29th. Please make sure they have given these to you and that you are aware of ordering dates and deadlines. This packet includes an order form for any and all graduation products. The only item the student **must** have is the cap and gown although most families will want to order graduation announcements for family and friends. These can be ordered in any quantity. Miners will back on Oct. 25 and 26 during both lunches to collect those graduation orders. If you do not return the order during those two days you can drop it off to me in the

front office. The deadline for ordering is **Nov. 30.**

Chris Deffenbacher
Marist Catholic High School Registrar
541-686-2234 ext 1524

Grad Night Meeting

Monday, Oct. 11, 7-8 P.M. in the Murnane Library. This is for all senior parents. We are still in need of a chairperson, treasurer, new concession purchaser/stocker (Thanks to Jill Noland for her concession commitment for the past year!), and concession stand volunteers. Please attend this meeting. It takes a village to put on a Grad Night!

Senior Portrait Day

Wednesday, Oct. 13, starting at 8:00 A.M. in the cafeteria . This is for **ALL** seniors. This is your 2011 Yearbook photo. Info packets will be sent home.

Senior's Essay Wins Award

University of Portland

Marist's Mathew Beattie received recognition for an essay he submitted in a University of Portland competition.



Mathew Beattie

Beattie's essay received honorable mention from Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture at the University of Portland. The Garaventa Center sponsors an annual essay contest among students from Northwest Catholic high schools. Beattie, a senior, entitled his essay "Life Through the Eyes of the Victor" and was awarded a \$100 cash prize. Theme for the 2010 Garaventa competition was "History: What We Choose to Remember."

Entries were submitted from Oregon, Washington, Utah and Montana Catholic high school students.

Theme for the 2011 competition will be "Getting Beyond Myself: How I Learned It's Not All About Me."

Homecoming 2010!

October 4-9

October kicks off with Homecoming Week! This spirited week includes 4 dress-up days, 3 inter-class competitions, the football Homecoming game against Churchill, the annual Homecoming Dance, and the beginning of a year-long competition for the Class Cup. Each class can receive points for having the highest percentage of students dress up each

day; winning the Trivia Bowl, Tug of War, or class dance; or bringing in the most coats for MVP's coat drive!

The Homecoming Dance will take place on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 8:30-11:30 P.M. The cost of admission is \$8 per person. Theme: Candyland! Don't forget to order your corsages and boutonnieres for Homecoming from Marist parent, Julie Haskin of Julie Ann Design! Over 25 years experience! Call in your order at 541-343-4800 or cell phone at 541-501-8201. Remember, the Homecoming Dance is just a few days away!

Students please take note: Monday, Oct. 4, the start of Homecoming Week, is a "G" late-in schedule for both students and staff. The Library will open at 9:20 A.M.

News from Marist for Life

Thank you to all who generously donated diapers for Marist for Life's second annual Back to School Diaper Drive in benefit of First Way! It was a great way to kick off the school year!



Heidi
Susec,
Marist for
Life
moderator

Our pro-life club is up and running with new participants at each meeting! We have many exciting plans to help educate and raise awareness of the dignity of human life, from conception to natural death.

First off, students are invited to join Marist for Life in the fight against abortion, here in Eugene and across the nation. A group of students will be joining the *40 Days for Life* prayer vigil once a week after school in downtown Eugene during the month of October. Students should sign up with Mrs. Susec before participating. For more information visit 40daysforlife.com.

Also, some students may choose to participate in the Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity, in which students will stay silent for the day to raise awareness of all the babies whose voices were silenced through the tragedy of abortion. Students who participate are to let their teachers know beforehand of their plans, and also are instructed to speak in class if necessary. For more information, visit silentday.org.

And most important, please pray for a greater respect for all human life, especially through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary in this month of October.

Counselors' Corner

The **Mid-Willamette College Fair** will take place this weekend on Sunday, Oct. 3 from noon-3:00 PM in the Main Gym of Building 5 on the LCC campus. Over 67 university representatives will be there to provide university information to students.



Tracy Muilenburg: College Senior Counselor; Shari Pimental: Counselor for Freshmen, NCAA Clearinghouse Advisor; Jerry Ragan: Counselor for Sophomores and Juniors

Here's a tip for **making the most of a college fair**: Print out stickers that have your name, address, email address, high school name, year of graduation, and intended major (if you know it). This will save you time and the hassle of filling out postcards for each university representative.

The **Oregon University Systems Night** will take place on Oct. 26 at 7:00 PM in the Murnane Library here at Marist. Representatives from all the public universities in Oregon will visit Marist that evening to present information on their school. Attendees will be able to hear presentations from three universities. This is a great opportunity to get the most up-to-date information about applying to public schools in Oregon.

Progress Reports will be available in the afternoon of Oct. 12.

The **PSAT** will take place on SATURDAY, Oct. 16 this year. We expect all junior students to attend and take the exam. Please arrive by 7:45 AM for an 8:00 AM start time and bring TWO #2 (non-mechanical) pencils with a functioning eraser. Also, make sure to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast. The PSAT is the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarships.

Freshman Parent Night is Oct. 18 at 7:00 PM in the Library.

On-Campus College Visits are updated online in two spots on the Marist website as soon as they are scheduled. The links are:

- [School Calendar](#)
- [Counseling Department](#)

Brown Bag Lunch Program - Career Exploration

Objective: To provide opportunities for Marist students to learn more about the background, training, and actual tasks involved in careers/occupations in which they have an interest.

Rationale: Most high school students have very general ideas about the career/occupation direction their lives will take. [Naviance](#), the school college and career information program, enables students to explore an abundance of careers and occupations. However, this valuable resource cannot replace the testimony from hands-on practitioners. Thus, adults who serve as presenters are offering Marist students an extremely vital glimpse into the work they do each day.

We are pleased to announce that the Brown-Bag Lunch Program will provide the opportunities for students to learn about ten different occupations. We are blessed and very grateful to the adult practitioners who will come to Marist to serve our students. We will be filing in all the following dates so please encourage your students to sign up for the occupations in which they have an interest.

- 10/13/10 - **Teaching** - Kevin Alltucker, Kelli Braud, Pat Wagner
- 11/10/10 - **TBA**
- 12/02/10 - **Dentistry/Orthodontics** - Leah Hickson, Andy Bennion
- 1/13/11 - **Law** - Judge Tom Coffin, Jim Hoffman
- 2/02/11 - **Physician** - Dr. Stephan Schepergerdes, Dr. Bob Hacker
- 2/17/11 - **Writer/Journalist/Editor** - Bob Welch
- 3/03/11 - **Engineer** - Amy Caruana, Mel Damewood
- 4/07/11; 04/28/11; 05/19/11 - **TBA**

Marist School-Wide Outreach Program

The **Marist Volunteer Program (M.V.P.)** is dedicated to coordinating opportunities for the entire Marist community to be active servants of those in need. Below is the schedule of school-wide outreach projects for 2010-2011. We encourage and appreciate your prayerful and active support.



Jerry
Ragan,
MVP
moderator

Currently, we are working with the 20/30 Club to provide winter coats for children and adults with an emphasis on infants and young children. The cold weather can take its toll on members of our community who are without the benefit of shelter or warm clothing. If you have new or gently

used coats to donate, bring them in between **Monday, Oct. 4 and Tuesday, Oct. 12**. Homecoming class points are awarded to each class based on the number of coats donated. *Last year, our school community donated 335 coats!* Thank you and please be generous.

Schedule of Events for 2010-11

- Oct. 4-12: 20/30 Club Coats for Kids Drive
- Nov. 12-19: "Dollar Drive" for Eugene Mission Thanksgiving Dinner
- Dec. 8-17: National Honor Society Christmas Drive for Catholic Community Services
- Jan. 10-April 2: Mr. Spartan Activities
- Jan. 31-Feb. 8: Canned Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul
- March 9-April 29: "Project Starfish" for SVDP First Place Family Center
- April 2: Mr. Spartan Pageant for Children's Miracle Network
- June 6-16: "Clean Out Your Desk" Project
- All Year: Collect Deposit Cans/Bottles for Stove Team International

Attendance...The Sequel

Here at Marist one of our main objectives is to maintain the integrity of the classroom to achieve the most success in the "teaching/learning" experience. Your student's safety on campus is also of utmost importance to us, which is why your student's attendance is verified each and every period. If a student must leave during the school day, it is imperative to communicate this **ahead of time** to the Attendance Office. The student will then be given advance notice in order to leave the classroom with as minimal disruption as possible. Those students without parental notice to leave for an appointment are **not allowed to leave the classroom**. All dismissals/early releases must be done through the Attendance Office.

Obviously, there are times when appointments are made at the last minute and we will accommodate your request as efficiently as possible with regard to, again, maintaining the integrity of the classroom. Notes for early releases (for appointments, etc.) ideally should be done with a phone call or note to the Attendance Office before 8:00am. The Attendance line is 541-681-5485.

We thank you for your courtesy in this matter and encourage you to view the Marist Handbook for process clarification if needed.

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