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SPARTAN Statistics

SWIMMING

Thursday at Marshfield, the boys won while girls lost in their first meet of the year.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

After winning 50-40 last week at Liberty, varsity beat 3A defending state champions Regis 55-48 in their home opener. JV also won 32-29.

BOYS BASKETBALL

In their season opener, varsity won 61-50 at 6A Hillsboro on Tuesday. JV also beat Hillsboro 59-31 while the freshman lost 46-38. On Thursday, varsity lost 66-51 at South Eugene while JV lost 54-51 and the freshmen lost 42-39.

WRESTLING

On Monday, Drew Boyles placed 2nd in his weight class while Spencer Morris Placed 3rd. Wednesday at North Eugene, Boyles won his match while Morris lost. Other Marist wrestlers will join the competitions in the upcoming weeks.

CHEER

Many new girls are out for Cheer this winter and are now in the process of trying out.

**NHS/MVP
Christmas Drive**
Bring in
non-perishable food,
hats, gloves, scarves,
hygiene products or
monetary donations!
**Ends Friday
December 17th!**

Candy-Cane-O-Grams
On Sale
through Thursday,
December 16th.
**One for \$.50
Three for \$1.00**
Delivered to classrooms
on Friday

FOOTBALL FINISHES 2ND IN STATE



Coach Frank Geske leads prayer following the defeat in Saturday night's football game as parents and students surround the team. Photo By Toni Cooper.

After an undefeated regular season in 5A, the Spartans fall just short of a state championship

By Audrey Hart

Saturday- The 37 degree weather didn't stop the fans from cheering or the varsity football team from giving it their all in the championship game against the Sherwood Bowmen.

Even though the game ended in heartbreak, a 26-23 overtime loss, the boys played fantastically. Senior team captain and quarterback Logan Silver carried the team with two clutch touchdowns in the fourth quarter tying up the score and sending the game to overtime. In the first overtime period, Sherwood kicked a field goal for the win.

"They were a good team but we



The football team kneels on the sideline as they watch Sherwood kick the game-winning field goal. Photo By Audrey Hart.

could have won it. This was my favorite team from all of my years and we came out with so much heart in the second half. There were some doubts in the first half but we definitely showed we were there for

a reason and I couldn't be prouder." said Silver.

Despite the result, the team made the Marist community proud through their sportsmanship and play at the 5A level.

Immaculate Conception Mass

By Katie Meyers

On Wednesday, Marist celebrated Mary's Feast Day with a Mass of the Immaculate Conception to recognize the role of service that the Blessed Virgin Mary plays in our lives.

Father Dave Cullings centered his homily on the DreamWorks Animation film, "How to Train Your Dragon". The movie is about a boy and a dragon who develop a relationship of caring through serving each other.

The service given by the two characters transformed them and allowed them to create a special relationship.

The homily ended with the message that we can also be transformed by building relationships that aid the less fortunate. Senior MVP and NHS students performed a skit dressed as dragons to demonstrate the meaning behind service and promote the upcoming Christmas drive.



Seniors lead a skit based on the movie How to Train Your Dragon during the homily. Photo By Jared Lathon.

History Project Becomes Something Greater



Freshmen Sean Dorsey and Stephanie Coulombe pose in their history classroom. Photo By Ray Ferrari.

By Ray Ferrari

When he assigned his second quarter project, freshman World History teacher Peter Muilenburg wasn't expecting his students to take it so far.

With an assignment dealing with women's rights in the world, freshmen Sean Dorsey and Stephanie Coulombe decided to focus on the women of Vrindavan, India. When considering what to do, Dorsey said he "wanted to not only get a good grade, but to truly help those in need."

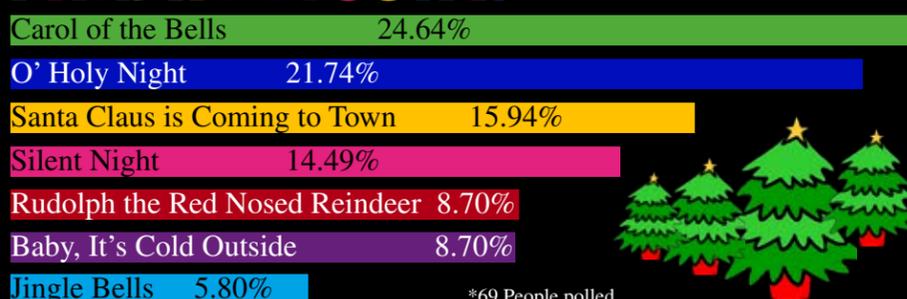
To help the Indian widows residing in Vrindivan, these freshmen gathered money from people in their neighborhoods and had a collection at St. Paul Parish which Fr. Steve Clovis heavily promoted, resulting in a total sum of \$647.18. The project has concluded, but these students believe the impact made on them will be a permanent one.

The noble works of these freshmen are certainly appreciated but should also be admired as a strong source of Christmas spirit in this advent season. "Always be thankful of the blessings you have," said Dorsey.

Sometimes known as the "City of Widows, Vrindivan hosts nearly 20,000 widows living on the streets due to Hindu culture outlawing widows to remarry and causing the abandonment of many women.

"I realized how lucky we are after seeing that some people really are suffering," said Coulombe.

FRIDAY FIGURES What is your favorite Christmas song?



*69 People polled

Sophomore Journeys

By Mackenzie Henshaw

Last weekend, some sophomore girls escaped to St. Peter's Church and Marist High School for a retreat with their fellow girl classmates to learn about each other, their faith and themselves.

Junior and senior leaders led the girls in the theme of "journey," through small groups, activities and silly games and songs. The retreat created bonds amongst the girls that will continue throughout high school.

"The retreat was a great bonding experience," said sophomore Nicole Jones. "It helped me to see people differently and make some new friends."



Photo By Margaret Quartararo