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## End of the Road



Sophomore Dani Krier shoots a free throw at Mountain View last Friday. Photo by Hanna Mack.

By Michael Busse

After two initial victories in the state play-offs launched the boys and girls basketball teams into the top 16, both teams concluded their seasons with losses last Friday.

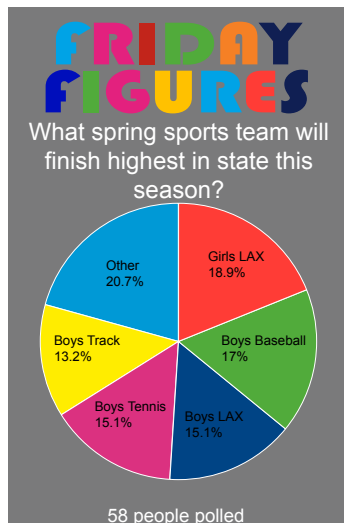
The boys team lost to Bend 43-67, with sophomore Josh Harper scoring 18 points. The girls were defeated by Mountain View 47-58 with sophomore Chloe Cummins leading with 17 points.

The girls team finished the season 10-16, while the boys finished 8-18. Both teams dealt with new head coaches, young players, and multiple injuries.

"The way the season ended was unexpected," said junior center Garret Holaday. "I am looking forward to next year and the possibilities of another season."



Junior Garret Holaday takes a jump shot at Bend last Friday. Photo by Hanna Mack.



## RELICS AND REMEMBRANCE



Junior Alyssa Grimaldi receives the cross of ash on her forehead from Terry Clemens at Mass Wednesday. Photo by Audrey Hart.

### Marist celebrates the gift of Lent and a new relic at Ash Wednesday's Mass said in remembrance of two Marist community members who passed away this week

By Micah Stratton

Marist students and staff gathered for Ash Wednesday Mass this week, welcoming a new relic and reflecting on the necessity of community during the current Lenten season.

The arrival of the two shards of wood, placed in the shape of a cross, are said to be from the legitimate cross of Jesus Christ. They were a gift from Steve Wildish and his family, and were previously in the possession of Cardinal Trujillo in Columbia. The origins of relics and their significance were described at the Mass by Father Dave, who carefully explained the history of the Catholic Church and the importance of relics in the altar.

The Mass was said in honor of the lives of Marist 2007 graduate, Alexis Pennington, and Chris Dodds, father of current freshman Brittany Dodds. Both passed away earlier this week. We keep their families in our prayers as they go through this difficult time.



Father Dave and senior Blaine Patrick Werner demonstrate how to give the sign of peace in Latin. Photo by Audrey Hart.



Students buy food items baked by staff members at the bake sale benefitting Project Starfish Tuesday. Photo by Celine Whiteley.

## Project Starfish in Full Swing

By Tressa Parra

The Project Starfish fundraiser kicked off this week at Marist, to raise funds for St. Vincent DePaul's Transitions program, which is in danger of losing federal funds in the hardship of these economic times.

Beginning with the Mardi Gras bake sale on Tuesday, the Marist staff brought in delicious treats and sold them at break and lunch, raising a profit of \$228.54. Many other departments have lent help

for Project Starfish, including the theatre department, Papa's Pizza and the science department's raffle.

Upcoming opportunities to help raise money include the Carl's Jr. Barbecue in April, MVP Karaoke dance during home going week and tonight's sold out Irish Echo show. The religion department will also challenge each religion class to get students to each bring in \$15.

## Mr. Spartan Dance a Huge Success



Students help Mr. Spartan contestant Kevin Haskin surf the crowd at the pre-themed Mr. Spartan dance last Saturday. Photo by Toni Cooper.

By Ali Thoreson

Saturday, students danced the night away at the Mr. Spartan 'Preppy for the Preemies' dance, which rose over \$1500.

This was the most money ever raised in the history of this annual event. The money was donated to Children's Miracle Network, mainly benefitting babies born prematurely.

Girls and boys shuffled in and paid for not only the activity, but for a chance to dance with one of the nine Mr. Spartans or one of the eleven Ms. Spartans.

"Oh man was Kevin Haskin (a senior Mr. Spartan contestant) heavy when he was surfing' the crowd," said senior Brie Gindlesperger.

Many of the preppy people enjoyed dancing to DJ, Mr. Oldham's killer playlist. This year's dance will be a hard one to beat.

## Chess Team Competes at State Tournament

Friday and Saturday, Marist will be competing at Sherwood H.S.

Competitors include: Seniors Blaine Patrick Werner and Gerald Rouleau, junior J.D. Rivas and sophomore Simon Olson.

## Softball Garage Sale

By Carlee Stiltner

Last weekend, the Marist softball team put on their annual garage sale in front of the school to raise money for their Spring Break trip to Medford.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. people came and went, leaving with multiple treasures, despite the cold weather. The prices ranged from \$1 to \$30, with the most expensive item being an Oregon Duck table signed by Luke Jackson, Andre Joseph, Freddie Jones, and several other Duck basketball players, left in mint condition.



Photo by Amy Miller.

## Hamlet Opens Tonight!

By Jessica Perry

Marist theatre's modern production of Hamlet opens tonight at 7:30 combining betrayal, deception, and murder to create a high energy performance.

This modern retelling uses traditional Shakespearean language and stars senior Lauren Taylor as Hamlet; a troubled youth conflicted with his father's death and mother's sudden remarriage. An excellent supporting cast brings this riveting tale to life.

The play will display brilliant special effects, including a surprise visitation from alumni Harrison Givens ('09), as the Ghost of Hamlet's father. Hamlet will also run the, 12th, 18th, and 19th.