

IN THANKSGIVING FOR....

"I am thankful for my family and good health." - Justin Wisner, 11

"I am thankful for my family and friends that I spent 4 years with." - Alan Knepler, 12

"I am thankful for my new host family, the host family I stayed with last year, and my lovely host sister." - Summer Xia, 11

"I'm thankful for my family, my friends and the good education I get from Marist." - Kashi Hall, 11

"I'm thankful for good health and family." - Taylor Gregory, 10

"I'm thankful for my X-Box." - Steven Singh, 10

"I'm thankful for my host family." - Neu Nipatasaj, 12

"My family, of course!" - Tyler Dennis, 12

"I'm thankful for football." - Kam Smith, 12

"Family, friends and swimming." - Abbie Riechers, 9

"Talents, pets and sleep." - Marissa Gibson, 9

"My friends!" - Chris Damewood, 12

"Family, friends and Petanque!" - Ryan Baker, staff

"I'm thankful for Amelia Barker's stories... and Pinterest." - Jessica Swan, 11

"My parents who sent me to study abroad, and teachers who helped me." - Jackie Zhao, 11

"My family, my friends, and school." - Gray Johnson, 12

"My good health, days off from work, and free time with my friends." - Tony Huck, staff

"Family, and the health of my niece and nephew after a kidney transplant surgery." - Chris Deffenbacher, staff

"Family." - Lara Hawthorne, parent volunteer

"My four daughters, and Marist kids who bring me lots of happiness, and mash potatoes." - Tammy May, staff

"Mrs. Wirth's 2nd child." - Court Wirth, staff

"I thank for my daughter's surviving the first semester in college." - Steve Barth, staff

"I'm thankful for my family and good health." - Justin Wisner, 11

"I'm thankful for my family." - Maggie Over, senior

"I am thankful for my dog, family, Jessica Swan and food." - Amelia Barker, 12

"I'm thankful for my family and living in such a beautiful place." - Kenzie White, 12

"Harry Potter, Ms. May and answers in the back of the math book!" - Meghan Gescher, 12

"I'm thankful for Chris Keylock!" - Jenna Laver, 12

"Education and Mr. Nuxoll." - Michael Baird, 10

"Sunshine, happiness, music, friends, apples and unicorns." - Allie Thompson, 10

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Faith, Trust and a Little Pixie Dust



Senior leader Amelia Marie Barker anoints junior Meagan Anderson in a concluding ritual of the Junior Encounter. Photo by Toni Cooper

By Jessica Swan

Last Saturday 31 junior girls, along with eight senior leaders and some staff, embarked on a memorable fall Encounter. Held at St. Benedict's Lodge on the McKenzie River, the retreat focused on spiritual growth and self-reflection.

Adopting a quote from Peter Pan, the Encounter's theme was, "All you need is faith, trust and just a little Pixie Dust."

The warm glow of the fire in St. Benedict's Lodge provided a warm atmosphere for the weekend away; while the crisp, cool air and relaxing sound of the river current evoked feelings of contentment. The juniors participated in delightful small group discus-

sions, silly skits and delicious dining. Many of the girls also spent time hiking through the surrounding wooded area during free time.

The juniors enjoyed the hype and believed that it lived up to the hype. Many of the girls felt the experience gave them new perspectives, and allowed them to begin new relationships.

"It encouraged me to be more social at school, and give a simple hello or hug to my newfound friends," said junior Alexis Cross.

"It was really great. It was pretty life changing actually, I really enjoyed myself. It just changed the way I look at relationships, with myself and with other people," said junior Hannah Hughes.

Football Moves On

By Zachary James Silva

Friday at Willamette High School, Marist powered past Mountain View to secure a spot in the OSAA State Football semi-finals.

Marist was in a battle throughout the night but ended up with the 28-16 victory.

The offense put on a show throughout the night. Senior quarterback Kam Smith, connected with senior wide receivers Josh Harper and Kaelen Byrum for scores of 65 and 39

yards respectively. Junior running back rushed for a touchdown in addition to Smith's one yard scamper.

While the Spartans won the game the team suffered the loss of senior wide receiver, and recently converted running back, Austin Baird. In the first half Baird felt a pop in his knee and was taken out and will be out for the rest of the season.

The team travels to Willamette University Saturday to face top seed Redmond.

And They Danced

Last week the dance team competed at West Albany High School. They competed in Novelty and Lyrical but did not place in either event. Nine Marist boys competed with the girls in Novelty and were considered a fan favorite.