

The Spartan Spear Staff and Marist community would like to offer thoughts and prayers to those who have been affected in any way by the Clackamas, Oregon and Newton, Connecticut shootings this past week. The Marist community joined together for a moment of silent prayer and reflection during school Friday and a Mass was held after school in dedication of those affected by the violence.

Spreading Christmas Cheer



Saturday 20 Marist sophomores, juniors and seniors volunteered at the Hilton with Head-Start children ages three to five. The highlight of the afternoon was when Santa came and brought presents to each of the kids. Photo by Jerry Ragan



Marist Strings members dazzled the residents of Sawyer House Retirement Center Friday with their tunes. On Thursday, 17 members of Marist Music showcased their talents at a number of Eugene retirement homes. Photo by Shari Waldron

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Marist celebrates Our Lady of Guadalupe in a new way

Father Dave discusses the end of the world and Our Lady of Guadalupe during the school-wide Mass Wednesday. Photo by Toni Cooper



Freshman Conversations



Senior Elliot Park and freshman Peyton Hobie play air hockey. Photo by Carter Detering '14

By Monica Anderson

Christian Leadership seniors talked with individual freshmen Friday to continue the transition process into Marist. Freshmen spent their religion classes talking with a senior about topics ranging from middle school to imaginary people.

Many seniors prepared for their conversations with baked goods or crafts; others brought waffle makers and miniature air hockey tables.

"It was interesting," freshman Tristan DeChateau said. He described the experience in one word as "new."



Sophomore Tamara Anne Benedict visited Hobbiton, a town created on the North Island of New Zealand solely for the "Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" film sagas. Benedict toured the sheep farm and hobbit hovels of the shire. While there were no hobbits present, Benedict recounted her trip to New Zealand and Hobbiton as "an overall great time."

By Zachary James Silva

Tuesday, the Marist community celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the first ever all-school Spanish Mass at Marist.

For the past several years Fr. Dave has held an all-Spanish Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Chapel with just Spanish students. With the feast day falling on a day that Marist was looking to celebrate Mass, Fr. Dave looked into doing the Mass bilingually for the whole school to enjoy.

In addition to celebrating Our Lady, the Mass was also seen as a time to understand that prayer is bigger than one language. "Part of the reason for this Mass is to show that prayer is not limited to Eng-

lish," Fr. Dave said.

Spanish classes prepared for the Mass in class by learning the responses and songs.

The Mass featured readings and songs in Spanish. Several experienced Spanish students volunteered to read, while the English translation was displayed on the screen. The student music group, Proclaim, sang some of the songs in Spanish to go along with the theme of the Mass.

The Service began with a brief introduction by Spanish teacher Ryan Baker about the importance of this day in Mexico and a history about its significance in Mexico.

Fr. Dave's Homily, which was

said in English, began with the story of Juan Diego and his connection with Our Lady of Guadalupe. He continued by speaking about the Mayan calendar and then displayed a sign that read "TEO-TWAWKI." This stands for, "The End of the World as We Know it."

Fr. Dave explained that, according to the Mayan Long Calendar, the world will end next Friday. He explained that no matter how often humans guess when the end of the world will occur, only God knows when the final curtain will fall.

As Fr. Dave said, "Christ will come at the end of time, but that date is not known."

Sophomore Girls Take a Journey

By Jessica Swan

On the winter Sophomore Journey Retreat this past weekend, 20 sophomore girls grew in their faith and became closer with one another through lively icebreakers, small group sharing and personal journaling at St. Peter's parish, but eventually journeyed back to Marist to sing silly songs, share in team bonding adventures and celebrate a Sunday morning Mass.

The retreat was led by senior rector Kenzie White and ten other junior and senior members of Marist Retreat Team.

This sophomore retreat is the first opportunity provided by Marist for underclassmen to reflect on their personal spiritual journeys, and was the first retreat other than the Lock-in that many of the girls had



Sophomore Gwen Over and senior sister Maggie enjoy an ice breaker during the Sophomore Girls Retreat. Photo by Toni Cooper

ever experienced.

"I think we all became closer and [the retreat] will be something we will always remember. The leaders really helped us on our journey and they made it really fun!" sophomore Anne Yates said.

Senior Government Students Visit the Capitol, See Court of Appeals

By Kenzie White

This Tuesday Principal Jay Conroy's AP Government class travelled to Salem's capital building to experience Oregon government in action.

Students watched two different cases unfold in the Court of Appeals—one concerning insurance policy, the other regarding Public Right of Way. They also participated in a "question and answer" session with three judges, sat in on a variation of legislative committee meetings, and toured the capital building.

"It gives them a first-hand look at how the court

and legislative systems work," said Conroy. He also stated that it helps students consider whether or not they'd be interested in government as a possible career.

Students had an amazing time despite the fact that the cases "were less exciting than Law and Order," said senior Emma Pindell.

This was Conroy's sixth year taking his AP Government class to the capital. "I have never been disappointed by what kids have gotten out of this trip," said Conroy.



The AP Government students stand outside of the capitol building in Salem Tuesday. Photo by Jay Conroy

SPARTAN SPORTS with SILVER AND SWAN

BOYS BASKETBALL

Last Friday varsity lost at Crescent Valley 39-53 and again on Tuesday to West Salem 51-85. The boys will play again at home on Friday against the Marshfield Pirates.

JV lost, while freshmen won 60-27 to Crescent Valley, and won again on Tuesday against West Salem.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Varsity beat Crescent Valley 52-41 last Friday in their first home game of the season. On Tuesday, varsity lost 51-64 to West Salem. The team plays again on Friday at Marshfield and at home on Saturday at 5:30 against Crater.

JV beat Crescent valley on Friday, but lost on Tuesday to West Salem 40-54.

SWIMMING

Varsity co-ed swimming beat Churchill 112 to 58. Sophomore Emily Boyd won the 50 and the 500 freestyle, while sophomore Angela Sampson won the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly, leading the Spartans to the victory over the Lancers last Friday. Swimming will compete on Friday against the Springfield Millers at Willamalane.

Tuna Town Christmas

By Haley Anderson

Thursday evening a group of literature students taught by Bill Ferrari attended the production a Tuna Christmas at the Winningstad Theater in Portland.

The students left Marist at 4 p.m. and rode a charter bus up to the play. The production was set in the small town of Tuna, Texas.

"The fact that there were two actors with twenty-one characters was absolutely amazing," said senior Braden Bollinger.

The story followed the social drama and secrets of the town through witty humor and outright ridiculousness.

Overall, the trip was a success. "I thought it was really funny and I had a really good time," said Cade Miller.