

## Future journalists



Register-Guard columnist Bob Welch speaks to Marist students about his career last Thurs. during a brown bag lunch about journalism. The next brown bag lunch is focused on Physical Therapy next Thurs. Photo by Tomi Cooper

## Faith and friends



Sophomore Claire Farrington raises her arms in excitement and sings with her classmates and their retreat leaders. 20 girls accompanied Claire on the sophomore girls retreat at St. Peter's and Marist to build their community together last Saturday and Sunday. Photo by Emma Pindell '13

## Year of the snake

By Harry Zhou

At 8:00 a.m. Seattle time on Feb. 9, China welcomed the new year of the snake. There are twelve symbols of year in China and last year was the year of dragon. Many people wore red and got on streets to fire firecrackers to celebrate the biggest day in China.

These two customs were from the old Chinese legend in which people wore red and fireworks were used to scare away the monster Nian. In English, "Nian" means "year." The Chinese New Year celebration lasts for seven days.

[Click here to read Zhou's reflection on "Days That We Give Meaning."](#)

## Project starfish begins

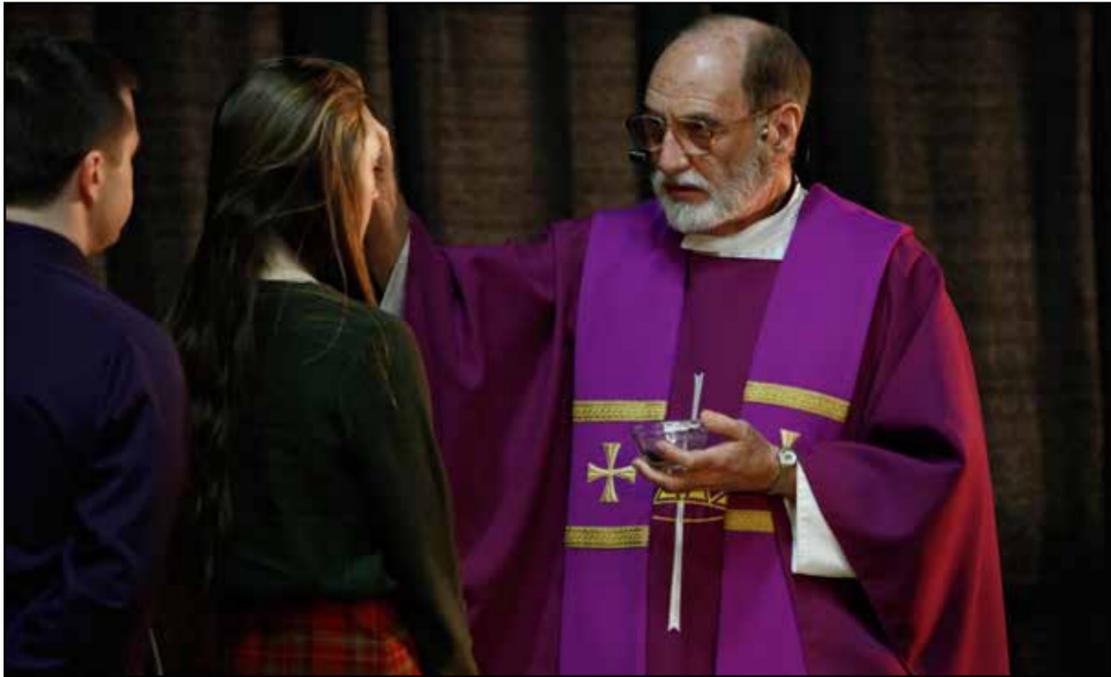


Senior Jenna Laver purchases baked goods from Jerry Ragan to benefit Project Starfish. Photo by Alex Seaver '13

By Peter Hu

During lunch on Weds., the history department, under the lead of Jon Nuxoll, sold bake goods to excited students and staff in the cafeteria. Nuxoll's pride, his Belgian waffles, were a highlight. The sale made money to support Project Starfish. They successfully raised 290 dollars to help homeless families through St. Vincent de Paul.

# FROM DUST TO DUST



Father David Cullings blesses sophomore Sidney White with ashes in the sign of a cross during Ash Wednesday Mass. Photo by Tomi Cooper

## Ash Wednesday brings new beginnings for Lenten Season

By Hayley Olson

Wednesday, Marist celebrated Ash Weds. Mass to kick off the beginning of Lent.

Fr. David Cullings shared a homily about early Catholics hiding in the catacombs and their use of a fish as a secret symbol to identify one another above ground without being caught and perse-

cuted by the Romans.

Distribution of ashes followed as a public proclamation of penance.

Meanwhile, at St. Peter's Basilica Pope Benedict XVI gave his last formal, public service as pope for Ash Wednesday Mass. The 84-year-old Pope has declared

his intent to resign on Feb. 28 – the first pope to do so in over 600 years.

Vatican spokesman Rev. Federico Lombardi said a new pope should be in place by Easter, Mar. 31. Benedict XVI plans to remain in Vatican City to aid the new pope.

## Cultural exchange

Visiting Chinese students spend the day exploring Marist

By Monica Anderson

Marist welcomed 13 Chinese students Wednesday as part of MGlobal Perspectives for Youth, an organization that allows international students the opportunity to experience an American exchange program. Four Chinese adults and three GPY staff members also embarked on the visit.

During their day-long experience, they joined Marist students and staff for Ash Weds. Mass, played games with students, and explored various classes. Later, they exchanged musical talents with band and choir members.



Thirteen Chinese students, four adults and three GPY members spent Weds. experiencing Marist. Photo by Tomi Cooper

## You only live forever

By Jackson Bedbury

The Winter Boys Encounter took place at St. Benedict's Lodge last weekend with 32 boys in attendance.

In contrast to the first Boys Encounter, the weather was crisp and dry all weekend, and lent itself to long hikes through the beautiful surrounding area during the juniors' block of free time.

"It's always a good day when you get to stand under a glacial waterfall in 47 degree weather," junior JP Kiefer said.



Junior Austen Whitney spends time reflecting by the McKenzie River. Photo by Jackson Bedbury '13

## A close encounter of the tiny kind



The Mr. Spartan Team visits Riverbend Hospital. Photo by Julie Ferrari

By Jackson Bedbury

The Mr. Spartan boys and girls headed to Riverbend Hospital today to visit the Pediatric Wing and the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), and see where the money they raise goes.

They attended a briefing and tour to learn about how the NICU is run, and the needs it has, including highly-expensive and life-saving equipment. The boys and girls were then able to see three of the babies, including a set of twins born Sunday.

## District challengers

By Summer Xia

Marist swim team, including 29 members, swam districts on Feb. 8 and 9 at Willamalane in order to qualify for State. Senior and defending district champion Alex Seaver won the 500 freestyle and got second in the 200 freestyle; sophomore Angela Sampson won the 100 backstroke and 100 butterfly finals.

Sophomore Angela Sampson said she felt powerful during the districts and also she is really excited for the OSAA swimming championships.

The state championship preliminary rounds start today and finals end Saturday. Several other swimmers qualified to swim at state.

Freshman Katie Seaver will swim the



Sophomore Angela Sampson swims to victory in the 100 butterfly at the district championships. Sampson also won the 100 backstroke. Photo by Bremick Thompson '14

500 freestyle; sophomores Angela Sampson and Emily Boyd and freshmen Marissa Gibson and Katie Seaver will swim the 400 freestyle relay; and sophomore Corey Solari will swim the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke.

The girls team tied with North Eugene for 2nd place and the boys finished fifth.

## SPARTAN SPORTS

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Varsity lost last Friday at South Eugene 56-47. Seniors Delanee Martin and Dani Krier led with 14 points each. They lost 63-53 to Sheldon on Tuesday. Three players scored 11 points each. They play tonight at Thurston at 7:00 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Mak Hutson hit a buzzer-beater last Friday to seal the Spartans' thrilling 63-62 home victory over South Eugene. Josh Harper led the team with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Varsity lost Tuesday at Sheldon 71-52; Hutson had 15 points. The Spartans fell Thursday at home against Thurston 53-50. Harper had 15 points and 15 rebounds.

### DANCE

The team performed its state routine at O'Hara yesterday.

## Cheer state



Marist Cheer competes in state at Portland's Rose Garden Arena. The team took 10th place in the 6A/5A Large Division. "It was fun watching everyone compete and a good bonding experience," sophomore Bri Stowell said. Photo by Nic George '13