



NEWS briefs

Scholarly Spartans



Seniors Sydney Evans and Mina Buchanan
By Dylan Parsons

It was announced last week that seniors Mina Buchanan and Sydney Evans were recognized as Commended Scholars in the National Merit Scholarship Program for their outstanding performance on the PSAT which they took last fall. Buchanan and Evans placed in the top 3 percent nationally and are both applying to a wide variety of private and public schools along the West Coast. Evans plans on pursuing a business degree and Buchanan is considering a career in math or science.

Class Meetings

By Jason DePauli

Wednesday afternoon, students from all grades made their way to class meetings where student council and staff members provided them with valuable information regarding the upcoming months. Candidates from the classes of '18 and '19 wishing to join student council presented campaign speeches to their fellow classmates. Seniors were presented with information regarding graduation and upcoming senior portraits, while juniors were informed about the PSAT/NMSQT on Oct. 11.

in the SPOTLIGHT

Español en Acción

By Nick Nepute and JJ Anderson

This week the light shines on Profesora Mombell's Español en Acción. Mombell encourages her four Spanish I and III classes to engage in the community while speaking Spanish.

Throughout the semester students are required to do six Español en Acción projects outside of class. Options include going to a Spanish-spoken Mass, going to a Spanish play, or more recently, bringing in diapers for the diaper drive.

Mombell's Spanish classes brought in more diapers through Español en Acción than the entire school did the previous year. The four classes alone, brought in a total of 5,945 diapers.

PLUNGING INTO MARIST



Freshmen Mo Cavinee and Shelby Jones kiss the 'M' last Wednesday. Photo by Teresa Molina-Gomez.

New Marist members dive in to kiss the 'M'

By Liesl Benda

Freshmen gathered on a sunny Wednesday afternoon in the courtyard for the long-awaited annual Kissing of the 'M', as the rest of the student body, along with some parents, observed from the steps and breezeways.

Members of the class of 2021, along with transfer students and

new staff, were dressed in a variety of lively costumes. Some of students' favorites included bunches of grapes, a dinosaur, and characters from "White Chicks." Some students were nervous for the event, while others were beyond excited. "I think I kissed it like five times. I love Marist," freshman Dylan Martin said with a laugh.

The Kissing of the 'M' achieved its purpose, "officially" inducting the Marist class of 2021, transfer students, and new staff as true Spartans. "It was fun because I haven't had an experience like this before. I got to see all of my friends dressed and getting soaked," freshman Taylor Kirkpatrick said.

The Class of 2021 Has Arrived

By Claire Hoffman

Last Saturday, the class of 2021 gathered for the 14th annual Lock-In.

The freshmen began in the gym, taking part in ice breaker games led by CLC seniors, and then broke into small groups. "I liked the small groups because they weren't just my friends, I got to know other people. It made it more personal," freshman Natali Hayes said.

Halfway through the all-night retreat, the freshmen were led to the cafeteria, where Proclaim brought the students together with praise and worship songs. Father Theo Lange then celebrated Mass, emphasizing to the freshmen that now is their time to become a part of the Marist community.

After Mass, a dance DJ'd by Marist 2016 graduate Caleb Coulombe kept the sleep-deprived freshmen energized. "The dance was my favorite part because I got to have fun with my friends," freshman Ellie Christian said.

In the early morning hours, the students returned to their small groups to create music videos to popular songs.

As the sun rose the freshmen were given free time, followed by breakfast, which concluded the students' weekend of uniting as one, and becoming a part of the Marist community.



Senior Griffin Puls and freshman Hudson Jarvis participate in ice breakers. Photo by Toni Cooper



Senior Annie McNeil receives communion at the Lock-In mass. Photo by Toni Cooper

Sports UPDATES



The boys cross country team celebrates their amazing victory. Photo by Teresa Molina-Gomez.

CROSS COUNTRY

9/22- Last Friday, the varsity boys cross country team had a monumental win, placing 1st in the Meriwether National Cross Country Classic in Hillsboro, Oregon. Competing against 4A, 5A and 6A schools from all around Oregon, the boys scored 127 points, just ahead of two top 6A teams, Wilson and Central Catholic. Varsity girls took 16th. JV boys took 13th and junior Rainy Adkins placed 1st in the JV girls race.

FOOTBALL

9/22- Varsity beat Ashland 55-22. JV won 45-6.

9/29- JV won at North Eugene 42-18.

BOYS SOCCER

9/26- Varsity beat Springfield 5-2. JV won 6-4.

GIRLS SOCCER

9/26- Varsity won at Springfield 6-0. JV won at Springfield 7-0

VOLLEYBALL

9/22- Varsity beat Eagle Point 3-0. JV2 won 2-1

9/23 Varsity beat Lebanon but lost to West Albany in a Bend tournament

9/26- Varsity beat Crater 3-0. JV lost 2-0.

9/28 Varsity won at Ashland 3-0. JV lost 0-2.

WATER POLO

9/22 Varsity lost to South Albany 6-18.

9/23 Varsity forfeited due to injuries.

9/26- Varsity lost at North Eugene 1-18.

Potwora Takes Pebble Beach



Justin Potwora and Bernhard Langer
Photo courtesy of Justin Potwora

By JJ Anderson

Last weekend, senior Justin Potwora won the annual Pure Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach and Poppy Hills Golf Courses which was broadcast on the Golf Channel.

He was hand picked out of 1,000 applicants, along with 80 other junior golfers from around the country, to compete based off of his previous tournament scores and community service.

Potwora was partnered with seasoned-pro Bernhard Langer for the 18-hole tournament. Potwora and Langer combined for 21 under par for the team victory. "It's been amazing playing with Mr. Langer and playing at Pebble Beach and Poppy Hills. It's been such a treat," Potwora said.

He was awarded a \$1,000 dollar scholarship from Pure Insurance for winning the event.