



NEWS briefs

Sadie's Snowball Dance

The Sadie's Snowball Winter Formal Dance will be in the gym on Dec. 9 from 8-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door.

Medical Careers

Next Thursday, Dec. 7, there will be a Brown Bag Lunch meeting on medical careers in room 400 at lunch. Sign up outside Mr. Ragan's office if interested.

Immersion Trip

Applications for the Marist Service Immersion Trip in Southern California are now on Schoology. The trip will take place June 20-29, 2018 and is only available to juniors.

Spartan Program Applications Due

Mr. Spartan applications are now available for junior and senior girls in the front office. Applications are due to Mr. Ferrari by 3 p.m. on Dec. 12.

Senior boys who are interested in joining Mr. Spartan need to fill out a registration form and give it to Mr. Ferrari by 3 p.m. on Dec. 7.

Candy Grams

Candy grams are available for purchase at the cafeteria from Dec. 4-14. Prices are 50 cents for one or three for a dollar.

SPOTLIGHT Monday Projects

By Sarah Cavinee

This week the light shines on Monday Projects in the Christian Leadership Class. Each student takes on a project to model Christian leadership and serve the community.

Many Christian leadership students choose to go back to their elementary or middle schools to do their service. "I go to O'Hara and the teacher I work with runs what they call a praise and worship class. So I go into the class with 5th graders and we play several songs then we talk about the meaning of the song and how it relates to faith," senior Caitlin Vitus said.

These Monday Projects benefit both the seniors and the people they're serving. "I've enjoyed getting to know the kids and see how much confidence they have. Even in high school, we struggle being ourselves and I definitely wouldn't be the first to stand up and sing a song and do weird hand motions but they are so confident and always so eager to learn and participate in their faith.

A POSITIVE BLOOD DRIVE



Senior Caitlyn Park prepares to donate blood at the blood drive today. Photo by Ivonne Perez.

Almost 60 students and staff take the time to replenish blood supplies

By Liesl Benda

Not every day do you get the chance to save someone's life. Today, students and staff were offered a unique experience to participate in the annual National Honor Society Blood Drive for Lane Blood Center to help supply blood to Lane County hospitals.

"When we think about [Marist's] mission statement, which is to serve others, one of the ways we can do that is by taking care of the people who are sick in our community," NHS Co-Moderator Becky Boyd said.

Just a single donation of one pint can save three lives. "When you magnify that times 70 or 80

people, that creates a pretty big momentum," Boyd said.

Senior NHS members Amanda Allender and Maddie Louie co-chaired today's event, which took place all day in the Activity Center. The two also assisted with last year's blood drive, which helped them to make some changes for the better this year. A better system for handing out slips and signing in volunteers was created, as well as improved communication with the Front Office about attendance.

"They really made notes on how to improve this year and because of that extra planning and preparation, this year's blood drive has gone on without a single hitch," Boyd said.

There was a large turnout for the drive this year, with 59 total donors. In fact, more students signed up than could be accommodated, prompting NHS to think about scheduling a second blood drive in the spring.

Requirements to donate include being at least 16 years old and weighing a minimum of 114 pounds.

"Donating blood was a new experience for me, and I was happy to be able to provide something that others need. It was cool to see the process, learn more about myself and potentially help others too," junior Rainy Adkins said.

After donating, NHS provided tasty treats, including cookies, pizza and ramen for the donors.

Cubs Look Up to Spartans

By Nick Nepute

This Tuesday, the varsity boys basketball team spent about 15 minutes after practice with Jim Klenke's first and second grade O'Hara Cub Scouts talking about the values of trust, drive, cooperation, responsibility and being coachable.

Senior varsity player Joey Weilbrenner said it was fun to talk to the kids and could remember when he was younger and looked up to high schoolers like himself. The scouts asked good questions and seemed to take the answers to heart.

Klenke, a 1989 graduate, O'Hara den leader and father of one of the first grade scouts, reached out to Marist head coach Bart Pollard to



O'Hara Cub Scouts listen to the varsity boys basketball team. Photo courtesy of Jim Klenke

see if the basketball team could talk to his scouts about traits relevant to the "Games Tigers Play" adventure they do in November.

The scouts also attended the boys basketball home opener on Wednesday to watch parts of the JV and varsity games.

Seniors Give Advice to Sophomores

By Harper Kast

On Tuesday, seniors from Christian Leadership Class joined Heidi Susec's sophomore theology classes to answer questions and give advice about the social, academic, and time management issues of sophomore year.

Theology teachers Chad DePaoli and Rick Mar-

tin were moderators, asking the panel of seniors questions which they answered based off of their personal experiences. Some of the topics were getting a license and the responsibilities that come with it, what classes to take next year, and how to balance school and family.

Sports UPDATES

BOYS BASKETBALL

11/29- Varsity lost against Crescent Valley 60-70; JV won 44-40; freshmen won 62-40

GIRLS BASKETBALL

12/01- Varsity and JV play tonight at Roseburg at 5:15 and 6:45

SWIMMING

12/01- River Road Relays today



Senior point guard Stephen Collins runs the offense in a home game against the Crescent Valley Raiders last Friday. Photo by Toni Cooper



Junior Chase Cutsforth dribbles down the court. Photo by Toni Cooper

BREAKING NEWS: The Googly Eye Caper



This week, students and staff are baffled by the sudden appearance of googly eyes on inanimate objects around campus, introducing some new faces to the community.

"Yes! I love them so much! They add character to everything," junior Mia Graves said. Keep an eye out!