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## Sports **UPDATES**

### Swimming

12/7 - Girls vs Churchill: L44-73  
12/7 - Boys vs Churchill: L49-129

### Boys Basketball

12/7 - Freshmen vs Gladstone: W49-33  
12/7 - JV vs Gladstone: W60-50  
12/7 - Varsity vs Gladstone: W59-55  
12/11 - Freshmen @ Hidden Valley:  
12/11 - JV @ Hidden Valley: W78-59  
12/11 - Varsity @ Hidden Valley: W79-66

### Girls Basketball

12/7 - JV @ Gladstone: W48-33  
12/7 - Varsity @ Gladstone: W49-20  
12/11 - JV vs Hidden Valley: W50-42  
12/11 - Varsity vs Hidden Valley: L47-50

## MARIST PAWN STARS



By Danielle Shojai

Last Wednesday, Marist's Chess Team rocked the knight away, winning 5-0 against Creswell High School in a tournament.

"We started it last year, so it's our second year with the team. But it's been pretty good so far because we only won one match last year, but now we've won our first three," senior varsity player Nick Clark said.

The Chess Team participates in a tournament every Wednesday, and occasionally practices during block lunches.

## CHECKING IN WITH FRESHMEN



Freshman Taryn Hanes talks with senior Kailey Garret while enjoying some sweet treats. Photo by Jaden Spencer '19

### Senior CLC students pair up with freshman to talk about first year at Marist

By Mia Graves

To foster a connection with upperclassmen, last Tuesday, Christian Leadership Class students partnered with our newest class for long standing tradition, Freshman Conversations. Conversations were held on the Marist stage, the ARC, cafeteria, and the theatre's green room. Each senior met their freshman during their theology period, and the freshmen-senior duo took off to their location to talk and do a variety of activities including frosting cookies, playing games, painting, and making friend-

ship bracelets.

Each participating senior had at least two one on one sessions with a freshman; some seniors had up to six. The seniors went through training and preparation for the annual activity with Campus Ministry Director and Christian Leadership Class teacher Dr. Rick Martin.

"At first I was really nervous that the freshmen wouldn't like me, but I soon realized that was not the case. I ended up really enjoying spending time and making friendship bracelets with my freshmen. I think I made some real re-

lationships and helped encompass unity here in our Marist community," senior Courtney Weixelman said.

Freshmen Luke Villano, who was paired with senior Nick Clark found his experience exciting. "It was really nice to be able to talk to the seniors. I didn't think I would have an exciting opportunity like this to connect with the upperclassmen," Villano said.

Although this year's Freshman Conversations have come to an end, freshman-senior relationships have found a new beginning.

## ADVENT ANGEL PROJECT IN FULL SWING

By Jaden Spencer

Monday marked the official beginning of Marist's annual Angel

Project for Catholic Community Services.

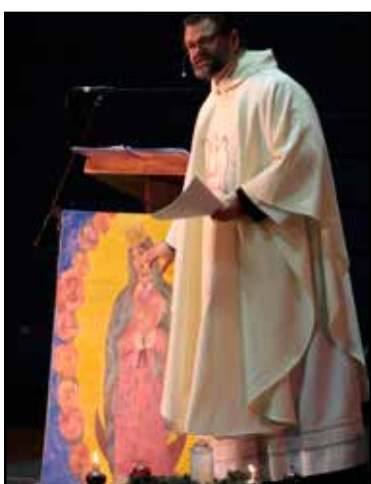
This year CCS has asked us to donate gift cards rather than purchasing presents for the families we are sponsoring through them. This change will allow the adults to pick out gifts and necessities for their own family.

Marist is providing for 22 families this December. Each theology class has been assigned to a family and all money will be collected by Monday, Dec. 17.



## MASS HONORS OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Marist Chaplain Fr. Theo Lange speaks to the Marist community about Our Lady Guadalupe and the importance of Mary in our faith. Photo by Toni Cooper



## LOUIE EARNS MARIST NOMINATION FOR FUTURE FIRST CITIZEN

By Billy Christiansen

In mid-November, it was announced that senior Tess Louie was selected as Marist's Future First Citizen candidate. She will now compete with seniors from five other Eugene high schools for the title of Eugene's Future First Citizen and a scholarship. The winner will be announced at the Celebration of Business banquet on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

The Future First Citizen award is given annually by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce to the high school senior who is a leader among their peers, excels academically and has made great contributions to their community.

Louie and fellow seniors Rainy Adkins, Jason Depaoli and Madison Wisniewski were among the final nominees chosen to represent Marist and all were interviewed by a panel of Marist staff members before Louie was chosen as the Marist candidate for the award.



Senior Tess Louie

## ALICE TRAINING

By Rainy Adkins

Last Friday, Marist conducted an ALICE Training Program with its students and staff members for the third straight year to prepare for the unlikely event of an active shooter on campus. ALICE stands for Alert, Lock-down, Inform, Counter and Evacuate, and was designed by law enforcement to teach staff and students strategies that empower them to react to a variety of situations involving intruders.

All seventh period teachers led training during their last class of the day which included instruction, simulations and a short debriefing. "It hurts my soul that this is part of your reality, to me that's horrific. Or the idea that my 8-year-old son has to go through ALICE training ... that I have to have a conversation with him about gun violence; it seems insane," Spanish teacher Beth Keech Kim said.

Some students think we

should do more than one training a year. "We could be in any class so we should practice it in every class," senior Jason Depaoli said.

Freshman Ezra O'Connell thought the training went well. O'Connell observed the teachers letting off their usual reigns "giving us the sense of making our own decisions, individualizing it. I was practicing what I would do if no teachers were there." Despite confidence in the training there was some concern. "It makes me wish we had an armed guard on campus," O'Connell said.

While being prepared is essential, students and staff can take additional steps to ensure that Marist does not become another school-shooting statistic. By being aware of the struggle of those around us, we can arrive at the center of the problem. "Hopefully [students] can be the guiding force to change the world," Keech said.