



City withdraws water exemption from Catholic schools

Morgan Weidmann
Sentinel

Last November, the Chicago City Council, under the leadership of Mayor Rahm Emanuel, voted to withdraw the water bill exemption for religious organizations, including Catholic schools and parishes.

Up to that point, Marist and other religious schools and organizations were not charged by the city for water.

Now, religious organizations will have to pay for their own water. During the past year, Marist has paid 20% of the total water bill. For the Marist community, this will mean an eventual tuition hike.

"This is unfair to parents because they are already paying taxes and a huge amount of tuition already," said Marist President Br. Pat McNamara.

Of the city council's decision, McNamara also joked, "How can you charge God for water?"

Director of finance Mr. Marion Klatka, hopes that other Catholic schools will follow Marist's lead in fighting this.



Think before you drink? That sip of water you take from the fountain may cost us all, thanks to a new law by the Chicago City Council.

Klatka agrees with Br. Pat's conclusion that a tuition hike would be a "double hit" on parents who are "already paying taxes for public schools their children do not attend."

After the City Council withdrew the water exemption, leaders from different religious groups throughout the city formed a coalition, called The Interfaith Coalition to Restore the Water Fee Exemption for Religious Institutions.

In the past year, the group has met several times in an attempt to gain support and persuade the council to reverse its decision.

Although the coalition gained the support of many unions and non-profit organizations, it has not been able to get the mayor or city council to reverse its decision.

Because of this, Marist President Br. Pat McNamara sent a notice to parents and faculty members on Oct. 26. He invited them to sign a letter protesting the City Council's decision and mail it to Alderman Matt O'Shea. Students are encouraged to sign the letter and bring it to the main office. All signed letters will be forwarded to the Alderman's office.

Turn to page 6 to sign a copy of the letter of protest; bring your copy to the main office today.

ELECTION DAY 2012

Presidential candidates in final stretch

Ryan McManus
Kevin Maloney
Sentinel

By the time the *Sentinel* reaches our readers, the polls will be closed and the ballots counted for Presidential hopefuls Mitt Romney (R-Mass.) and the incumbent, President Barack Obama (D-Ill.).

Recent polls have shown no significant advantage for either candidate, making swing states such as Ohio and Florida even more important in this election.

Although the issues may seem difficult to understand, once the political jargon is set aside, the election comes down to three key issues: the Middle East, the economy, and health care.

The Middle Eastern problems were inherited from former President George W. Bush, but have escalated in recent weeks with attacks on U.S. Embassies, resulting in numerous casualties.

Obama hopes to have all troops removed from Afghanistan by 2014. Romney has not efficiently given his stance in public, but based on previous statements, he has a similar plan with more lenience on the rate of troop withdrawal based on the circumstances at the end of 2013.

The next key issue of the election is the economy. Unemployment is at a dangerous high and the Federal deficit stands at over \$3 billion.

Romney plans to cut taxes without increasing the deficit of the federal budget by reducing the number of loopholes in tax return systems. He plans to reduce taxes on companies to create more jobs.

Obama plans to implement a permanent tax cut for workers and their families of up to 95%.

The third key issue is health care. This has been highly criticized with Obama's new health care plan called Obamacare. With Obamacare, the plan is to offer health care to all individuals and fine those who do not pay for health insurance.

Romney plans to make it a mandate that the government would pay for senior citizens' health care, but also plans to gradually increase the minimum age for health care benefits.

Many Marist seniors will be voting for the first time in this election.

"I'm voting for Mitt Romney because he can run the country well with his successful business tactics," said senior Mike Layer.

"Obama has put in place great plans for our health care, and he just needs more time to fix the mess from [George W. Bush]'s presidency," said senior Tom Howell.

No matter what side someone is on, most recognize the need for 18 year olds to register and vote on Election Day.

"It is important to make sure the world you live in when you get out of college is the world you want to live in," said English department chair Mr. Bob Morowczynski.

According to U.S Census Bureau reports, between 22-24 million citizens between the ages of 18-29 voted in 2008. Of that number, approximately 66% voted for President Obama.



photo by Clare Jorgensen

Marist welcomes guests from Argentina

Clare Jorgensen
Sentinel

The Marist community welcomed 15 students and 3 teachers from Colegio Champagnat in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The visitors arrived on Oct. 28 and are staying with families of current Marist students and will experience our high school and the city of Chicago on various excursions for the next two weeks.

The Argentines defeated our boys soccer players in the small gym on Oct. 30 in a 5-4 game, the second year in a row they have beat their hosts.

Junior Cunningham (pictured above) said, "The game was a really fun way to meet everyone from Argentina. Unfortunately, we lost again, but hopefully we can do it again next year and then we will win for sure."

So...you bombed the ACT. Now what?

Kevin O'Shea
Sentinel

Among the countless things students worry about during high school is the American College Test (ACT).

Students worry most about what might happen if they do not get the score that the college of their choice requires for admission.

Luckily for these students, many counselors agree that the most important thing about students high school careers is their cumulative grade point averages.

In other words, it all comes down to grades.

Marist counselor Mr. Patrick Hennessey tells students that a college will look more at how well you did in your four years in high school rather than at the score you got for four hours work on a Saturday morning.

Academic Dean for Underclassmen Br. Hank Hammer also sees pros and cons with respect to ACT scores.

"With bigger colleges, the ACT is used to categorize students," Hammer said.

"Colleges want high schools to teach critical thinking, but critical thinking is not uniformly taught throughout the United States. What one kid learned in Chicago may not be the same as what another kid learned in Kentucky. The ACT score supposedly allows colleges to figure out who learned more. While this sounds good on paper, many students are bad test takers. Students who are obviously capable sometimes choke on big tests."

DePaul University has started a program where applicants have the choice not to send in their ACT scores. Instead, applicants submit four essays so that admissions counselors at DePaul can get a feel for the student through the writing.

When asked about DePaul's new admission policy, Hennessey said, "This new system allows for the college to actually take the time to see the kids for who they are, rather than a score. I see in the near future that many small colleges, like Loyola and Marquette, will follow this

new procedure for accepting students. Big state colleges, like University of Illinois and Notre Dame, will more than likely stick with the ACT however. Schools that use the ACT as a measure will miss the diamonds in the rough, and miss some great kids. All I have to say is let fate take its course."

Students with concerns or questions about the ACT should see their counselors as soon as possible. Registration information is also available in the guidance department.

Upcoming ACT test dates are 12/8/12, 2/9/13, 4/13/13, and 6/8/13. Marist is a test site on all dates except for 6/8/13.

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Big brother/big sister program helps local elementary students

Kaitlin Kenny
Sentinel

The third year of the Big Brother/Big Sister program, hosted by Marist faculty member, Mr. Adam Wouk, kicked off on Tues., Oct. 2.

Big Brother/Big Sister is a mentoring program that matches a high school volunteer, known as the "Big Brother or Big Sister," to a child, known as the "Little Brother or Little Sister," in the hopes that a strong relationship will form.

The program helps children reach their potential and gain confidence through supported meetings and these one-to-one relationships with high school volunteers.

Other Big Brother/Big Sister programs exist through organizations all over the United States.

The Marist Program has been involved with St. Margaret of Scotland for its third year, and this year added St. Benedict.

This program takes place after school at the grammar schools every Tuesday for ten weeks, stopping at Christmas and then starting up again in spring.

"As part of the Big Brother/Big Sister Program at Marquette University, I really enjoyed getting to know my little siblings, and wanted members of the Marist community to share the same experience I did," Wouk said.

Senior Rachel Blake, who began participating in the program this year, said, "It's very rewarding to help the kids out and see the difference that you can make in their lives just by being there for them."

Students interested in signing up to participate in the program may see Mr. Wouk in Campus Ministry.

Spanish students' summer sojourns

Katie Morgan
Jenna Doherty
Sentinel

Over the summer, eight Marist students traveled to Sevilla, Spain with the world language department. While there, two Marist students were each placed with a host family where they got to experience the Spanish lifestyle and customs.

Daily activities included going on historical tours of cathedrals, visiting beaches in Cadiz, Spain, and Portugal and taking classes to prepare students for the AP level Spanish classes at Marist.

Students also got to experience what Spain was like as their soccer team won the Euro Cup Championship.

Taylor Provenzano, a current senior who went on the trip said, "It was the best experience of my life and I am already planning my trip back."

Nicholas Wilkinson and Elizabeth Ruf both applied and won scholarships that let them explore and widen their knowledge of Spanish culture in Costa Rica and Minnesota, respectively.

Wilkinson, a junior Spanish 3-Honors student, applied and won a scholarship to travel to Costa Rica from July 26-Aug. 15 with the Global Leadership Service program. Nicholas's love for languages led him to beat out hundreds of students from all around the world with a written essay and a question and answer session.

During his trip, Wilkinson enjoyed zip lining, horseback riding, surfing, tubing, hiking mountains, and doing community service work. He developed friendships with students from all over the world and intends to keep them for the rest of his life.

Aside from having the time of his life, Wilkinson said, "This experience made me think about what I want to do when I grow up, and how I cannot wait to return."

Junior Elizabeth Ruf, a Spanish 4 AP student, won a scholarship to the Concordia Language Village Summer Immersion Program in northern Minnesota from July 16-28. Going on this trip made her realize that she wants to pursue a career in this field.

While on this trip, participants could only speak Spanish. Ruf made many good friends that she still stays in touch with.



photo courtesy of Taylor Provenzano

Olivia Rakowski, Taylor Provenzano, Heather Caddick, Anna Bresnahan (back-left to right) and Taylor Belik, Alexa Lesley, Kennedy Reese and Georgie Bierwirth (front-left to right) travelled to Spain and Portugal this past summer.

"I learned a lot of Spanish, and it helped me realize what I want to do with my career," Ruf said.

Students interested in traveling this year should contact Ms. Nathan-Gamauf or Ms. Rinella.

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Looking for a pet? Rescue one!

Tori Bryja
Sentinel

Adopting our French bulldog, Fiona, from the Chicago French Bulldog Rescue Association (CFBRA) was one of the best decisions my family ever made.

More people in search of pets should adopt from rescue associations instead of buying animals from pet stores.

Many pet stores get the majority of their dogs from puppy mills. At these mills, the puppies are often mistreated and even abused.

Without puppy mills, there would be far fewer pet stores.

Rescue associations like CFBRA save animals from the mills and help to place them in foster or "forever" homes.

We adopted Fiona three years ago. She was mistreated as a puppy, but we took her in, loved her and trained her.

Today, she is the silliest, yet most loving dog we have ever had.



Fiona Bryja

Rescue associations in Chicago are also trying to find homes for cats and kittens, many of which have also been mistreated or abused.

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Counselor helps troops, families adjust to life after deployment

Cara Dillon
Taylor Novak
Sentinel

Mrs. Margaret Reif is known as a guidance counselor for students at Marist High School, but she is now broadening her horizons to include counselling American war veterans and their families.

This is thanks to a phone call and a life-changing experience on a military base.

After getting her Masters degree from Dominican University, Reif said the thought of working with military families never crossed her mind.

However, a call from Charlie Stoops, the dean at Dominican University, changed that. He told her that The Graduate School of Social Work had a new military certificate program that trains participants to counsel military families. This program included nine months of classes, as well as two weekends spent on a military base.

This program sparked Reif's interest. Three years ago, her husband was deployed to Afghanistan and she experienced what being a military wife is like.

Some of the hardest issues faced by military families, she notes, are the lack of communication and the feeling of uncertainty. Having dealt with these issues herself also motivated her desire to complete the program.

Reif was a bit skeptical about the program during her first couple classes, but this feeling disappeared after she arrived at Fort McCoy in Wisconsin for her first required stay at a military base. She and two fellow students were the only civilians.

"As soon as I got on the base, I couldn't even describe the feeling," said Mrs. Reif.

Reif spoke of her experiences on the base, including an encounter with a man who was still having night terrors two months after returning home, but did not think he really needed to go to counseling for them.



Mrs. Reif, pictured in her office, is working with military families on dealing with life after deployment in war zones.

photo by
Taylor Novak

One of the biggest problems service men and women face when they come home is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

"They think it's normal, to have all of these problems when they return home," Reif said. "Nobody is there to tell them otherwise."

Reif's classes will finish in May.

When asked if she would have to leave her current job at Marist to pursue this, Reif said, "I'm definitely not leaving Marist."

She hopes to work with military families in the summer.

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Support for theater arts lacking

Marist is primarily known for its sports and academics, not its performing arts.

Just as athletes need fans to cheer them on, performers need an audience to motivate them. Without an audience in the theater there is no show.

Every Friday night during football season, students, faculty and families are rallied up to go to the games. Every home game is packed and every away game has a fan bus that transports students to and from the game. This does not stop when football season ends. It continues through boys' and girls' basketball, volleyball, soccer, and many other seasons of sports.

The Marist Theater Guild puts on two shows a year, the fall play and the spring musical. Cast members put hard work, time and dedication into their performances. However, because few students attend these performances, it can all feel like a waste of time and talent for the actors.

The administration has welcomed a new group, Lantern Theater, to use the RedHawk Theater for performances. Comprised chiefly of Marist alumni, the troupe started in the summer of 2011 with the musical *Sweeney Todd: the Demon Barber of Fleet Street*.



In 2012, they presented a skit comedy show called *Ignite Comedy* and the musical *Into the Woods*.

Thanks to science teacher Dr. Greg Wallace, who was a performer in the *Ignite* show, a few faculty members came out to support their fellow teacher and students.

Not many students came.

Marist can change this problem by promoting the arts as much as it does sports.

Announcements at lunchtime are made for sports events; they should be for upcoming performances as well.

Teachers can encourage students to attend plays at Marist and find opportunities to bring the experience into the curriculum.

Athletes who appreciate the RedHawk Rowdy cheering sections at their games should show their thanks by buying a ticket to the next play.

Brother Pat and Mr. Tucker, both strong supporters of theater at Marist, provide an example that the rest of the community should follow.

Being a well-rounded school involves having good academics, athletics, and performing arts programs.

With increased support for theatrical arts, Marist can attract artists and athletes alike and provide a great deal of encouragement to those students who perform on stage.

Drop the puck in 2012

With National Hockey League's (NHL) collective bargaining agreement expiration on Sept. 15, the NHL is almost two months into its lockout. Because a new agreement could not be reached before the deadline, the owners declared a lockout of the National Hockey League's Players' Association (NHLPA).

The five issues that the parties are debating are the player's share, the salary cap, the guaranteed contract, the escrow payment, and revenue sharing.

The NHL owners are unwilling to make concessions because they are selfish and greedy.

The fans make the game. NHL players are quick to recognize that fan enthusiasm is a key appointment to the game. If it weren't for the fans willing to pay the ticket prices, the food costs, and all the teams spirit wear the NHL would not be generate the billions that it does.

The fans are suffering from this too. They lose the game they love.

The owners don't seem to want to settle this lockout quickly. To date, the owners have made one proposal: a 50-50 split in revenue sharing. The players offered three counter proposals, all of which were rejected. One counter proposal even accepted the 50-50 revenue split, on the terms that the owners honored the existing contracts without escrow or rollbacks.

Few would dispute that running a NHL franchise is not costly; however, revenues were up to a record \$3.3 billion last season.

Hockey is a game of youth. According to the article "Average Length of a NHL Player Career" published at www.quantohockey.com, the average NHL career lasts only 5 years.

The players are not greedy. They are willing to risk the season to fight for the future of hockey.

Both sides need to give a little to gain a little. The players want to end it now and play hockey while time is on their side. The owners want to end it Jan. 1, to avoid losing the revenue from the Winter Classic, the annual outdoor game held around New Year's Day.

The NHL has cancelled games through November, with a loss of an estimated \$720 million in revenue. Players, like Chicago Blackhawk Patrick Kane, are signing with European teams for the duration of the lockout.

An unbiased arbitrator needs to be brought in to move negotiations forward to resolution.

The fans deserve the return of the game they love. The players deserve just compensation.

The owners must take into account the five year average of a player's career and consider the counter proposals.

Upperclassmen need not stoop to conquer

At each Marist rally, there are many voices screaming in unison: "Go home, freshmen!" Not only is this a tradition, it is also a firm belief held by some upperclassmen.

As many know, the lockers at Marist are assigned alphabetically. As we all know, freshmen get first grabs at which locker they want.

Most of us would prefer a top locker, but most of us do not get the luxury of coming to school a day before everyone else and switching the sticker so that we can get that locker.

Along with being the newest members to the school, freshmen also tend to be of shorter stature...literally. Most of them are too little to reach high places.

That being said, all underclassmen should automatically get bottom lockers.

There is no reason a 5'10 senior should have to bend down just to get his books out of his locker every day. This can be extremely inconvenient and bothersome.

By contrast, a tiny freshman can just walk up to any bottom locker and be all set.

There is almost nothing worse than coming to the first day of senior year and discovering that you have a bottom locker. Seniors often get in trouble from the deans for switching the stickers on the first day of school so they can have the top locker. Many have heard the famous voice of Dean Pirkle saying, "Do you have any idea how long it takes us to go through the alphabet to sort these lockers?"

The solution to that problem is simple: give all upperclassmen the top lockers and all underclassmen the bottom lockers.

If anything, freshmen should automatically understand their place at school, which is at the bottom of the food chain. They should not expect to come into a big pond as big fish.

Seniority is for seniors and this perk should come with it.



Bring back late starts

Throughout my Marist career, I have been fortunate to experience both late starts and early dismissals. Hands down, I prefer late starts.

The benefits of late starts are numerous. Late starts offer students an opportunity to review their studies, especially if they have a test that day. The time to review for tests in the morning helps to keep the material fresh, rather than when we have to sleep on it.

Students involved in sports or other extracurricular activities often have days or weeks during which a good amount of school time is taken up. In these cases, it can be difficult to finish all your homework after a long day. A late start allows students to finish assignments before school starts.

For some students, late starts also provide additional time in the morning to eat a good breakfast without being rushed.

Lastly, as many would agree that the most advantageous aspect of late starts is the ability to grab some extra sleep.

Conversely, early dismissals provide little extra value to students. Most students are not able to take advantage of the extra time at the end of the school day provided by an early dismissal.

Many are involved in athletics and extracurricular activities that the student must stay after school until the activity begins anyway.

Some may counter that the time between early dismissal and the start of practice can be used for homework. Based on students I have spoken with, that time is too short and hectic to accomplish anything meaningful.

If Marist cannot bring back late starts permanently, I propose bringing them back at least once or twice a month. Split the difference, as they say.

It is worth considering, don't you think?

--Becky Temple, '13

letters to the editor

Members of the Marist community may submit letters to the editor. Unsigned letters will not be considered and the *Sentinel* staff may edit the content or length of submissions chosen for publication. Submissions may be e-mailed to sentinel@marist.net.

Doc Martin dilemma

School uniforms are an essential part of a Catholic school environment, but what shoes students decide to wear should not play a factor into their uniforms.

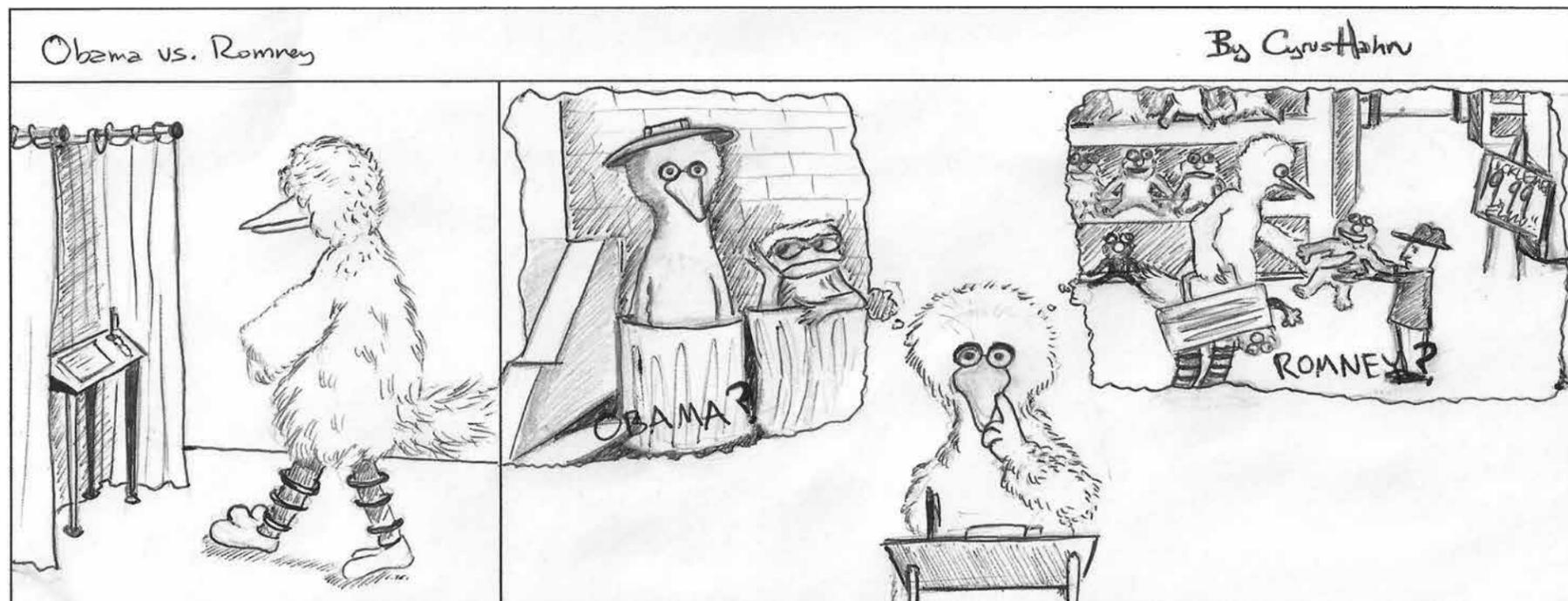
Why are shoes such a large aspect of a uniform? If one student is more comfortable wearing a pair of black gym shoes instead of an expensive pair of Doc Martins, it should be the student's choice.

Tuition is already expensive. Students and parents should not have to pay an extra \$100 for a pair of clunky brown shoes.

Mother McAuley High School does not enforce a shoe code. Students there may wear Toms, gym shoes or whatever else they want, within reason.

Staying in dress code is an important part of school discipline. But Marist should allow students to wear different shoes that are cheaper and more comfortable, as long as they are not flashy or ridiculous.

--Kara Bock, 13



Drug testing is not the answer

Tristan Mayer
guest columnist

Although the goal of the drug testing policy at Marist is honorable, the means of attaining that goal, the testing itself, is drastically flawed.

As part of the Opt4Life program, all students are randomly tested during lunch mods throughout the school year. The test looks for indications of illegal drug use, including marijuana and ecstasy.

This policy was enacted in order to inspire students to make healthy life choices and avoid using drugs.

While inspiring students is a strong aspect of a Catholic high school, the way it is done here is wrong.

Students are learning to stay away from drugs because they will get in trouble with school or their parents, not because they think it is the right thing to do.

This creates an uneducated fear of drugs rather than a knowledgeable avoidance of them.

Drug testing is a policy that eats into students' lunch times and costs the school money for something that will actually only help a small minority of students, if any.

The policy also causes many students to feel like they are presumed guilty before they are proven innocent.

As an alternative to mandatory drug testing, classes like health should place stronger emphasis on drug education. Students need to be taught the real dangers of drug abuse.

Recovering drug addicts should be invited to come to these classes to speak to students. This experience would also create better informed students who are ready to make the right decision on drugs.

These proposals will offer healthy and more effective alternatives to mandatory drug testing.

Students will make the right decisions for the right reasons.

Dear Marist students,

As with every event that we host at Marist, we think it is important to review all phases of our events and make changes based on our observations. Homecoming is no different. Over the years, Marist Homecoming has been a spirit-filled week leading up to the Homecoming dance which features a packed gym of predominantly Marist students dancing the night away. So what could we improve about the Homecoming dance?

History has shown that during the 1960s and 70s, this dance was dominated by junior and senior students. As an all-male school, Marist's policy was always that Homecoming was a date dance, teaching young men to find the courage to ask a girl, make dance arrangements and "meet" the parents. As time moved on in the 80s and 90s, it became acceptable for sophomores and even freshmen to participate in the festivities which included attending the dance with the upperclassmen. What did not change was the "must-have-a-date" policy.

Recently, various conversations have taken place about how the Homecoming dance has changed and the possibility that our policies may need to change with it. During this past year's Homecoming dance, it became evident that many students were meeting their dates for the first time under the portico in front of the main gym right before the dance. In some cases, the students did not even know each other's last names. They followed the school policy and entered the dance as a couple, but then immediately parted ways from there and never saw each other again for the remainder of the night.

We are considering changing the policy to allow any Marist student who wishes to attend the dance and be with his/her friends the opportunity to do so. We would not allow members of other schools to attend our Homecoming dance unless they were invited as the date of a Marist student. We feel strongly that the Homecoming dance should be an event for our own Marist students.

Over the next several months the Administration will be meeting with your student council and the Student Activities Director to discuss this proposed change. We hope to have a decision made before the end of the first semester. As always, we welcome input from the students.

Mr. Tucker

Students and faculty: please cut out the letter below, sign it and return it to the main office. Signed letters will be forwarded to the Alderman, Mayor and members of the City Council. Thank you for your participation.

November 6, 2012

To: **Alderman Matt O'Shea 19th Ward**
Members of the Chicago City Council
Mayor Rahm Emanuel

I am a concerned student, parent or a staff member at Marist High School, Chicago, Illinois, a Catholic high school located in the 19th Ward. Marist High School is part of a growing interfaith coalition in the City of Chicago. I sign this letter to request that you permanently restore the longstanding water fee exemption for our religious institutions that was removed during the 2012 City of Chicago budget process.

Marist is one among the many religious institutions in the City of Chicago that annually and collectively spend hundreds of millions of dollars by educating, feeding, housing, protecting and helping its citizens. In particular, Marist High School saves the City of Chicago millions of dollars each year by providing education to city students who choose not to attend Chicago Public Schools. Our families and our students do not receive educational aid from the city-- no transportation assistance, no book assistance, no mandated service assistance. Despite this lack of support, Marist High School is an integral part of our neighborhood, the 19th Ward, and the City of Chicago. Marist has and will continue to train strong, intelligent faith-filled workers and leaders for Chicago, the State of Illinois, and our country as a whole. Along with the other religious institutions of our city, we represent faith, hope, charity, and strong community service of which examples are too numerous to list in this letter and too incalculable to value. However, last year's City Council action will result in a significant financial burden that will impact our ability to provide continued quality education to our students and important service to our community.

The water fee exemption is a critical accommodation as are other current exemptions. We believe that it is imperative that the value of the fees collected as a result of imposing water fees be valued against the benefits to the City of Chicago derived from these same religious institutions. I strongly urge you to restore the water fee exemption for our religious institutions in the City of Chicago.

Sincerely,

 Name

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 Date

 Address-optional

product review

iPhone 5

Caitlin Falsey
 Jimmy Smith
Sentinel

On Fri., Sept. 21 the thinner, faster, stronger, lighter, and highly anticipated 6th generation iPhone 5 launched in the U.S., Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and the U.K.

Apple sold over five million iPhone 5 in the first weekend of its launch.

Compared to previous versions, the iPhone is both smaller and bigger at the same time. The iPhone 5 is 18% thinner and 20% lighter but now has a bigger 4.8 inch screen.

Instead of a stainless steel mid-frame put between two pieces of glass, the iPhone 5 now is made out of aluminum, just like Apple notebooks or desktops. This makes the entire device stronger.

Instead of having a solid piece of glass on the front and back, there's now just glass on the front. Instead of both of these glass slabs being attached to the front and back separately, now the phone's case is made out of one piece of aluminum, with the front display sitting flat in the iPhone. You can instantly feel just how solid and well-built the iPhone 5 is the first time you pick it up.

The battery has also increased in terms of life span. It has up to 8 hours of browsing on a cellular connection, up to 8 hours of talk time, and up to 10 hours of video playback time.

"I love my iPhone 5 because of the battery life, and the new processor makes the phone so much faster!" said senior Anthony Zubricki.

The 16GB model retails for \$199, the 32GB model for \$299, and the 64GB for \$399, all with the two-year contract. The iPhone 5 is the most expensive iPhone yet.

Apple competitors have taken shots at the iPhone 5 ever since its release date, but people still are flooding the doors to go buy the newer, faster, thinner, and stronger iPhone 5.

Looking for something to do? Join speech!

Molly Bansley
guest reporter

Hey, you!

Yeah, you.

No, not you. YOU! Yes...you there.

Do you talk to yourself? Do you get funny looks for talking to your locker or to walls?

Well, Marist has provided an answer to your problems. You need to come and join the speech and acting team. (Applause.)

On this extremely competitive team, we learn key speaking and acting skills which we apply in performances of great literature. We bring the words on the page to life in enchanting and captivating performances beyond your wildest imagination!

With 14 different categories to choose from, there is sure to be a spot on the team for you.

Categories range from poetry and prose reading to dramatic and humorous duet acting, with a number of speech delivering categories in between.

On our elite team, we dress in only the finest attire. We dress to impress. And impress we do!

Last year's members qualified for regionals, sectionals, state and even the national competition held in Baltimore.

Impressive, huh?

So don't be embarrassed talking to Mr. Wall or Senora Locker any longer. Join the speech and acting team, where talking to inanimate objects and people who aren't really there is not only acceptable, it is encouraged.

Our team will leave you speechless!



photo by Ian Bond

Sophomore Tim Johnson and freshman Kelly Collins practice their humorous duet acting piece at speech team practice after school on Oct. 31. The team meets Mondays after school in room 121.

Big win in the desert

Shannon Allen
Kate Stapleton
Sentinel

With an overall record of 29-6, the girls' varsity volleyball team season came to an end on Oct. 25 with a loss at regionals to Lincoln-Way Central.

It was a sad ending for the seniors as they finished their four-year careers.

The highlight of the season came just a few days earlier, on Oct. 19-20, when the team took 1st place overall at the Nike Tournament in Arizona. Team captain Mallory Salis was also named MVP of the tournament.

"This season was one of the best," Salis said. "I could not have asked to play with a better team or for a better coach. It is not the way I wanted to end the season, but I give credit to Lincoln-Way Central."

"They did not make errors and, in the end, it is all about who makes fewer errors," Salis said.

The first match against Lincoln-Way Central was a 25-19 loss for Marist, fol-

owed by a RedHawk win in the second match, 25-23.

The third and final match was the hardest fought, resulting in a 25-21 loss.

"I felt sad for the seniors, but also very proud," said head coach Natalie Holder.

Holder, who coached her team to a 4th place finish last year at state, said, "Not everything can always go your way, but I told the girls to keep their heads up high because they have a great school and community behind them."

"I would rather walk out with a loss with this team than with a win with any other team," Holder said.

Seniors who will continue their careers include Salis, committed to Ohio University, and Elyse Panick, committed to Marshall University.

Kelly Marcinek and Taylor Holder will also play college volleyball, but remained uncommitted to a school at press time.



photo courtesy of HR Imaging

Coach Holder confers with her starters on senior night. On Oct. 19-20, the team won the Nike Tournament, a national competition held in Arizona.

Give them a league of their own!

Ryan McManus
Sentinel

Baseball season has come to an abrupt end, as most Chicago sports fans are used to, and although the Bears have had an impressive start, the season is still in its early stages and anything can happen.

With that in mind, one team played in Chicago recently that has been one of the most dominant teams of the past twenty years and is the reigning champions of their sport. The worst part is, most people reading this have no clue what team I am referring to: the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team (USWNT).

The USWNT is hot off of a gold medal win in the London Olympics, and are currently on their "Gold Medal Tour" across America. They constantly sell out arenas, get staggeringly high TV ratings, and constantly trend on social media.

This has all of the makings of a successful sport, correct?

The sad reality is quite the opposite.

Right before the women started training for the Summer Olympics, the Women's Professional Soccer League disbanded, leaving the players with only one league (W-League) that combines professionals with only local talent, usually with the best players playing on the same team.

For example, four members of the USWNT play for the Seattle Sounders. This makes it difficult for the league to gauge its improvements over the course of the season when a team plays lower caliber talent.

This has caused elite American players such as Alex Morgan and Megan Rapinoe to consider playing overseas for the next three years.

However, all hope is not lost.

With the recent success, there have been rumors of a new women's soccer league



The U.S. Women's National Soccer Team

photo courtesy of USWNT

starting, combining the top teams of the W-League with top teams in the WPSL.

Fans of women's soccer, or soccer in general, should make their voices heard and demand that this new league be established.

Instead of cramming in as much of them as possible for barely one year with a three year layover, there would be the chance to watch them every year.

Even those who do not appreciate the game should give it a shot. These women are more than just pretty faces.

People who achieve greatness in their sport are revered for years to come. Guys like Babe Ruth, Michael Jordan, and Jerry Rice all have left a mark on American sports as they are known today.

It is time to add Brandi Chastain, Mia Hamm, and Abby Wambach to that list.

Girls' golf season ends

Kaitlin Kenny
Sentinel

The girls varsity golf team finished the regular season on Sept. 26 competing in the ESCC Conference Tournament at Links of Carillon. The team finished with a score of 383, allowing the team to tie for 6th place. This is the best finish by the team in ESCC play.

The varsity team was led by seniors Catherine Dillon and Maddie Jendra, juniors Ashley Kay, Emily Vlahos and Anna Schieber and sophomores Sam Smith and Kelly Barker.

Kay, Smith, Schieber, and Barker, qualified for the IHSA Sectional at Coyote Run on Mon., Oct. 8. The girls played under tough golf conditions including a one hour frost delay and 30 to 40 mph winds.

Kay tied for 42nd place, Barker tied for 75th place, Smith placed 78th and Schieber tied 83rd.

The team captains, Dillon and Jendra led the team to its 6-2 overall record to complete the season.



The 2012 boys' varsity soccer team

photo courtesy of Marist athletics

boys' soccer

Varsity disappointed, sophs victorious

Emma Carruth
Sentinel

The varsity soccer team's season ended with a disappointing loss to Reavis in the regional final game (though they beat them 1-0 during the season), leaving an overall record of 14-8-3 and a 3rd place finish in conference.

The team loses 11 seniors after this year.

"The senior class brought a lot of emotion and passion for the game," said head coach Sean Maxwell. "They led us to a 14-8-3 season. As a class, they wore their emotion for the game on their sleeves. They will be missed."

The sophomore boys closed their season with an overall record of 14-7-2. Their 2-1 win at the East Suburban Catholic Conference Championship marks the first time in over 30 years the sophomores have won conference.

Boys' golf season ends

Caitlin Falsey
Sentinel

Led by medalist John Yerkes, runner-up Dan Sheely, Enzo Frankie, Trevor Fox, Dan Cachey, and Brendan Hopkins, Marist brought home a victory in their Class 3A regional over nine other teams at Old Oak Country Club in Homer Glen.

Marist (327), Brother Rice (360) and Stagg (370) advanced into the New Trier sectional.

At sectionals, the boys fell short against teams from Brother Rice, Evanston, Glenbrook North, Homewood-Flossmoor, Loyola Academy, Maine South, Maine West, Marian Catholic, New Trier, Sandburg, and Stagg.

This was also the first season in 18 years the team conference.

"Winning regionals was a huge step for us, but unfortunately we didn't get anyone down state because we didn't play at our fullest potential at sectionals," said head coach Joel Vickers.

"We worked hard together and had a great coach," Yerkes said.

Cross Country State Finals**Hauser, McDermott, O'Loughlin qualify**

Jenna Doherty
Kevin Maloney
Katie Morgan
Sentinel

Seniors Kyle Hauser, Moira McDermott and Maggie O'Loughlin represented the RedHawks at the IHSA cross country state final meet held on Sat., Nov. 3 in Peoria.

Hauser placed 34th overall, with a new personal record of 14:54 for the 3 mile race, the fastest time in Marist history since the mid-1990s.

McDermott finished 76th and O'Loughlin 108th in their second consecutive state showing.

The girls team finished the season with a "three-peat" finish as regional champions.

On Oct. 20, O'Loughlin finished in first place at regionals for the third time in her career.

Earlier in the season, on Oct. 13, the team placed second in conference, with

O'Loughlin, Yaeger, McDermott and Anne Marie Leonard taking home medals.

The girls' frosh-soph team placed 3rd overall, with Andrea Burnham placing 2nd in the frosh-soph race.

Senior captain Kyle Hauser led the boys' team in the last stretch of the season, placing 7th at the Lockport meet on Sept. 29. The Lockport course is widely regarded as one of the toughest in the state.

The team placed 3rd overall at conference, with Hauser placing 1st and junior Kyle Haberkorn coming in 5th.

The only team member to place at regionals by coming in 1st, Hauser went on to place 10th at sectionals.

"State was a very competitive race," Hauser said.



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For the third time in four years, seniors Maggie O'Loughlin and Moira McDermott contributed to a first-place regional win for the RedHawk girls' cross country team.



photo by Angela Mehalek

Dan Werniak takes the puck from his New Trier opponent at Bartlett Tournament in September. The RedHawks face Providence tomorrow, Nov. 8, at Southwest Ice Arena at 7:40 p.m.

RedHawks, Weishar provide a season to remember

Kevin O'Shea
Sentinel

The 2012 football season ended on Oct. 26 as the Redhawks faced the Lyons Township Lions for the first round 8A playoff game. During the game, both teams went back and forth with touchdowns, but Lyons came out of the fourth quarter with a 34-28 win.

The RedHawks came into this game with one intention: to defeat Lyons Township and go further in the playoffs.

Before the game, head coach Pat Dunne said, "All we want to focus on is one game at a time. We do not look for the next game after, but the game we're going to play this week. Offensively and defensively, we just want to get better every game."

A week earlier, on Oct. 12, the team faced Benet under a cloud of grief. Earlier in the week, junior wide receiver Nic Weishar lost his brother Andrew to cancer.

To the surprise of many, Nic played in the Benet game, delivering an outstanding performance in spite of the team's loss.

"Benet was just the better team, and they got us when we were down," Coach Dunne said. "They are a great team, and that night they just got us."

The game on Oct. 26 came down to a stalemate between Marist and Lyons. After a four-yard touchdown by Jordan Burger, Lyons responded with a touchdown with 1:50 left in the second quarter for a 27-14 lead. After the second quarter it remained like that, with Lyons getting a one touchdown lead until the end of the game.

Offensive lineman Brendan Lawler said, "If I were to give any advice to next year's team it would be to work even harder than we did this year. Do not take a day off, and go one-hundred percent every second. You do not know when your season might end. Getting a taste of your last play of the sport you love is the worst taste. Finish next season with no ifs, ands or buts, and you will not regret your season."

RedHawk hockey team rebounds

Zack Cody
Jimmy Smith
Sentinel

The Marist hockey team started with a 1-4 record, but after regaining focus, they are now 9-8 after a tough, 3-1 loss against neighborhood rival St. Rita on Oct. 25.

The Redhawks were penalized 14 times in the game, which resulted in St. Rita having more offensive chances to score while the RedHawks were short-handed. Some key performances were by player Dan Werniak with one goal, and the freshman goalie Ryan Gill with many saves.

Senior Marty Mehalek said, "Our 14 penalties didn't help. We were unable to get any offense going the whole game."

Some teams start struggling after a big loss to a rival, but the Redhawks did the opposite.

The RedHawks regained their confidence with a victory against Guerin, 4-1.

With a few players injured, including senior forwards Stephen Gapski and Daniel Loizzo, the Redhawks have many obstacles to face until playoffs start in February.

On Nov. 1 the team struggled again and lost to Saint Viator 6-3.

With months left in the regular season, the players do not seem worried about playoffs.

"I feel when we get healthy we will be at the top of our game and the season will play in our favor," said senior Henry ("Code Red") Cody.

These Marist hockey players are ready to keep improving throughout the season. Their next game is tomorrow Nov. 8th against Providence at Artic Ice Arena at 7:40 p.m.



photo courtesy of Kara Bock

Junior wide receiver Nic Weishar (#89) helped lead this year's varsity football team to an 8-2 season, including a victory against St. Rita.