



## Malito's parting is such sweet sorrow

Bridget Tracy  
*Editor-in-chief*

On September 9, 1963, Marist opened its doors to its first all-boys class of students. The following year in 1964, Mr. Larry Malito began his career at Marist as an English teacher. Forty-seven years later, Mr. Malito can still be found teaching English to the students of Marist.

But this will be Malito's final year at Marist as he prepares to retire in June.

"The most remarkable thing about his career is the fact that he has put in more hours than most of us here combined," guidance counselor Mr. Tom Fabrizio said. "He is the school's biggest supporter and truly has the upmost respect of his colleagues."

According to guidance counselor Mr. Patrick Ryan, "There will be a void in the building that no one will ever be able to replace" come next fall.

Malito is well-known at Marist for his passion for Shakespearean and British literature, which he currently teaches to the seniors.

"Mr. Shakespeare is a good name for Mr. Malito," Principal Larry Tucker said. "He gets students to understand and actually become interested in the themes and storylines of Shakespearean plays. When you watch him quote from text, the hand gestures are present and his passion just flows."

The Bard once asked, "What's in a name?" If the name is Larry Malito, one discovers 'a round, unvarnished tale' of the 'noblest [Marist] of them all' who has

a spotless reputation of 'breathing life into stones,' teaching his students to 'be not afraid of greatness' and making 'a feast of languages' in his classroom," wrote English teacher Mrs. Tracy Michicich, borrowing quotes from Shakespeare.

"This man, 'that which we call a rose,' has dedicated his life to Marist," Michicich said. "Larry has always been a mentor to me, and it is fun for me to talk about him in a way I know he will appreciate."

Malito's career at Marist is longer than that of any other faculty member.

"He is the only person who has been at every Marist graduation," said religion and philosophy teacher Dr. Michael Bello. "He will be missed."

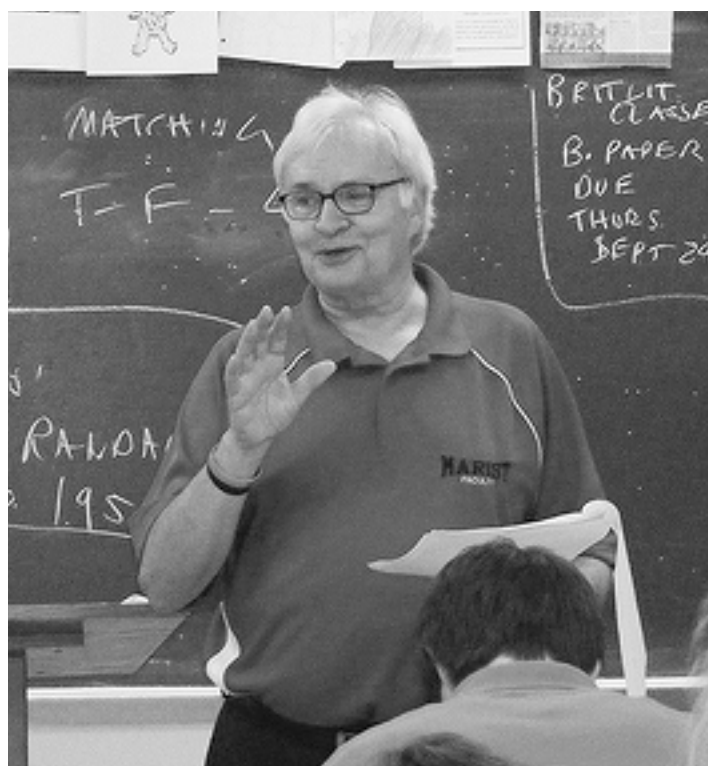
Former student and current guidance counselor Mr. Erik Christensen, whose father was also taught by Malito, said, "We're losing a legend. He made Shakespeare tolerable, and not many people can do that. He was always just really nice and really passionate about the subject he taught."

Christensen is one of many second generation students, some of whom are looking forward to being among Malito's last students.

"I haven't met him yet, but I already feel like he is legendary," said senior Rachel Lucas, whose father, a member of the Class of 1979, was taught by Malito.

English colleague Mrs. Mary Cozzie cited Malito's enthusiasm as a major contribution to the school.

"He has such a high energy level and reminds us all that we can't forget Will Shakespeare," Cozzie said.



**English teacher Mr. Larry Malito will retire in June, ending an historic 48 year career at Marist High School.**

photo by Tim Johnson

Marist President Br. Pat McNamara described Malito as "a pillar of the Marist faculty and community."

"He knows our history of over forty years; he knows the students and alumni. His leaving is very significant. Hopefully, he won't be far away," McNamara said.

English teacher Mr. Brendan Heffernan, who was taught by Malito in 1998-99, said that "Malito gave me the motivation to follow in his footsteps. He clearly has a passion for teaching and his methods encourage students to actively participate and apply the readings to life."

Perhaps Malito's most important lessons are not necessarily content-based.

"What I learned from Malito wasn't in the classroom but when I came back to visit," said Class of 2010 member Mike Cotter. "He didn't have to remember me out of the hundreds of students he's had, or where I going to school or what I wanted to be, but he did. He taught me how important it is to invest in people because they will invest in you back."

"That's what students need-someone who genuinely cares about his classes-past and present," Cotter said.

## Student drug testing underway

Brian Laughran  
*Managing editor*

Last year Marist High School introduced random student drug testing and while rumors floated around over the summer that testing would not be returning this year, drug testing is back.

The procedure of testing has remained the same. Students are chosen at random by a third party and are to report to the athletic conference room. There Deans Beth O'Neill and Don Pirkle will remove an inch and a half of hair from the selected students.

After the students are tested, a notice will be sent home to parents via a third party telling them whether their child passed or failed their drug tests. Parents of students who fail will be notified and these students will be tested again 100 days after their first failed test.

The school will not be notified of failed testing unless the student fails for a second time. In that case, Principal Larry Tucker will be the only Marist faculty member alerted along with the parents of the student and a meeting will normally be held after both parties are notified. All records of passes and failures are kept off of the school campus.

The school does not decide what students are to be tested; they only determine the days that testing is to take place. Mrs. O'Neill stated that the drug testing has been brought about not to be punitive but to "create a healthier environment for students."

When asked how he felt about drug testing, senior Jordan Murphy said, "I'm sure Marist has the best intentions, but they're invading student's privacy as these events happen outside of school."

It seems most students are either against drug testing, like Murphy, or indifferent towards it.

"[Drug testing] doesn't affect me at all. It's only a small portion of my hair and I don't do drugs," said senior Angela Rembles.

Her opinion seems reflective of those who aren't opposed to testing: I don't do drugs so why should I care? Most people who disagree with testing claim that it's an invasion of privacy. But, considering that Marist is a private institution, certain rights are waived upon entry.

Even if students want to still attend Marist High School without drug testing there is an opt-out clause in drug testing – though the date to have parents meet with Mr. Tucker about dropping out of the program has long passed (September 9).

Deans O'Neill and Pirkle both commented on how drug testing is not meant to be punitive but preventative.

"The longer you keep kids off of drugs and alcohol, the less likely it is to become a problem later in life," Mrs. O'Neill explained.

Mr. Pirkle added, "It's more important to help kids than to [punish] them."

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photo by Brian Laughran

## Bienvenidos a Marist

Drew Diana  
*Sentinel*

The Marist community welcomes sophomore Allison Gallardo Vertiz, of Toluca, Mexico (left) and junior Bernardo Rodriguez Vazquez, of Morelia, Mexico (right), each of whom will be living and studying in the United States for one year. While both of them like Marist, they do not agree on one aspect of school here. Vertiz said, "There is less homework than I usually get," while Vazquez said, "There is much more homework than I am used to."



# New field unveiled, more changes on the way

Sean Gilligan  
*Sentinel*

Thanks to alumni and other generous donors, Marist High School is sporting a brand new state-of-the-art turf football field. The northeast corner of the campus, where the football and baseball fields were, is now dedicated solely to football. The baseball field will be moved to the west side of campus and construction is already underway. The field was unveiled and blessed by Father Tom Hurley on Aug. 17. Major donors were invited for the blessing ceremony and dinner and other donors were invited to the Red and White scrimmage the following week. Approximately \$1.4 million of the \$1.5 million goal has been raised, primarily through the generosity of alumni and parents.

With tough economic times lingering, people wondered if these renovations were necessary, and the plan to begin construction was met with mixed emotions. Most people, along with the football team, agree that the field has been well worth the money that has been spent. RedHawk wide receiver Ryan Carroll said, “The new field will bring a lot of new players from grammar schools and have a big impact on the future of Marist football.” Band director Mr. Andrew Creagh agrees that the field has been worth the effort. “Turf is easier because there isn’t as much sliding [when there is bad weather] and the boundaries of the field are better defined, making rehearsals and performances easier,” Creagh said.

Creagh added that the press box gives him a greatly improved vantagepoint from which to see and direct the marching band’s routines. Phase two of the project involves building a new, state-of-the-art baseball field. The new construction will eliminate the flooding problem from years past and should be completed by spring 2012. RedHawks outfielder Mark Bean said, “I cannot wait to play on the new field. It is going to be awesome and bring in a lot of great players.” A new freshman field is also scheduled for 2012-2013. Donations are still being accepted for the campaign. For more information, contact Mr. Tom Inzinga, Director of Development, at (773) 881-5379 or at inzinga.tom@marist.net.



The football team and marching band practice on the new field, part of a \$1.5 million campaign. Alumni and parents of current students have contributed \$1.4 million toward the project.

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# Travel to Europe with Marist

Matt Mead  
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On Apr. 3, Guidance Counselor Ms. Holly Cox will lead the first of 2 trips to Europe this school year. In April, participants will travel along the Danube River to Austria, Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Germany. The trip includes 2 nights each in Salzburg, Vienna, Budapest, Prague, and Munich. Travelers will stay in centrally-located 3 and 4-star hotels, with breakfasts and dinners included. “This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit places some people only dream about,” Cox said. On July 21, Marist students and their parents can travel to Greece for an 8 day cruise on the Aegean Sea.

Greek ports of call on the cruise include Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini, with overnight accommodations in hotels and on-board cabins. All breakfasts, dinners and four lunches are included in the trip. The total cost of the Danube excursion is \$3,963, including airfare, while the cost of the Aegean adventure is \$4395, including airfare. Both trips can be paid for on a monthly installment basis, and additional add-on excursions and amenities, such as an outside cabin upgrade on the cruise, are available at additional costs. For more information about these travel abroad with Marist programs, students and their parents may contact Ms. Cox in the guidance department at Marist at (773) 881-5327 or at cox.holly@marist.net.

# Sophomores, juniors prepare for Oct. 12

Alex Dale  
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On Wed., Oct. 12, the freshmen and seniors will enjoy a day off from school while the sophomores and juniors participate in National Testing Day here at Marist. The sophomores will take the PLAN test while the juniors will take the PSAT. These tests are important because they are the first good indicator of how students will do on the ACT or SAT. Students who earn high scores can qualify to win scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Of the 1.5 million entrants, only about 8,200 receive Merit Scholarship awards. This year, Marist seniors Brian Campbell and Dennis Lynch were named National Merit Scholar semifinalists.

“Brian and I placed in the top 1% of students in the nation who took the PSAT,” Lynch said. “Now we are allowed to compete for national scholarships with the other semifinalists.” Underclassmen dean Brother Hank Hammer stresses the importance of these tests. “The test is not information recall, but rather an application of what you’ve learned,” Hammer said. This means that students cannot study for the test the night before as they might for a regular test. The tests force a student to use the skills learned over the course of high school. Preparing is “kind of like a Zen thing,” Campbell said. “Just be calm during the test and don’t second guess yourself.” While individual test results will be available in the spring, semifinalists will be notified next fall.

# Buy a bar for bowl-bound band

Dan Grand  
*Sentinel*

Members of the Marist band are selling candy bars through October 24 to raise funds for their upcoming trip to Atlanta, GA on Dec. 31 to perform at the Chik-fil-A bowl. The candy bars, manufactured by America’s Finest Chocolate company, are \$1 each and come in milk chocolate, almond, crunch and caramel. The band hopes to raise \$950 toward the cost of the trip. The band will march in the parade prior to the bowl game and then form a “massed band” with other participating high schools to perform in the half time show.



# RedHawk theater program presents “Diary of Anne Frank”

Matt Espinola  
*Sentinel*

Fifty-six students auditioned for the 10 roles in this year’s fall play, “The Diary of Anne Frank,” which will open in the RedHawk Theater on Thurs., Nov. 10 and runs through Sat., Nov. 12. All performances will be at 7:30 p.m.

The play was adapted from a world-famous diary that is very familiar to American high school students.

Anne Frank, a 13-year-old Dutch Jew, was forced into hiding with her family when the Nazis swept through Europe. Anne kept a diary while in hiding, until she and her family were eventually caught and sent to their deaths two years later.

“Last year we did a comedy,” said co-director Mrs. Erin Vail, “and this year we wanted to try something different. Most students will be familiar with the story and even though it is a drama, it sends a hopeful message.”

Starting in the lead role is senior Jo Pieczynski, supported by classmates Brian Laughran as Otto Frank, Dana Bisbee as Miep Gies, Marisa DiBennardi as Mrs. Van Daan, Brian Tunney as Mr. Van Daan, Angela Rembles as Mrs. Frank, Kit Grassi as Mr. Kraler and Tommy Ormand as Mr. Dussel.

Junior Mark Wirtz plays Peter Van Daan and freshman Meghan Cronin plays Margot Frank.

Casting the 10 roles from the 56 students who tried out proved “heartbreaking,” according to co-director Mrs. Erin Kelly.

“We want to cast everyone, but it’s competitive,” Kelly said. “It all comes down to what they bring on call-back day. No parts are guaranteed to anyone—we had a freshman win a part over upperclassmen.”

Auditions for this year’s spring musical, “Cinderella,” will take place in January. The show, which will feature a much larger cast, will go up on Thurs., Mar. 29 and run through Mar. 31.



Cast members of “The Diary of Anne Frank” include (upper row, l to r) Mark Wirtz, Brian Laughran, Brian Tunney and (lower row, l to r) Dana Bisbee, Jo Pieczynski, Meghan Cronin and Marisa DiBernnardi.

photo by Bridget Tracy

## Marist gets girl, girl makes history

Lauren Styx  
*Sentinel*

Marist changed history in 2002 when it admitted female students for the first time.

The Marist Student Council changed history this year by electing the first female student body president, senior Patsy Healy.

Hailing from Orland Park, Healy is a graduate of St. Michael’s who has been actively involved at Marist since freshman year. She is a member of the soccer team and has been involved in everything from Marist Youth to mission trips.

Healy is not intimidated by the role, or by the status and pressure that brings the first female to hold the position brings.

“I was aware that being the first female president was going to be a challenge,” Healy said. “It’s an honor, it’s exciting and it’s fun.”

“I wanted to be president because I felt I would be a good representative of the student body,” Healy said. “Getting involved in school and activities is what makes your high school years unforgettable.”



Student Council President Patsy Healy

Healy hopes to help the students and faculty find more common ground this year, to help students feel more connected to Marist and feel more comfortable approaching student council members with ideas and suggestions.

And she wants to help elevate school spirits to even “rowdier heights.”

“Finding something you’re interested in, either through academics or extracurricular activities is the key,” Healy said.

# Christmas at MARIST

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- 3rd Prize - Quarter Grant (\$2,250)
- 4th Prize - Quarter Grant (\$2,250)
- 5th Prize - \$500 Voucher to MBS books
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## a few minutes with...Chaplain Andy Neu

Kirsten Kendall  
*Sentinel*

His voice is heard throughout the school for the morning prayers during homeroom, but do we really know who Deacon Andy Neu is? A devout Catholic and contributor to the prayer life at Marist, Deacon Andy Neu serves at the school chaplain.

Q: What is your family background?

A: I was born into a Catholic family and my brothers, sisters and I all went to Catholic grammar schools, but not Catholic colleges. My family life didn’t really form me to understand my calling to the clergy. That came much later, after I was married and had children.

Q: How did you realize your calling?

A: I started to realize how big the world really is and how small I was, and how mysterious things are. I felt I had no control over things. I then realized that God was always a part of my life, sometimes in the foreground, right there with me, and sometimes in the background.

Q: What made you want to become a deacon?

A: Well, I was a graphic designer for 23 years and I would see dozens of poor people and children on my way to work. I wanted to help them. I saw other deacons in my parish and thought, “I don’t have to sit on the bench. I could get involved.” Then I started the four-year process of becoming a deacon. I was ordained in May 2001 in the same class as Deacon Jim Renwick.

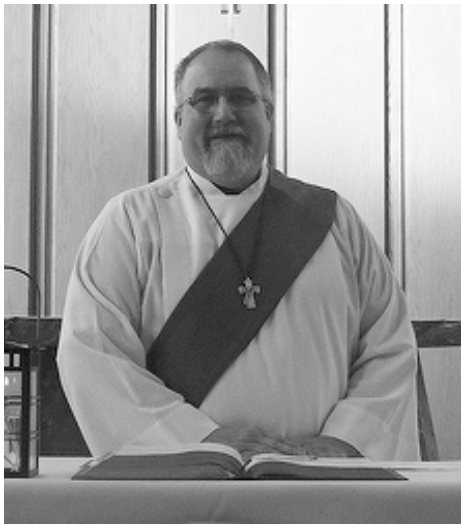
Q: How did you come to Marist?

A: I had a friend that was the assistant principal at the time who thought I would be good at teaching high school religion. I ignored him for about a year and half, then thought I’d give it a shot. I sent in a cover letter and resume and [the administration] bought it.

Q: How did you become Chaplain?

A: There was an opening two years ago

and since then I’ve had the opportunity to be Chaplain, which pretty much has the ownership of the prayer life of the school. I help find prayers for the morning announcements, preside at communion services on Friday mornings in the chapel at 7:15-all are welcome-and find priests for Masses. My responsibilities are different from that of a priest in that I cannot say Mass or listen to confessions.



Q: What do you like most about your job here at Marist?

A: I love working with teenagers and doing service for others. I like our retreats that we do for all grade levels and Kairos. This is the hardest job I’ve had, but I like that I do different things all day. I can be a teacher, a campus minister, department chair, yearbook moderator and the Chaplain all in one day. I go home tired, but it’s a good kind of tired.

Q: How would you summarize your ministry in a sentence or two?

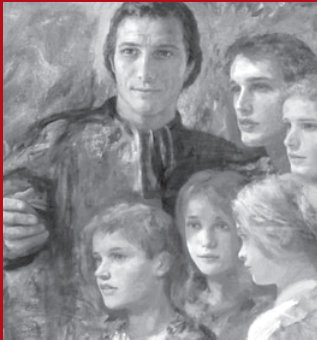
A: I feel blessed to have the opportunity to accompany teens and adults in their faith formation. I like to think I do service as a humble person. God needed humble servants and he got Marcellin Champagnat. I think humble service is key.

**Deacon Andy Neu (pictured left) presides over weekly communion services Fridays at 7:15 a.m. in the Chapel.**



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Marist spirit: A different kind of school spirit

At rallies, mixed among the smiling, cheering faces of those in the crowd singing the fight song, it’s not unusual to see one lump on a log, sitting on the bleachers, waiting in total apathy for the rally to end.

School spirit is not a requirement to graduate and some people don’t want to put in the time or effort for something they don’t have to do. As opposed to going to a game or singing loudly at a rally, they’d rather use that time for their own personal use. And while school spirit is far from a requirement, it is not unusual to wonder whether or not school spirit is important.

If you ask the members of Marist’s athletic community, school spirit is a must. “[School spirit] helps the athletes do better, said senior Shannon Kennedy, a participant in track, cross country and soccer. “The more fans you have, the better you feel. You feel as if you can do better.”

Still, others may not care about how the athletes or die-hard sports fans may feel.

School spirit should not strictly apply to our student athletes, but to the general student body.

*It is our job as RedHawks to support one another.*

Kennedy also remarked that school spirit is not just about making the athletes and spectators feel better. It is about support.

“I think we have a lot of school spirit,” Kennedy said. “We know how to support each other.”

It seems everyday the electric sign at the school’s entrance flashes ‘Students for four years, brothers and sisters for life.’ We are a family-the Marist family. It is our duty to show support for our brothers and sisters, our fellow students.

While sports may not be everybody’s thing, it is our job as RedHawks to support one another, to truly act as Marist family and not a group of constituents.

The student who helps his/her friend struggling in math class. The student who supports their friends in the arts by going to see the play. The student who makes Jesus known and loved as St. Marcellin Champagnat would have wanted. The student who studies and tries hard in academic pursuits. The student who participates to earn our school the honor, glory and fame that can only be accomplished through the efforts of a team or group.

These are the students who show not just any kind of spirit, but Marist spirit.

How do we support each other each and every day as members of the Marist community, as brothers and sisters in the Marist family?

School spirit is something that is usually only thought about in relation to athletic programs, but it is so much more than that.

It is something that we should and do give to every member of our community.

your turn

What do you think about the mandatory drug-testing program at Marist?



Katie Houbolt-freshman

*The program is a great way to encourage students to stay on the right track and make good choices and ensure a safe environment for all students.*



Anthony Herrera-sophomore

*I do not support the testing because it just violates people’s privacy. Also, just because you are tested doesn’t mean you will stop doing drugs.*



Leah Bolton-junior

*The testing helps students become more responsible for their actions. If someone tests positive, the school and parents can help seek the counseling that they deserve.*



Mike Van Arkel-senior

*I think it is an invasion of privacy and a huge waste of money. If the students get tested, why don’t the teachers get tested?*



Ms. Samantha Paoletti-English teacher

*Drugs testing can help students resist peer pressure. Students can simply blame the school and say they will be drug tested.*



Mr. Vincent Caramelle-theology teacher

*The policy affords us the opportunity to care for our students outside the classroom. If this policy derails a student from heading down a dangerous path, then it is a success.*

Wanted for crimes against individuality

School uniforms.

Some find them a blessing. Some people enjoy waking up each morning not having to give a second thought to what they are going to have to wear that day.

Students should have the freedom to choose what they want to wear each day. It should be their right to express their personalities.

The students at Marist understand that this is a learning facility and nothing should distract from that. Students here realize that we are going for a professional look, but is it so wrong to have options?

There is no denying that in the spring and summer, Marist gets to be a pretty hot place. With no air conditioning, the second floor feels like the Gobi Desert. During these hot and uncomfortable days, many of our male students complain that the pants they are required to wear add to the misery.

The most important thing to teenagers is to express their personality. With all the students looking the same, it’s a little hard to do that. Sure, students can get crafty and find some ways to bend the rules a little. But when it comes down to it, everybody looks the same.

What is so wrong about the male students being able to choose what tie they want to wear? As long as it isn’t inappropriate, what’s the problem? Is there any difference for going with a professional look with two different ties? Soon, everything down to the students’ underwear will have to be the same, and it will only be costing the parents more money.

Most students understand that they are brothers and sisters at Marist, but brothers and sisters are rarely the same. Everybody has a different personality and something that makes him or her unique.

Parenting expert Daniel Schonbuch said, “Without a sense of uniqueness, it is difficult for people to establish their own identity in the world and understand the special role they will play.”

So let girls wear colored tights and let boys wear unique ties. Now is the time in life when teenagers are supposed to express themselves and find out who they really are.

There will always be at least one student who wears something inappropriate. It isn’t fair to everyone to base a policy on a few bad apples.

Students should have some freedom when it comes to the Marist dress code. Students could still express their individuality and look professional at the same time. Adolescence is all about expressing one’s opinion and exploring one’s creativity.



*The country changed on that day, when those planes flew into and destroyed the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. But let us not forget Flight 93. Those men and women gave up their lives to stop the attack on the White House.*

--Kevin O'Shea

*I was six years old, a first grader at the time. We were in the middle of class when another teacher pulled my teacher out into the hall. When she came back in, she turned on the TV and we witnessed the second plane going into the second tower. Then my teacher shut off the TV and went outside the classroom again. I didn't know exactly what was going on, but I was scared.*

--Kaitlin Kenny

*9/11 was perhaps a necessary evil and reminded America of its vulnerability and the necessity of remaining vigilant. The attacks awakened an oblivious nation to issues of safety and security. After the attacks, the Department of Homeland Security was created, cockpits have been reinforced and airport security is now in the hands of the Federal Government. America has gotten stronger and its people more united.*

--Kelan Fong

*To me, September 11th is the beginning of a time period filled with scared relatives, adults who wouldn't tell kids what was going on and kids making up ridiculous stories about what had happened. It means a day that the nation united powerfully and Americans showed their great compassion. The 10th anniversary means the 10th year of Americans holding our heads high and our hands together, refusing to be destroyed as a nation.*

--Eileen Evoy

*I was really worried about my dad at the time because he was working downtown when all of this was going on. I kept thinking to myself, 'What if something happens to my dad?' That day didn't just affect the people in New York. The entire nation was shaken by the tragedy. America has never been the same.*

--Chuck Imposino

*343 firefighters perished in the Twin Towers and, as the daughter of a firefighter, that number hits home. My heart goes out to the heroes that were born on that day. This day serves as a constant reminder of the importance of finding peace, hope and community in our lives.*

--Christine Edgeworth

*We should remember this day for the brave responders who did their jobs to the highest standards to save innocent people. Every person lost is connected to a family and to friends who knew and loved them. We should remember 9/11 for it changed the face of the nation and the course of history. God bless America and the victims of September 11, 2001.*

--Dan Grand

*9/11 is a day that I will never forget. Sitting at home watching the replays of the planes crashing will be instilled in my mind forever. What those terrorists did was cruel, not only to the people killed, but to the entire nation.*

--Joe Galason

*Over 3,000 people died on 9/11. Tens of thousands were affected by those losses, including family members and friends. Every September, we will remember those victims and their loved ones.*

*We will never forget.*

--Tony Mocarski

*We all have to remember this tragedy because so many people were killed. Not only were so many civilians killed in the attack, but 9/11 marked the single greatest loss of rescue personnel in the history of America.*

--Alex Dale

*It's important to try to look at the attack optimistically. The nation came together as one on that day. We set aside our differences and banded together, as a nation should. We realized we were not invincible. We learned we needed to work together to make our country safe again. I think that's what we should take out of this tragedy. The terrorists may have brought down our buildings, but they didn't bring down our pride.*

--Taylor Novak

*I remember being in my first grade math class and the principal came over the PA to tell us about the attacks. I thought nothing of it, really. Now, as a mature teen, I understand the huge impact that day had on America and families across the U.S. 9/11 is a sad day because of all the innocent lives lost and the feeling of being safe at home was taken away from us that day. We need to reflect and pray for those who lost their lives that day.*

--Jimmy Smith

*On September 11, 2001, I was in second grade at St. Linus School. No one knew what was going on and the teachers wouldn't tell us. My teacher turned on the TV and my whole class watched in confusion as the Twin Towers smoked. We did not know what the image on the screen meant. This 10th anniversary is a reminder of how far we have come since that day. We remember the people we lost that day, but we also remember the people who are overseas fighting for us.*

--Emily Quinn

*September 11th means that we need to come together as one and help each other day by day to be strong and get through our daily struggles. We need to move forward to the future and always remember where we came from.*

--Rory Guth

*I think the worst part of the day was going home and watching the news. The same story was on every channel. Hearing about all the lives lost was so upsetting. I knew this wasn't something little. These attacks on our country were going to change our nation forever.*

--Sara Hruska

*I will always have the utmost respect for the families that lost loved ones. My father is a Chicago firefighter and did go to New York a couple of weeks later to help. On this anniversary, we should reflect on the lives lost and admire how close our country has become.*

--Michelle McVicker

## 9/11: a time to remember the time America cannot forget

Clare Jorgensen

Assistant managing editor

Ten years ago, terrible incidents occurred in New York City, Washington D.C, and Pennsylvania that not only shocked the country, but the entire world.

These events caused terror and panic throughout the whole country. Ten years after the event, we are honoring those who were killed and those who helped to save those affected. The United States is no longer stricken with fear. These incidents are known as the September 11 attacks, or 9/11.

On a relaxing, calm Tuesday morning, when people in New York were partaking in their schedules, the unthinkable occurred.

Earlier that day, members of al-Queda hijacked four airplanes in Eastern coast cities and sent two of them to New York to destroy the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center.

A third plane crashed into the Pentagon. The fourth plane crash landed in a field outside Shanksville, PA. The target of the fourth plane remains unknown, but experts believe it was the U.S. Capitol building or the White House.

These events occurred when we were most vulnerable. A majority of the people in New York City and Arlington were busy working, oblivious to any danger coming their way. The only danger that could occur on a day like that day is someone possibly forgetting something at home or somebody being fired. Who could imagine a plane being crashed into the workplace?

Exactly 2,996 people were killed that day. This included the hijackers, the people on the plane, the people at the targeted spots, and even the many firefighters who tried to help save the people inside the Twin Towers.

Although Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941, there had not been an attack on the continental United States since the American Revolution.

Hearing all of this would make a person too scared to walk out of his or her home. In 2001, right after the attacks, everyone in the United States was scared and confused. We united together, however, as a nation to overcome our fear and to support those most affected by the crashes.

These events increased airport security as well. Today, people are annoyed with the paranoia in airports, but they do not realize that many members of al-Queda walked in undetected as terrorists.

Before people complain about the long security lines and full body scans, they should think of those who died 10 years ago.

The ceremonies celebrated on the 10th anniversary opened everyone's eyes to not only the events that occurred, but also to the families and other people affected.

With the 10th anniversary of 9/11 behind us, the people of the United States must continue to remember those we lost.

We must continue to celebrate how much our country united and how we outgrew our fear.

*The full impact did not really hit me until I was in maybe fourth or fifth grade. It was then I began understanding just how serious it was. Our nation was forever scarred by this tragedy. For me, the 10th anniversary is a solemn reminder of the lives lost, but also how our country united together to pull through.*

--Cara Dillon

*Just before we were about to leave for school, I caught sight of my mom staring at the TV with a horrible expression. When I tried to ask what was going on, she told me to stay quiet and that I was going to stay home from school. That was the first time in my life I was introduced to how bad the world can actually be.*

--George Medina



# Memorable homecoming week planned

Dana Bisbee  
*Sentinel*

Next week kicks off one of the most anticipated times of the year at Marist. For a whole week, students are allowed to be out of uniform and participate in fun activities. It all leads to Saturday night’s homecoming dance, considered by many to be the most exciting event of all. To say the least, homecoming week is going to be a memorable one for the Marist community.

Monday night features a private concert by *Company of Thieves*, a band that tours internationally. The band has two albums on iTunes, the self-titled album released in May 2009 and ‘Running from a Gamble,’ released in May of this year. Tickets are \$5 with all proceeds going to Think Pink, a breast cancer charity. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in the courtyard between the math and art wings, and the rain location for the concert will be the main gym.

Movie night is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, and due to the close proximity of Halloween to homecoming, a horror film will be shown outdoors at Marist this year, complete with free popcorn. Prizes will be given to those wearing the top five Halloween costumes, and moviegoers should bring their own blankets or chairs. The rain location is the main gym.

On Wednesday, the boys soccer teams face Joliet Catholic Academy at 6:30 p.m. at Red and White Stadium. The student matches will be followed by a student-faculty match. Free food, contests, and giveaways are also included.

Homecoming week includes a great deal of tradition, and this year is no exception. On Thursday, the junior girls will face the senior girls in the annual Powder Puff flag football game, kicking off at 7 p.m. at the varsity football field.

On Friday, we will follow a rally schedule to support the football players as they prepare to face St. Pat’s at Red and White Stadium at 7:30 p.m. There will be a fireworks display after the varsity game.

The theme of Saturday’s homecoming dance is “Party in the USA.” The dance will be held from 7-10:30 p.m. and tickets are \$35 per couple.

Homecoming Dress Codes

MONDAY  
**Super Fan Day**  
wear your favorite sports team’s jersey

TUESDAY  
**This Used to be Cool Day**  
wear something retro

WEDNESDAY  
**Day at the Beach**  
Break out those loud Hawaiian shirts

THURSDAY  
**American Pride Day**  
Put on your red, white and blue

FRIDAY  
**Rowdy Day**  
Show your RedHawk Pride

# Summer, fall films a mixed bag

Brian Laughran  
*The Cinematic Sultan*

Last year’s summer blockbuster season was nothing short of deplorable. This year, however, was something of a comeback to the fun that audiences have come to expect from the summer cinema.

Woody Allen’s *Midnight in Paris* helped get the summer off to a great start. The film stars Owen Wilson as a screenwriter on vacation in Paris who, every midnight, travels back in time to Paris of the 1920s where he meets and falls in love with a flapper girl (Marion Cotillard). The film’s light and breezy premise, contrasted with Allen’s sharp-witted humor, made this one of the most enjoyable romantic comedies in a long time.

J.J. Abrams gave audiences this summer’s best film, *Super 8*. The picture is about a group of youngsters trying to make a movie for the local film festival, but end up capturing an extraterrestrial on camera. *Super 8* is an ode to the great Steven Spielberg films of the 1970s and is complete with a talented group of young actors, astounding direction, and the best coming-of-age story since *Stand by Me*.

The *Harry Potter* series came to an epic conclusion this past July with *The Deathly Hallows Part II*. This last installment of the *Potter* films satisfied the great anticipation built from part one.

This summer did have some stumbles, however. *Captain America: The First Avenger* was a bland, boring, and cliché action movie whose leading man (Chris Evans) was totally devoid of personality. Obviously, this film was made only to set up next summer’s *The Avengers*.

With summer in the rear-view mirror, it’s time to look forward to the fall and winter film season. On Oct. 7, actor/director/co-writer George Clooney teams up with Ryan Gosling for *The Ides of March* – a political drama centered on the dirty deals that go on behind closed doors in American politics. Clooney proved himself to be a great writer/director when he released *Good Night, and Good Luck* and I’m eagerly waiting to see his work on this picture.

Johnny Depp is returning to the screen in the long-awaited adaptation of Hunter S. Thompson’s *The Rum Diary*. The film stars Depp as an alcoholic free-lance journalist who finds himself working for a down-and-out newspaper in Puerto Rico. Depp proved that he can handle Thompson’s off-beat material with 1998’s *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* and, from the previews, it looks as if though Depp may have a hit on his hands come Oct. 28.

Clint Eastwood will be releasing a biopic on the life of the controversial J. Edgar Hoover, aptly named *J. Edgar*, on Nov. 9. Written by Oscar winner Dustin Lance Black (*Milk*), the film will star Leonardo DiCaprio as the man who helped form the modern FBI and seemed to be above the law and order he sought to bring about. With a recently released trailer, DiCaprio is already beginning to gain Oscar buzz for his portrayal of Hoover from a young to old man.

Martin Scorsese, director of such crime classics as *The Departed* and *GoodFellas*, will be releasing his first children’s movie – *Hugo*, an adaptation of Brian Selznick’s *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, on Nov. 23. It will be interesting to see what the legendary, violence-themed director’s take on a children’s story centered on a French orphan and a robot will be.

England’s best are appearing in this year’s spy-thriller, *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*. This adaptation of John le Carre’s novel stars Gary Oldman as George Smiley, a spy forced out of retirement to help uncover the identity of a Soviet spy within British intelligence. Aside from the always wonderful Oldman, this truly is a star studded cast with last year’s Best Actor winner Colin Firth, Tom Hardy of *Inception* fame, the legendary John Hurt, and Mark Strong. This Cold War era drama sounds like a combination of *The Departed* and James Bond and with such an impressive cast this will certainly be a film to look out for on Dec. 9.

Straight off his Oscar nomination from *The Social Network*, director David Fincher is releasing his adaptation of Steig Larsson’s popular thriller *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*. This much anticipated adaptation will star Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara and the legendary Christopher Plummer. The film is due out Dec. 21.

This year in film has been impressive so far, albeit with some stumbles, and the future is looking bright as we head further into the year.

# Clubs, activities provide great opportunities

Clare Jorgensen  
*Sentinel*

Although Marist offers a wide variety of sports, not every student is able to play because of personal health problems, lack of skills, or even just lack of interest.

Students at Marist, especially the freshmen, are looking for ways to get involved without having to participate in a sport. Marist offers many clubs and activities to its students in order for everyone to find their calling and to be involved.

There are approximately 31 clubs and activities at Marist, including the recently added Orchesis, Debate Team, Art Club, and International Club. Clubs vary from scholastic, including the Academic and the Math Teams, to service including Marist Youth and the Ecology Club, to athletic including the Ultimate Frisbee Club, Bowling Club, and Boxing Club.

Whatever a student’s preference, there is a club to satisfy his or her likes. It is important for students to listen to the announcements each morning. Any meetings that a club is hosting will be mentioned over the intercom, so if any students want to ask any questions or visit the meeting, that is the best way to learn about clubs. If students were unable to listen to the announcements, the daily announcements are listed on the Marist website. Also students should look around to the bulletin boards where many clubs post flyers and posters.

If these options do not appeal to students, they can create their own clubs. Students can turn in an application to Activities Director Ms. Patti Arveson by Dec. 1. For example, senior Jake Stevens created the Debate Team this way.

Arveson listed five reasons why students benefit from involvement in a club or activity, including social benefits, building skills and interest in the area of the club, leadership opportunities, help with time management, and it’s good for college.

Arveson also believes that being involved in outside activities “will make students more engaged in school life and inspired them to achieve greater balance.”

Studies show that students perform better if they are more involved in activities in school. Joining clubs also keeps students from getting bored or into trouble outside of school.

Freshmen coming from their respective grade schools are trying to get accustomed to the new workload and joining clubs will help balance their timing. Seniors who have not yet joined any clubs or activities will need to find ways to make their application look better to colleges.

The Art Club is one of the newest clubs at Marist, geared toward students interested in drawing and painting and having their art shown. Students can show off their creativity and plan projects and activities throughout the year. Ms. Rita Ator is the moderator.

The Debate Team is perfect for any students interested in rhetoric or public debating. In this club, students will research and prepare for topical debates. The students will be able to compete against other schools in the Chicago Catholic Forensic League. Mr. Dan Barry is the moderator.

The International Club gives students an opportunity to learn about world cultures and their own ethnic backgrounds. Club moderator Mr. Erik Christensen said, “Diversity, tolerance, and different cultures is what we’re about.” The club will sponsor many fun events to develop stronger world views.

Orchesis is a performance dance group that specializes in jazz, ballet, and modern dance. Students will be able choreograph their own moves and also to learn new dance moves in the process. The list of students that are in the club has already been posted. The club will perform annually. Ms. Kristen Rademacher is the moderator of the club.

Students interested in the field of print journalism, including photojournalism, can meet in room 121 after school on Mondays. The journalism club is especially designed to involve students whose schedules do not permit them to enroll in the journalism class.

If students want to learn more about clubs at Marist, they will be able to find all the information on the Marist website under clubs and activities. There is a whole alphabetized page for clubs with information about each club included, as well as moderators’ e-mails.





**Forward Roger Ciszewski shows off some fancy footwork as the varsity soccer team takes on Lincoln-Way Central on Sept. 10. The team wore special jerseys at the game to commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11.**

photo courtesy of *The Lantern*

## Solid start for soccer team

Sean Gilligan  
*Sentinel*

The boys varsity soccer team is off to a strong start this season with an 8-6-1 record at press time. The team is led by captains Joe Gainer and Pat Hehir.

Senior Tom O'Neill said, "The team has been working extremely hard this season and it has been paying off. We still have a lot of work to do."

Lately, the junior class has really begun to step up, led by Timmy Carroll, who recorded his first goal in the RedHawks win against Nazareth on Sept. 21.

The team also recorded a big win against Marian Catholic on Sept. 14 in overtime as Roger Ciszewski scored the only two goals in the shut out game.

The RedHawks look to improve their record tomorrow at 2 p.m. in an away game against St. Ignatius.

The next home game stretch starts homecoming week on Mon., Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. when the RedHawks face De La Salle. On Tues., Oct. 4 the team faces St. Laurence and on Wed., Oct. 5 they play Joliet Catholic. All games will be held on the varsity soccer field.

### Cross country

## Time to start knowing

Zach Reyes  
*Sentinel*

Most students don't know much, if anything at all, about cross country, but it's time to start knowing.

Cross Country is one of the top two most winning sports in Marist High School history. This year's season started Aug. 10 as the team began with double sessions, practices held in the morning and afternoon. The team members are concentrating this year on improving their personal records.

The team ran at Peoria, where state is held, on Sept. 17. Sixty-four teams ran at Peoria including some of the best runners in the state. Marist ran well at Peoria, led by the two team captains, senior Cody Haberkorn and junior Kyle Hausar. Hausar ran the race in 15:30, while Haberkorn came in :08 seconds later.

Other runners for Marist are Jake Tracy, Anthony Shaskavich, Larry Austin, Kevin Falls, and Sam Signorelli.

On Sat., Sept. 24, the team finished 2nd at the Tinley Park Invitational. Hausar finished 2nd as an individual. Jake Tracy and Kyle Haberkorn also ran well, both matching their previous personal records.

Head coach Mr. Stephen Davidson said, "The team runs more and more intense, and we are getting better. We have a good chance at winning Conference and Regionals this year."

With only three meets left before regionals, the team is looking to make strides.

The team will travel to Niles West to compete against some of the toughest teams in the area tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

On Oct. 8, the team travels to Rich Central High School for the Jimmy Daniels Invitational at 8:30 a.m.

On Oct. 15, the team will run in the ESCC Conference meet hosted by St. Viator at Nalas Park at 8:30 a.m.

Regionals will be held on Oct. 22, with the time and place to be announced.

## Chicago teams-looking back, looking forward

Tony Mocarski  
*Sports editor*

Chicago has had many ups and downs in professional sports in the past couple of years, and it seems that this year will not be much different.

### baseball

With the baseball season coming to a close, the White Sox and Cubs are going to experience a similar fate. Both teams had disappointing years as usual. They were expected to be contenders in their divisions, but it's hard to win if players aren't producing.

There is always some argument as to which team is better, but at the end of the day neither of them are going to make the playoffs, so there really isn't any use arguing.

The White Sox said farewell to manager Ozzie Guillen, the third most winning coach in the team's history and the first Hispanic manager ever to win a World Series. After 8 seasons, Guillen is headed to manage the Florida (soon to be Miami) Marlins, where he was third base coach in 2003 when the Marlins won the World Series. It was obvious that the Sox were in a bit of distress the past couple years, and disputes with general manager Ken Williams led to Guillen's departure. There is no doubt that Chicago will miss Guillen's antics and we can only hope that his replacement will coach the Sox to another World Series victory.

### football

Chicago's most popular team, the Bears, surprised everyone with a big win against the Atlanta Falcons on opening day. They soon went back to the way we have seen them play for the past two years against the New Orleans Saints and bitter rival the Green Bay Packers.

Throughout all three games the Bears never seemed to get into a rhythm. If the defense came up with a big stop the offense would turn the ball over and vice versa. If the Bears play well in all three phases of the game they may have a chance to win in the NFC North, which is now one of the more dominant divisions in the NFL.

It will not be easy seeing as the Lions look like they are a serious contender and they also have to deal with the defending Super Bowl champs, the Bears have a ways to go but it is not out of reach.

### basketball

Basketball has not been big in Chicago since the Jordan Era. However the Bulls looked very promising last year making a deep run into the playoffs but fell short of their goal because of inexperience. They had a great defense and an offense that may have relied a little too much on MVP Derrick Rose.

If they are able to pick up a good scoring guard to play alongside Rose, there is no doubt in my mind that the Bulls may win a couple more championships in years to come. With the 2011-2012 season's future looking like it may be shortened to around 50 games or so it may be awhile until we see what the Bulls are really made of.

### hockey

The Blackhawks start their season on October 7 and are expected to be good once again as they have been for the past couple years. With a heartbreaking loss to the number one seeded Vancouver Canucks in overtime of game seven last year the Hawks are looking to rebound off of the loss and build towards a better season this coming year. A couple of key players had injuries over the offseason but they should be ready when the season comes along.

The team has trimmed the roster from 38, and now to 33, as it stands on the training camp roster. The Hawks are looking for someone to second-line center and it may be someone that the city of Chicago is all too familiar with. Right-winger Patrick Kane is looking like the man for the job after playing the position in scrimmages and practices.

In a Chicago Tribune interview, coach Joel Quenneville said, "[Kane] has played center most of his life. Defensively, [Kane] has gotten better as he's grown. It's something we're going to at least take a look at."

The Hawks are expected to be serious contenders this year. If all the moves the team made over the offseason work out well, the team should go far in the playoffs.



photo courtesy of *The Lantern*

**The girls varsity golf team.**

## Season below par

Lauren Styx  
*Sentinel*

The 2011 season has fallen below par of the varsity girls golf team's expectations. Despite their 2-6 record, head coach Bob St. Leger maintains confidence in his team.

Although they lost their most hyped and looked forward to match against McAuley, the Lady RedHawks produced a solid effort, most notably by senior Meg Maloney. Maloney is the only senior considering a collegiate golf career, and she has her coach's support.

"Meg definitely has the potential to get down state," St. Leger said. "She works very hard at her game and we would all love to see it happen for her."

A state golf title banner would go very nicely in Marist's gym and, with state finals less than a month away, the girls have their sights set on the big W.

In spite of challenges this season, teammates never fail to get along with one another. One of the most memorable moments, according to St. Leger, was when sophomore Ashley Kay was hit in the head with a golf ball and received a "pretty good shiner" during practice.

"Thankfully it was nothing serious," St. Leger said. With only a few games left, senior Kat Glynn said, "More support from our classmates might help to turn the season around."



tonight v. Marian at 7:30, homecoming game next Friday

# RedHawks ready to rumble

Dana Bisbee  
*Sentinel*

Ask any student what the heart and soul of Marist sports is and most will reply that it is the football team.

Football games bring everyone together. For one night, everybody is cheering for the same team. It doesn't matter who you are or who your friends are because on these nights the students really are brothers and sisters.

Excluding the hard nail biting loss to Brother Rice, the team is having a strong season with a 3-2 record going into homecoming week.

According to their coach, it really is the seniors who are carrying the team, including Ryan Meyer, Ryan Carroll, Pat Watson, Dan Schmidt, and Dave Yerkes.

Head coach Pat Dunne said, "[We're] trying to get better each day, zero in on every day and be in the moment, not jump ahead or look behind."

The Marist/Rice game certainly proved the most anticipated and heartbreaking game in a long time. Tickets were only on sale for one day and the game was a real nail biter. The score kept going back and forth and the RedHawks were rowdier than ever, although Rice emerged victorious in overtime, 34-31.

The RedHawks do not dwell on the past, but move on to their next competition, playing each game like it is the last.

Coach Dunne said his favorite thing about this year's team is "being out there with all the guys and coaches and working towards a common goal of getting better each day."

Wins came against Notre Dame 35-21, St. Viator 35-0, and Benet Academy 17-14.

Last weekend's 20-33 loss against Nazareth Academy proved the toughest of the season so far, but it did not diminish Dunne's faith in his players.

"[The team] is unique in its own way," Dunne said. "They really have a strong work ethic."

Linebacker Dan Schmidt said, "This was a tough loss for us, but we learned a lot. We just have to keep working hard and moving in the right direction."

Tonight, the RedHawks take on Marian Catholic in an away game that begins at 7:30.

Next Friday at 7:30 p.m., the RedHawks take on St. Patrick High School, also 3-2, for the highly-anticipated homecoming game at Red and White Stadium. Fireworks will follow the game.



**He's not heavy, he's my brother:** The RedHawks hoist defensive end Shannon Smith's younger brother, Jalen, in a huddle during the game against Notre Dame on Aug. 26. The RedHawks won 35-0.

photo by Eryka Borisy

The team faces Carmel in an away game on Fri., Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Joliet Catholic Academy at home at 7:30 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 21.

Looking forward to the rest of the season, free safety Ryan Meyer said, "We are getting better every week and we've learned from our mistakes."



**Junior Paige Kenny gets ready to lob the ball over the net at practice as the team prepares for their matches at Lincoln-Way tomorrow.**

photo by Brian Laughran

## Girls' tennis teams hitting back

Brian Laughran  
*Managing editor*

The JV and varsity girls' tennis teams aren't off to what you might call a running start; yet both teams seem to have the attitude and work ethic to turn their seasons into winning ones.

The JV team suffered particularly tough losses within their conference to opponents Fenwick, Benet Academy, and Carmel Catholic High School.

However, the squad has triumphed over every non-conference team that they have squared off against, with the exception of University High School and had a massive conference victory of Marian Catholic.

Considering their rocky start, Tara Alfano, a sophomore on the team, said, "There has been a lot of improvement since we started.

That's because we have good coaching. Even when we make mistakes we learn from them."

The team, which is comprised of girls at all talent and experience levels, has worked hard to get where they are to date.

Coach John Hyland summed up his attitude of the team's season thus far and their future when he said, "[The team's] been playing really well, but there is still room for improvement."

At press time, the varsity team record stood at 11-4, including wins against Chicago Christian, the University of Chicago Lab School and the Reavis Doubles Quad.

Tough losses came against Benet Academy and Carmel Catholic.

Junior Mariclare Touhy accredits the team's successes to the chemistry that they've established.

"I think [the season] is going quite well," Touhy said. "We have some really strong underclassmen and great leadership from the upperclassmen."

Senior Marisa DiBennardi concurs. "With each practice and match, whether we win or lose, we work well as a team," DiBennardi said. "We know each other's strengths and weaknesses. We work well as a unit."

Coach Brian Keane reflected on the season thus far saying, "[The team] has performed well. We've been beaten by good teams and also played incredibly well against teams at our skill level."

When asked about what the team needs to work on Keane said, "We need to continue to push ourselves and focus on fixing what doesn't work."

Tomorrow at 9 a.m., the Lady RedHawks will meet Lincoln-Way Central's team at Lincoln-Way.

## Lady RedHawk volleyball team messes up Mighty Macs' house

Matt Mead  
*Sentinel*

With an overall record (at press time) of 9-1, the girls' varsity volleyball team is off to a strong start this season.

Two big wins came against Mother McAuley on Sept. 13. In spite of Mighty Mac fans chanting "This is our house!" the RedHawks came back from a slow start to win both matches, 26-24 and 25-17.

Leading the game were seniors Ashley Holder, Dana Loncar, and Deidre Howard, with help from juniors Mallory Salis, Kelly Marcinek, Elyse Panick, Rachel Dalton, and sophomore Carolyn Yerkes.

"It felt good beating McAuley, but we try to take the emotion out of it," said head coach Natalie Holder. "We focused on controlling our side of the net."

It turns out the team had properly prepared themselves for the big game, or at least the big crowds on both sides of the courts.

"The only thing we changed in our practices was playing loud music to prepare for the crowds," said senior Deidre Howard.

Over 2,000 fans turned out to cheer on their respective teams.

"I was so proud of our student body for taking time to come out to support the team on a school night and to show up with so much enthusiasm," said Coach Holder.

The team also took a third place finish at the Rich East Rocket Tourney held at Marist on Sat., Sept. 23. Team leaders included Mallory Salis, Rachel Dalton, Carolyn Yerkes, Kelly Marcinek, Elyse Panick, Kristen Ivkovic, and Ashley Holder, with Holder named to the all-tourney team.

The varsity team faced tough competition at the Rich East tournament. On Friday, the team faced Queen of Peace, Lockport and Lincoln-Way Central, winning every match in two games. On Saturday, the team suffered a loss to McAuley, then went on to defeat Providence.

This weekend, the team has been seeded 7th out of 24 teams and will face Crystal Lake South at 7 p.m. Friday and Notre Dame at 8 p.m. at Palos Courts. Over half of the teams competing have been nationally ranked.

First place teams from Friday night's pools will advance to play on Saturday.

"I think we will do great this weekend if we stay aggressive and play together," said senior Lauren Zielinski.

The next home game is Tues., Oct. 4 at 6:15 p.m. against Providence in the main gym.



**Center Ashley Holder goes up for a set against the McAuley Mighty Macs on Sept. 13. The Lady RedHawks won two matches in a row at McAuley in front of 2,000 spectators.**

photo by Matt Mead