



## Tucker reflects on past, looks forward during press conference

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Larry Tucker is a name known to many but very few know the man behind the title of principal. Tucker accepted an invitation to a press conference held by the Journalism I class on Mon., Nov. 19.

Tucker never believed that he would become the principal of the high school he once walked as a teenager himself. He had been offered a position at Hersey High School in Arlington Heights as the dean of students with an enticing salary.

At the same time, he was offered a position at Marist and was ultimately drawn back here by the atmosphere and good reputation of the school.

What is it really like to be the principal?

"The number one pro is that you get to make the decisions, and the number one con is that you get to make the decisions," Tucker said.

Probably the worst thing he must decide is letting go one of the students or faculty, as he tries to balance the needs of the school community with the guidance of the Marist Brothers.

"The decisions you make define you," Tucker said.

Tucker experienced this lesson the hard way. During his junior year at Marist, Tucker was playing for the basketball team at a tournament in Centralia when he got caught drinking with his friends. This resulted in his getting kicked off the team, and lessened the chances of colleges looking at him.

As they are surrounded in life by good and bad influences, Tucker wants students

to know how to make decisions wisely, keeping in mind that what you choose to do now, will affect your life later.

His advice: "Ask yourself, what's important now?"

This year Tucker's daughter joined the Marist family, and his son is a junior. Their enrollment has affected his job in logical ways. The number one change is going to even further lengths to protect confidentiality. Tucker always safeguards his conversations in the presence of his children to make sure that the privacy of the situation or person remains private.

He also prefers not to know the schedules of his children, to make sure that does not have an influence on the classes he would visit.

Over the years Tucker has seen one constant at Marist that always intrigued him. The typical Marist student is a person who cares for others. He has never seen a school with a student body, along with alumni, that cared for each other the way they do at Marist, making his job easier.

"If you love what you do, it doesn't become a job," Tucker said.

According to Tucker, the two things that set Marist apart from others are the people and the facilities.

"If you take the people in this school and put them in another school, you're guaranteed to see an improvement [in that school]," Tucker said.

Tucker noted future projects to expand and improve the campus, such as a possible dance studio and a walkway to commemorate Marist's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013.

More than anything, Tucker wants to keep the Marist tradition going strong, but he cannot do it alone.



photo by Caitlin Falsey

Observing his 15th anniversary as principal this year, Mr. Larry Tucker, talks with members of the journalism 1 class on Nov. 19 at his second annual student press conference. Tucker cited the high level of care and respect that students show one another here as a trademark of the school.

"We've been here for 50 years, are we going to be here for another 50 years?" Tucker asked.

To this end, Tucker sees a need for more donations to the endowment fund, the account used to save money for either financial aid or possible projects.

Tucker understands that usually people would like to donate to tangible things, to know what their money is being used for.

"In order to expand our Marist family, people have to lend a hand, and financial aid is becoming more of a necessity for prospective students," Tucker said.

At the end of the press conference, Tucker was asked how he would like to be remembered as principal.

"I was taught to leave something better than the way I found it. I hope I leave Marist a better place," Tucker said.

## Do *YOU* know the Marist Marks?

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Students see the signs of the five Marist Marks hanging in the cafeteria every day. But how many students really read them? How many of us try to live them out?

Not only are we asked as students to live out these five characteristics at Marist High School, but we are challenged to abide by them after our four years here.

As freshmen we all learn about the Marist Marks, through Power Point presentations in theology or Mr. Wouk's guest lectures in classes at the beginning of the year. These marks, guidelines for Marist living, were written by the Marist Brothers years ago.

"The five Marist marks create a set of goals that all Marist schools across the world can all build towards," Mr. Wouk said. "They are a way to unify all the Marist communities."

"[Marist] is also really pushing that every department starts inserting the marks into their curriculum, and [English teacher] Mrs. Cozzie has done a nice job with that," Wouk said.

Cozzie says it is easy to integrate the marks into the curriculum, especially if you do one at a time.

"The Marist Marks don't exist in a vacuum," Cozzie said. "They are an integral part of life. The sophomores read a novel called *I am the Messenger*, which really lends itself to serving and loving. We had a great discussion about stepping in for the underdog because if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

Peer mediation and inserting the marks into our school prayers can also help students learn the five characteristics of a Marist student.



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### The Five Marist Marks

**We are Spirit Filled Members**  
**We are Faith Filled Disciples**  
**We are Servant Leaders**  
**We are Agents of Service**  
**We are Empowered Witnesses**



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The true meaning of Christmas

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With Christmas right around the corner, this is a time to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for: our families, our friends, our education, and all the gifts that we have been given.

While many people appreciate all that they have been blessed with, there are also many people who do not take the time to appreciate the goodness in their lives.

So many people dwell on the negative things in their life instead of focusing on the positive.

People get so caught up in their own problems that they do not remember to think or worry about anyone but themselves.

People often forget about the less fortunate and only care about getting their own family members Christmas presents.

The process of buying and giving Christmas presents has turned practically into a misdemeanor.

In our society, having the newest iPhone is considered more of a gift than sitting around a big table, eating and enjoying ourselves with family.

Having the newest name brand clothes and cars is more of a gift than reading a Christmas story to a child on Christmas Eve.

People worry about the economy, paying the bills, and just getting by, but they do not bother to appreciate the fact that they are alive.

Teenagers especially get caught up in gossip and who the best dressed person is instead of appreciating all that they have. We beg our parents for new laptops, phones

and iPods for Christmas, but we forget to thank our parents for the education that they ensure we get. We beg our parents for new cars, an abundance of money (without labor), and later curfews. We often forget to thank them for the roof over our heads or the food in our stomachs.

When everyone turns greedy, who is left to be giving? When people spend on material objects instead of spending quality time with those who care for them most, who is left to celebrate joyfully with loved ones and friends?

Today, it is important to remember that not everyone has a great education or even a house to live in. It is important to remember how blessed we are, be thankful for everything we have, and not ask for more things that we do not need.

What do you want for Christmas and what are your hopes for 2013?



Ms. Arvesen

I love to cook, so I would love some new kitchen gadgets. In 2013, I plan on moving downtown, so I'm looking forward to new friends and experiences.



Mr. Butler

I'd like some more winter soccer clothes for school and coaching and a new golf club. My hopes for 2013 are that my family remains healthy, I'm still teaching, and I'm able to travel more.

Morgan Weidman  
*Sentinel*



Stephen Talty

I want a new record player. and all the seasons of *Rock of Love*, *Flavor of Love*, *Shot at Love* and *I Love New York*. For 2013, I hope the old VH1 comes back.



Ellie Dolehide

I hope for a joy-filled Christmas for my family, happiness and peace for the new year



MacKenzie Shultz

For Christmas I asked for a down blanket and a new radio for my car. For 2013 I hope my friends and family have a blessed new year.



Alexis Jones

All I want for Christmas is to see my sister. She went off to college and wasn't able to come home for Thanksgiving. For 2013, I hope I can make a mark on the world so that I won't be just "somebody."

From NBA to musical chairs

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*Sentinel*

The NBA is becoming an industry more and more about business and what players are on what teams to win a championship.

Most recently the Miami Heat won the NBA Championship and received the Larry O'Brien trophy. Most fans feel it was because of the assembling of Miami's "Big 3," which consists of forward LeBron James, guard Dwyane Wade, and forward Chris Bosh. All three superstars decided to come together and take on the league.

That is only the most recent gathering of players, but it actually started and became popular with the Boston Celtics in 2007 when forward Kevin Garnett and guard Ray Allen joined Paul Pierce and the Boston Celtics. These players earned the name the "Big 3." It only influenced other teams when the Celtics won the championship that same year.

Fans of the game today feel that is unfair and players should not do this, but actually it has always been this way with the team winning the championship. No team has a superstar with teammates who are nobodies.

When the Bulls won their six championships Michael Jordan did not win them by himself. Scottie Pippen, Ron Harper, Toni Kukoc, and Dennis Rodman, to name a few, helped the Bulls win championships as well.

Another example is the San Antonio Spurs, who won the NBA title in 2003, 2005 and 2007. On their roster was Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili, and Tony Parker. Fans did not complain then.

There are many examples of teams with some good players who have been on the same team to win the championship.

For this upcoming season, teams are almost fantasy like with Dwight Howard adding in with the Lakers, Ray Allen and Rashard Lewis joining the Miami Heat, and many other players switching teams.

This year might be as close as the NBA will get to a fantasy draft.

Fans cannot forget about the outstanding rookies that will be making their entrance this year. They will also be contributing to this shuffle of teams as they do every year.

With the great athletes coming out of college, they give teams a chance to compete every game. Even though they might not have the same frame and advantages as the veterans have they can still bring an edge to the game and make exciting plays.

Players are all now trying to get a championship even if they have to join with the league's best. Some may look at it as the easy way out but most of the players joining teams or getting traded are significantly older and want a championship before they retire.

This season will be one of the most exciting and, with players in new uniforms, we are in for a great year.





# Rhetoric class debates tougher standards for welfare candidates

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*Sentinel*

Students in Mr. Bob Morowczynski's rhetoric honors class hosted their first debate in the RedHawk Theater on Nov. 28 and 29. Two teams of four students debated the question of whether or not the process of receiving welfare from the government should be made more rigorous.

Kyle Hauser, Rachel Blake, Jack Gainer and Gianna Petan argued on the affirmative side of this issue. The negative team consisted of Lauren McDermott, MacKenzie Stewart, Jamie Bonnema and Royce Simpson.

The debate was open to administrators, faculty members, and their classes who reserved space in the theater in advance. More than half the seats were taken on both days.

A round of policy debate consists of eight speeches. The first four speeches are called constructive speeches. For the affirmative side, Hauser and Blake gave these speeches, while McDermott and Stewart spoke for the negative side.

The last four speeches are rebuttals, in which the teams expand upon their own constructive argument and respond to what their opponents said in theirs.

Rebuttals were given by team members who did not deliver the constructive speeches.

All speeches were limited to three minutes, with Joycelyn Grubbs serving as the moderator and timekeeper.

Most of the debate focused on whether or not welfare recipients should be made to undergo drug testing.

Members of the affirmative team argued that drug testing would eliminate people who are abusing the system by using money for drugs instead of their basic needs.

On the second day, after the debaters took the podium for one last time, the negative team got to make closing statements first.

"Drug testing would not work because that would not be fair," Bonnema said. "It would be like testing a college student for drugs before they were eligible to receive a student loan."

After being allowed to ask questions of each side, audience members were



Rhetoric honors students debate welfare policy in the RedHawk Theater on Nov. 28.

photo by  
Morgan Weidman

asked to vote on which side they thought won the debate and, in the end, the affirmative team came out ahead.

Senior Joe Caram said, "Both sides had key points, but the affirmative side definitely came across stronger and made more sense. It's only fair that everyone is treated equally."

Theology teacher Mr. Mike Brennan, also present for the debate, found the performance by students on both sides impressive.

"The question part was cool to see and it was nice to see students engaging in intelligent debate," Brennan said.

The next debate will be in April.

## Chess team making strides in Chicago conference play

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Taylor Novak  
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RedHawk chess is having its best year in the Chicago Chess Conference (CCC), surpassing previous seasons with a current 4-3 record.

The team is currently ranked fourth out of 10 in conference, up from fifth place last year, the highest ranking in at least four years, according to senior Ryan Walsh, a four-year veteran of the team.

The season opened on Oct. 16 with a close win against Fenwick, 38-30. On Oct. 30, the team defeated St. Ignatius (42.5-25.5) and completely swept Hales Franciscan on Nov. 13 with a score of 68-0.

"These three wins, opposed to our usual zero, are great," Walsh said.

Team members and head coach, Mr. Bob Morowczynski credit increased enthusiasm among players for the team's success.

"We had a lot of players go out and recruit some freshmen, and the enthusiasm has just been overwhelming," Morowczynski said.

On Tues, Dec. 11, the team travelled to Mount Carmel, returning with another victory, 42-26.

Junior and team captain Joe Fennessey, ranked first in the conference, enjoyed a win against the Caravan, as did Jermaine Tyler, Ryan Springer and Ryan Walsh.

According to Coach Morowczynski, Walsh's win turned out to be "a real nail-biter," and Walsh is credited for helping the RedHawks win the meet.

"We are working harder than we ever have, and we take practices more seriously," Fennessey said. "If we keep it up, I think we'll go far."



Team captain Joe Fennessey led the RedHawk chess team to victory against Mount Carmel this week (42-26). The team will play Leo at Marist on Jan. 11.

photo by Taylor Novak



# Girls’ basketball team headed for fun in sun

Zack Cody  
Jimmy Smith  
*Sentinel*

This year’s Marist RedHawks girls’ basketball team has big expectations for the season with the help of two returning stars, senior starting point guard Jetaun Rouse, who signed with Marquette University, and senior starting forward Leah Bolton, who signed with Illinois University.

With their help and help from many other players on the team, RedHawks hope to deliver a very successful season.

The RedHawks participated in the annual Thanksgiving weekend tournament held at home this year, emerging with an undefeated record of 6-0 and winning their final game against Homewood-Flossmoor to take home the championship title.

“This was a great win for this team,” said junior forward Brooke Wyderski. “It was a close game and it came down to the last minutes. Everyone did their role on the team and we all worked together to win.”

The team continued its success with a 61-31 win against Lockport Township High School on Dec. 4. They kept it rolling in beating a school rival, Carmel, on Dec. 5, but lost to Fenwick 99-97 in overtime on Dec. 8.

The RedHawks, coached by Mrs. Mary Pat Connelly, are now 8-1 for the season.

The team will be traveling a lot throughout the state and country before the season is over, including a Christmas break trip to Naples Florida for the Naples Daily News Holiday Shootout.

“I am excited about this trip to Florida because it is an opportunity to face new teams and see where our talent as a team ranges nationally,” said senior guard Nicole Fury-Kane. “ I hope that our overall result is high in the tournament and we come away learning new things.”

Even after a great season last year, with a 6<sup>th</sup> place finish at state and overall record of 29-2, the team is setting its goals higher.

Results of Wednesdays game against Loyola were not available at press time. The team faces Marshall at home on Dec. 22 at 2:30 p.m.



photo by Jimmy Smith

**Senior Jetaun Rouse takes a shot during practice Tuesday for the game against Loyola on Wednesday. Over Christmas break, the team will travel to Florida to play in the Naples Daily News Shootout.**

## Momentum on the mats

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The RedHawk varsity wrestling team held its annual Red and White scrimmage on Thurs, Nov. 15, giving wrestlers an opportunity for practice, some fun, and a chance to battle for starting positions.

The official season opened on Sat, Nov. 24 with a Thanksgiving quad meet at home. The RedHawks defeated New Trier, 54-4, and Schaumburg, 59-12, but fell to Oak Park-River Forest with close score of 26-25.

The team was led by sophomore Alex Benoit (170), junior Mario Leveille (132), and sophomore Nick Lukanich (106). Seniors Josh Hickey (220) and Tom Howell (282) were also undefeated that day.

Improving their record to 6-2 on the year, the RedHawks won victories over #4 ranked Harlem (35-19) and Mount Carmel

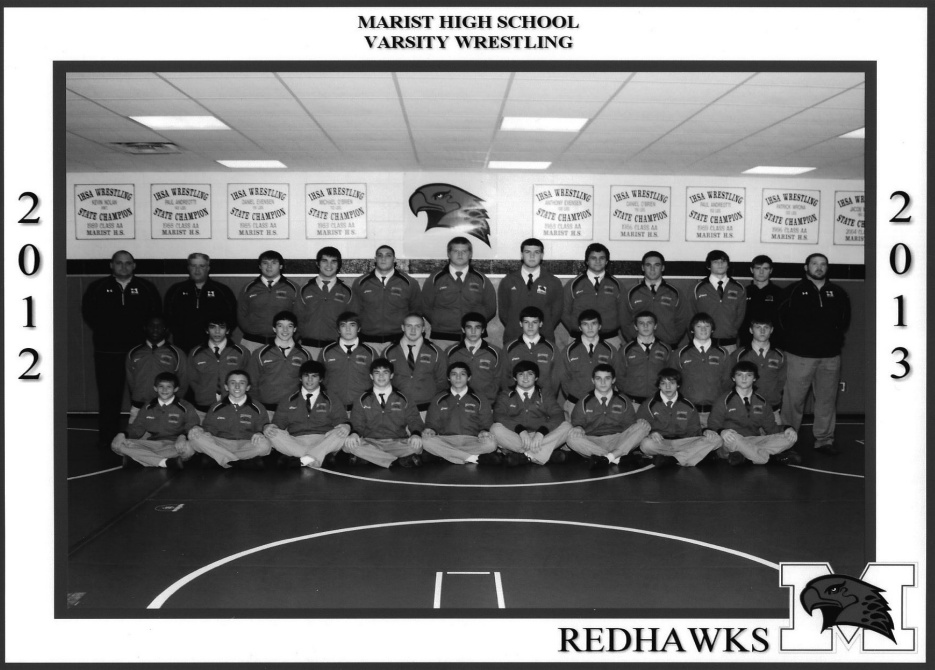
(52-18) at Mount Carmel on Sat, Dec. 1. Lukanich, Benoit, and senior Ethan Benoit (182) led Marist.

On Sat., Dec. 8, the team dominated three duals , defeating Lyons Township (51-14), Hubbard (62-3), and Lockport (47-18), once again led by the Benoit brothers, Lukanich, Kenny Condon (152) and Jakada Hull (145), who all picked up pins.

The boys are working hard this year to accomplish their goal of a state championship.

“We have the potential to win a state title this year. We just need to work on it day in and day out,” said Alex Benoit.

The RedHawks will host Michigan’s Lowell High School at 6 p.m. tonight in the Benefactors’ Gym.



**The 2012-2013 RedHawk varsity wrestling team host’s Lowell High School tonight at 6 in the Benefactors’ Gym.**

photo courtesy of Tom Howell

# Sweet Thanksgiving sweep for men’s basketball teams

Clare Jorgensen  
*Sentinel*

The RedHawks boys’ basketball season already includes a number of wins, including the varsity team’s big 3-0 win at the Thanksgiving Tip-Off Classic tournament held at Richards High School Nov. 20- 23.

That perfect record at the Thanksgiving Tip-Off could have been broken with the game against Eisenhower, who led Marist into the second half. The RedHawks caught back up , winning 84-82.

Citing poor rebounding during the first half, RedHawks assistant coach Mr. Glenn Pacek said, “We won in the end because we stuck together as a team.”

The sophomore and freshmen teams also swept their opponents at the Richards tournament.

Non-conference play began on Dec. 4 against Chicago-Agricultural and a 55-23 RedHawk victory.

Going deeper into the season, the RedHawks will face many teams that will prove to be tough competitors. One of the most challenging games expected this season will be against Benet on Feb. 15. At press time, Benet is 3-1.

Senior guard Zack Cody said, “I have high expectations for our team and I believe we can reach them over the course of our season.”

The RedHawks will face off St. Viator tonight Dec. 14. The sophomore game begins at 6 p.m. in the Main Gymnasium while tip-off for Varsity is at 7:30 p.m.

Over Christmas break, the team will host the Marist RedHawk Holiday Invitational, with games on Sat., Dec. 22 at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m..

The team will also travel to Centralia for the 70th annual Centralia Holiday Tournament from Dec. 27-29.

New year play begins on Jan. 8 at St. Laurence at 7:30 p.m., followed by a home game against St. Patrick on January 11 at 7:30 p.m.



photo courtesy of Zak Niemiera

**The RedHawk boys’ basketball team won the Thanksgiving Tip-Off Classic at Richards and look forward to facing St. Viator tonight in the main gymnasium. The sophomores tip off at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7:30 p.m.**