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Preparations underway for Marist's 50th

Morgan Weidman Sentinel

As the school year comes to an end, we are celebrating many proud accomplishments and looking forward to celebrating Marist's 50th anniversary.

School sponsored trips enabled students to travel to places including New York, New Orleans, South Carolina, Florida, Argentina and France.

Many teams made it to state, and senior Tommy Howell emerged as the state champion wrestler in his weight category.

Technology director Mrs. Irene Halko worked hard to improve the computer labs, school network and Internet access.

This summer, the building will be rewired so that Wi-Fi is available on campus next school year.

"There will be significant improvements as far as technology is concerned," said Principal Larry Tucker. "It's not technology for technology's sake, but a focus on improving teaching and learning."

The administration is also exploring the idea of going to electronic tablets, a change that would render most textbooks and book bags unnecessary.

Moving forward, the highlight of the '13-14 school year will be our 50th anniversary.

"On September 9, an outdoor Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal George at Red and White Stadium," said President Br. Pat MacNamara. "We look forward to welcoming back alumni and having the entire Marist family together to celebrate."

Br. Pat also said that a 50th anniversary patch will be part of new school uniforms available for sale next year.

This summer, students in the journalism program will begin digitizing past issues of the *Sentinel*, dating all the way back to the very first edition. Students and alumni will be able to access past editions electronically once this project is complete.

Additionally, a special 50th anniversary commemorative edition of the *Sentinel* will be published next fall.

School spirit should prove to be especially high next year, according to Kevin Shanahan, president-elect of the student council.

"I think we should set up a club for students to sign up to attend events and games to support the various teams and activities," Shanahan said.

"Obviously I can't be like 'Hey, now that I'm president, you guys have to go to X amount of games per year,' but school spirit is definitely something we can work on next year."

"We will work with Ms. Arvesen to come up with something big for the 50th."



photo by Morgan Weidman

Construction continues on the labyrinth between the monastery and the math/science wings, just one of the improvements being made on campus for next year's 50th anniversary celebration. This spiritual prayer garden, designed and built by Quattrocki Landscaping, will be used by theology classes and for retreats.

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Speakers advance to nationals

Kaitlin Kenny Sentinel

RedHawk speech team members Kelly Collins, Brenna Donegan and Liz Ruf (pictured above, L to R) qualified for the Catholic League National Championships and will travel to Philadelphia to compete on May 25-26. Collins, a freshman, finished the season as the Chicago Catholic League champion in oratorical declamation. Donegan, a junior, advances to nationals in original oratory. Ruf, also a junior, will compete in prose and poetry reading. Sophomore Tim Johnson and juniors Tom Golden, Jessica Levine and Jill Reynoso also qualfied for national but cannot compete due to schedule conflicts.

Enright, Tueth at top of class

Jessica Molina Sentinel

Principal Larry Tucker has announced that the Class of 2013 valedictorian is Lucy Enright, who leaves Marist with a GPA of 5.95. This year's salutatorian is Lauren Tueth, graduating with a GPA of 5.85

Enright graduated from St. Walter's grammar school and followed in her sibling's footsteps by choosing to attend Marist.



Lucy Enright

She will attend the University of Notre Dame but has not decided on a major. Although she was in track and cross-country at Marist, Enright does not plan to participate in sports at Notre Dame.

One of Enright's most memorable moments at Marist was her trip with the Pro-Life Club to march in Washington D.C. Meeting other people who share the same views and stand up for what she believes in made the trip unforgettable.



Lauren Tueth

Enright's advice to her fellow students is "work hard."

Tueth also graduated from St. Walter's and followed in her older sister's footsteps by coming to Marist. Tueth will be attending Saint Louis University to major in biomedical engineering.

Tueth's most memorable moments came during the band tours to Disneyland in Orlando, Florida and marching in the Spectro Magic Pre-Parade during spring

"Getting to see places I had never been before and getting to know my fellow band members better was my favorite part of the tours," Tueth said.

"Challenge yourself now," Tueth said, advising students to work hard now in order to enjoy rewards later.

In receiving this honor, Tueth said, "I am happy that my work paid off."

In keeping with the valedictorian tradition, Enright will deliver a speech at graduation on Thurs., May 23.

2013 IHSA journalism competition

Jorgensen advances to state

Katie Salmon *Sentinel*

Senior Clare Jorgensen, who placed 3rd in feature writing at the IHSA sectional journalism competion on April 20, advanced to the state finals held at Eastern Illinois University on April 26. This was Jorgensen's second time at state, having competed in yearbook theme development as a sophomore.

Although Jorgensen did not place in the top six at state, she was the only student from a Catholic school to compete in feature writing.

Other finalists at sectionals included junior Jessica Molina (4th, news writing), junior Morgan Weidman (5th, photography) and senior Ryan McManus (5th) sportswriting. McManus also competed in editorial writing.

Sentinel adviser Mr. John Gonczy. "These journalists are among the finest students at our high school and they do an outstanding job."

In Memoriam

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13



Kevin Sanders, '97

Our community mourns the loss of graduatte Kevin William Sanders. A volunteer emergency medical technician, Sanders was killed while serving as a first responder in the West, Texas fertilizer plant explosion on April 17. His former teachers remember him as a kind honor student with a great sense of humor. Sanders leaves behind a wife and three-monthold son. He was laid to rest on May 1.



Michael Ordonez, '05

Michael Ordonez died on April 24 following a 13-month battle against leukemia.

As a student at Marist, Ordonez was "in charge of making everyone laugh and feel good about themselves," his classmate and friend Mr. Kevin Butler said.

A graduate of Lewis University, Ordonez is survived by his parents, grandmother, and his brother. He is remembered by friends as a very loving, caring and thoughtful man.

"If we had a humor club at Marist, Mike would have been the president," Butler said

Konstant recovering after heart surgery

Emma Carruth *Sentinel*

Popular substitute teacher Mr. Jim Konstant, continues to recover at home this week following open heart surgery on April 30.

Konstant came to Marist 8 years ago after retiring from Allstate Insurance.

Dean of Upperclassmen Mrs. Beth O'Neill said, "I'll tell you one thing, he isn't here for the money. He's here because he loves kids."



"I am still opening all the cards I got from people at Marist...thank you so much," Konstant said in a phone interview on Monday.

got Mary?

She said 'Yes.'Maybe you should too.

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Tucker receives lifetime achievement award

Megan Karas *Sentinel*

Principal Larry Tucker received a lifetime achievement award from the Scholastic Press Association of Chicago and McCormick Foundation at their annual high school media awards program on Tues., March 12.

The award recognizes Tucker's strong support of student media programs at Marist during his 14 years at principal. Currently, Marist offers two journalism classes and a photography class, with plans in the works for a broadcasting class.

Tucker received a plaque at the program and a \$1,000 check for the Marist journalism program.

Over the past two years, Tucker's support has helped the program to win



Mr. Larry Tucker

over \$25,000 in grant money. This money has been spent on laptop computers, books and other equipment for use by students in the program.

"If all principals followed Mr. Tucker's example, student media programs would flourish across the nation," said *Sentinel* adviser Mr. John Gonczy.

Richardson wins 2013 Champagnat Award

Nina Neven *Sentinel*

Marist alum and PE teacher Mr. Don Richardson, '77, is this year's winner of the Champagnat Award, an honor given to faculty members who demonstrate the example set by St. Marcellin Champagnat in their teaching.

Richardson accepted the award from Mr. Tucker and Br. Pat at the final all-school Mass on Mon., Apr. 22, becoming the 26th faculty member to win this honor.

A graduate of St. Christina in Mount Greenwood, Richardson participated in basketball and baseball at Marist. He attended Benedictine University and came back to teach at Marist in 1989.

Over the years, Richardson has enjoyed hearing from former students, some of whom have invited them to their weddings.

"All of the people and good friendships I have been surrounded by have created some of the best memories," Richardson said. "I like that students remember me and that I have the opportunity to see some of them grow. The kids bring good energy to our school and they keep me young."

Current students and colleagues praised Richardson for his committment to Marist.

"He's a cool guy, an inspiration, a hard-worker and he makes gym fun," said junior Michael Tracy.

Long-time colleague Mr. Mark Gervais said, "He has done a lot for the school, done a lot for the golf and basketball programs and he works great with the students. We are very lucky to have a guy like him at Marist."



photo by Bonnie Littleton

P.E. teacher Mr. Don Richardson, who will celebrate his 25th anniversary at Marist next year, accepts the 2013 Champagnat Award at the all-school Mass on April 22. Honorees for the award are chosen by former recipients and the administration.

In February, senior Rachel Blake joined 94 members of her church, including her father, on a trip to Kenya to do volunteer work for the poorest of the poor. Her passion for the cause of poverty and the sum of her experiences provide a powerful example for all of us.

My 12 day mission to Africa

by Rachel Blake

Nearly 2.5 million people live in poverty in the slums and urban areas of Nairobi, Kenya. They lack the basic necessities of life, including adequate housing, clean water, and sanitation services.

I left for Nairobi, Kenya on February 14. The plane ride was long and uncomfortable, but this would be the easiest part of the trip. Every day my faith was challenged, and I found myself embarking on a roller coaster of emotions.

Upon arriving in Kenya, I stepped off the bus to the Grace House, which is similar to a hotel. The staff was singing, dancing and waiting to give us drinks and snacks. At that moment, I felt completely at home.

The first day was at Missions of Hope International (MOHI). There were hundreds of kids singing and dancing for us. They put a garland around our necks and grabbed our hands to bring us to our seats. The room I walked into was decorated with signs welcoming and thanking us.

The presence of God was overwhelming, and it was difficult to hold it together emotionally. The Kenyans began by singing songs of worship and thanks. Shortly after, each class of students put on a performance of reciting poems, dancing, or singing. It was beautiful.

In that moment, the long plane ride, jet lag, and horrible food did not matter. I was at the highest point of a roller coaster.

After the performances we split into groups to go and walk in the Mathare Valley. Nearly a million people live in the Mathare valley. Rivers carrying garbage and human waste flow through the slum towns.

Immediately, the smell hit me. It was strong and overpowering. I have seen many pictures of the slums and poverty, but being there in person with all 5 senses was a completely different experience.

No picture can do justice of the poverty, disease, and unsanitary conditions that these people live in.

The slums are run by the government, who do not allow police, firemen, or ambulances to enter. People have to pay to use the bathroom, but because of the poverty, they are forced to use plastic bags and throw them outside on the ground or in rivers.

The conditions were overwhelming, and I could not understand why people have to live like this. I was angry and upset. But in spite of all of this, one thing happened that I did not expect.

Hope.

The little beautiful children living in these horrific conditions have hope. They smile in a way that is genuine. These people have nothing, except for God, and that is all that they need to be happy and to have hope.

Kids ran up to me just wanting to touch my hand and ask, "How are you?" Those three words that I use every day now have a greater meaning.

Someone said that Americans talk loudly, but praise quietly. Kenyans talk quietly, but praise loudly. Jesus is present everywhere in Kenya. It is Jesus in the rawest form. Although I was still angry and confused about why these people have to live the way they do, I found myself jealous of their faith and their joy.

The next day we traveled to the boys and girls school in Joska. I attended church at the boy's school. These boys were on their knees truly praising God and giving all of their problems and worries to Him.

We left after Mass to go to the girl's school. A girl, Eve (Hawa in Swahili) grabbed my hand before I could walk all the way off of the bus. She brought me through the gate where there was a huge dance party.

Eve laughed at me as I tried to dance with her. One thing I learned quickly was that Kenyans can dance a lot better than me. After the song, Eve brought me to my seat and promised that she would find me later.

Promises are something we do not take seriously. There are promises that are broken every day, but in Kenya, a person is held to their promise.

After more beautiful performances and lunch, we got the opportunity to sit and talk with the girls. Right away a little girl grabbed onto my hand. She was very shy and seemed upset, but I continued to ask her questions and get to know her.

This little girl looked at me, still holding my hand, and asked if I knew where a man named David was. I did not know everyone on the trip, but I began pointing at every David I could find. She continued to say it was not the right person.

Finally, I asked the person in charge of our trip. He told me that this man was not with us. I did not know how to tell this little girl who had been waiting around for this man that he was not here. I did not want to disappoint her. I was defeated and reached the lowest point of the roller coaster.

Eve found me shortly after as promised. She was with her best friend Faith. We walked across the field to go sit in the grass and talk. They asked me questions about America, and I asked them questions about Kenya. We laughed and joked around and had a good time getting to know each other.

I could have sat there with them for hours, but unfortunately it was time to leave. Saying goodbye to Eve was very difficult, but I truly believe that I will see her again one day.

The next five days of the trip consisted of working. I was a part of the construction team. I got the opportunity to paint in the kindergarten hallway of Pangani (one of MOHI schools).

The hallway was dark and depressing; it reminded me of a jail. We started by cleaning the walls and applying a primer. That simple white primer immediately began to brighten up the whole place.

Little kids would walk in the hallway staring at us. Not only did I get to paint a mural, but I got the opportunity to play with these kids all day long.

The mural was a globe with kids of different races surrounding it. Jesus was in the corner with his arms opened and it said "Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world."

In the middle of the week, the fun began. 70 kids came out of their classroom to get a chance to become a part of the painting. Most kids have never painted before, or even seen paint before

It is easy to list everything that we take for granted: clean water, water pressure, electricity, food, shelter, safety, parents,



On the first day of our trip, we walked through Area One of the Mathare Valley in Nairobi, Kenya. The above photo shows the crowded and run down conditions that nearly 2.5 million Kenyans live in daily.



These are some of the children who ran up to me when we arrived, grabbed my hand and asked me "How are you?" \$38 a month is the difference between these children going to school or staying in the poverty of the slums. Information on sponsoring a child can be found at www.cmfi.org

education, and so much more. While in Kenya, I mostly realized the little things that we take for granted, like happiness.

During the last two days of the work week, I got the chance to go back to the slums.

In groups of four, with a couple of Kenyans guiding and translating, we began walking through the filth and dirt.

The first house we arrived at was small and dark. I could not see my own hand in front of my face. Most of the Kenyans in the slums cannot afford electricity.

I watched as Kenyan workers cut a little hole in the roofs of these houses, and then placed fiberglass over them to bring light into these homes.

Suddenly the darkness turned into light.

My group taught these Kenyans about Jesus, HIV/Aids, and how to purify water. It was fulfilling to witness some of them accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior right in that moment.

During the week, hundreds of children and adults were checked out by the medical team. Kenyan women were taught how to protect themselves by the self-defense team. Children with disabilities were given wheelchairs for the first time

and participated in their first Special Olympics.

It was amazing to see how much of an impact 95 Americans had on the Kenyans, and even more amazing to see the impact that all of them had on us.

Before we left Africa, some of us took a safari. The trip was fun, and I enjoyed getting to see all the animals, but it was not an important part of my trip.

I will always remember the people I met and the work I did.

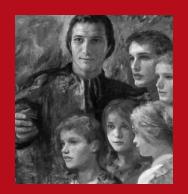
I plan on returning to Kenya next summer for an internship, during which I will again live and work among the Kenyans.

I also decided to sponsor a child from Kenya, and this is something I encourage people to do. Just \$38 a month can take a child out of the slums and put him or her into a school.

Schooling gives these kids a real opportunity to make something of their lives and get away from the miserable conditions in the slums. School children also receive food, medical care, beds, and so much more when they are sponsored.

Kenya is a beautiful place with beautiful people. Kenya became my home, a place where I felt loved, appreciated and welcomed.

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Before we leave, we have something to say....

for the Class of 2013.

As the finish line approaches, some suffer from senioritis, the disease that affects seniors only, crippling them academically as they lose the desire to study, do homework or participate in

enior year is coming to an end

Before we leave, the senior class would like to remind those of you that senioritis might lead to lower grades.

Some of you might be saying, "So what?"

What many students do not realize is that when they get accepted into a college or university, they can later be denied if their final transcripts fall short of the entrance requirements.

That's what.

For many seniors, these are bittersweet days. Soon, we will be leaving family and friends behind as we begin to chase after our goals and dreams.

Marist has prepared us well by teaching us the value of family and friendship, and how to apply what we have been taught to the real world.

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Students coming into freshman year came with minds filled with worries. When will I go to my locker? What if I am late for class? Ironically, four years later, many seniors are asking similar questions about next fall. How far is the walk to class? Will I have time to stop at my dorm?

Like the eighth graders preparing to start here next fall, we are scared too.

Life is a cycle that keeps spinning in circles. In four short years, freshmen grow up and walk down the aisle in the gym, in front of hundreds of people, to receive a diploma. That diploma is the key that opens the door to the next phase of our lives.

Before we leave, the senior class would like to remind you that being a student here is a privledge. 100% of the students who apply to college get accepted. The tough academics, challenging sports programs, strict dress code and rules all prepare us for success in the real world.

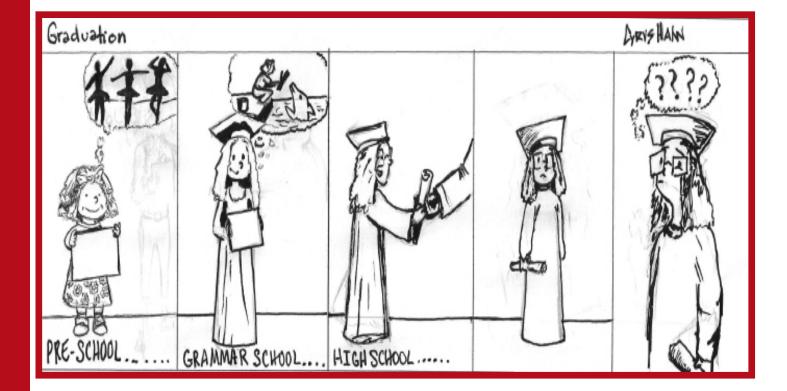
We are likely to be more successful adults because of our time here, a place where the expectations are high.

The presence of God in our school is also something many may take for granted, but after hard times come with a death, divorce, or illness, it is nice to be able to pray with or for other people.

Before we leave, we want to encourage you to become as involved as possible. Friendships will come more easily, your team or club will become like a family, and being involved will keep you out of trouble.

Take advantage of all the opportunities Marist has to offer. Appreciate the sacrifices made by your parents and teachers to give you a solid education.

Be grateful for everything that Marist has to offer.



Stop complaining and make a difference

In February, senior Rachel Blake and members of her church spent 10 days living and working among the poorest of the poor in Kenya.

Rachel came back exhausted, weak and without an appetite.

She also came back with a huge smile on her face.

When Rachel returned, many of us had questions. Her answers touched us. Her photos shocked us, particularly the one showing a hole in the ground used by African children as their toilet.

It takes a special person to do what Rachel did. She did not come back to preach to us, but her example reminds us that we should stop complaining and be grateful for what we have.

Two weeks after Rachel came home, she told us that a four-year-old girl she knew in Kenya had died of dehydration.

Kids in Africa are dying of dehydration while we complain that our moms forgot to buy us Gatorade at the grocery store.

Rachel is a huge inspiration at Marist as she continues to work with her church to sponsor African children. She also plans to retrun to Africa to spend more time helping out there.

Sponsoring a child means sending \$30 a month, money that will take children out of the slums and put them in schools.

More people need to sponsor children because poverty is a cycle that can be broken if children go to school.

Rachel points outs that many Africans do not know how to handle money, properly take care of themselves or have any sense of how to build their society

Education can and will give them that sense. And sponsorships will give them the opportunity to get that education.

Many Americans feel that charity should begin at home, that we should take care of those in need within our own borders.

Rachel Blake finds that argument 'insulting,' and argues that God knows no borders...God is everywhere, not just in the United States.

Many countries, including Kenya, do not have the resources it needs to sponsor shelters, soup kitchens and flu shots, to name a just a few examples.

Many countries do not benefit from a stable government that protects the rights of citizens.

Many countries lack a storng police force that can protect its own people from crimes like rape and murder.

Americans enjoy and even take these things for granted every day.

Most Americans do not have to worry about clean drinking water, where their next meal is coming from, or access to basic health care.

As a result, it is hard for us to realize how little other people around the world have. Unless we do as Rachel did and go to those places to help, or at least listen to Rachel and chip in from home.

Each morning, American students place their hands over their hearts and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. "Liberty and justice for all" should be true for everyone in the world, not just Americans.

The human race should not know any boundaries.

Poverty in other countries across the world should not be ignored by Americans. We cannot and should not sit idly by while our fellow global citizens suffer.

America's help could shape the future for a better world.

You voted. We tabulated. **Congratulations Class of 2013!** Here are your choices for this year's "MOST LIKELY TO" and "BEST IN CLASS" AWARDS....

photos by Caitlyn Falsey and Kaitlin Morgan



become a pro athlete

LJ McIntosh



be remembered by underclassmen and teachers

Drew Quick



suffer from senioritis

Mariclare Touly



be everyone's friend

Lexi Oliveri

be carded when he's 30



become President

Will Brennan



become a priest



become a millionaire



marry each other



Matt Monks

be a hot mom and dad



have her own TV show

Adam Gonzales





Emma Sintich and **Dan Rochford**

Jenna Borza



become an actor





best personality



best car



best class clown

Mark Wirtz Claire Oosterbaan

Jackie Schuler

Dan Loizzo

Nick Cristiano



best smile

Emma Carruth and **Andy Bischoff**



best laugh

Rob Hall



best hair

Logan McMillan and **Caitlin Falsey**



best school spirit

Billy Miller

Congratulations Class of 2013

Lantern Theatre presents "Little Shop of Horrors"

Jessica Rescigno Sentinel

Lantern Theatre will hold auditions for its production of "Little Shop of Horrors" on Fri., May 24 from 5-8 p.m. and Sat., May 25 from 2-8 p.m. Callbacks will also be held on Saturday.

Show dates and times are July 11 and July 12 at 7:30 p.m. and July 13 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Auditions are open to all Marist students, incoming freshman and alumni. Actors should come prepared to sing at least one verse of any musical theatre song.

"Little Shop of Horrors" takes place in a rundown flower shop on Skid Row in the 1960's. Seymour Krelbourn, the main character, discovers a plant that proves to have very interesting-and deadly-qualities.

The only catch is that the plant feeds on human blood. Seymour and the plant

strike a deal: if Seymour will continue to feed the plant, the plant will make Seymour famous.

The problem is that the plant continues to grow until it destroys everything in its path.

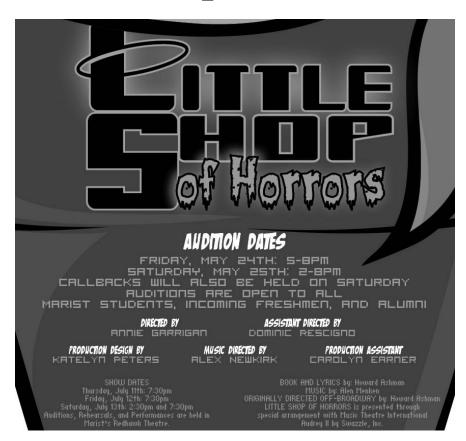
"Little Shop of Horrors" was adapted into a movie in 1986 starring Steve Martin, Rick Moranis and Ellen Greene.

This is Lantern Theatre's third summer production. The group presented "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" in 2011, followed by "Into the Woods" in 2012.

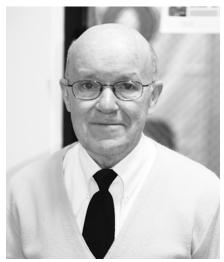
Lantern Theatre, founded by alumni Dominic Rescigno, Annie Garrigan, and Katelyn Peters, aims to give students with a love for the theater a chance to perform on stage.

Rescigno directed the previous shows while Garrigan assistant directed. This summer, "Little Shop" will be directed by Garrigan, assisted by Rescigno.

Check out the Lantern Theatre on Facebook and Twitter for more information about their productions.



Congratulations Brother Kevin on your 60th anniversary as a Marist Brother!



teacher-dean-principal

Math team 4th in state

Kevin Maloney Sentinel

The RedHawk math team placed 4th out of 70 teams at the state tournament held at the University of Illinois-Urbana/ Champaign on Sat., May 4.

The team scored 765 points at the competition, the most ever by a Marist team and only one correct answer, or one point, away from second place.

Senior Chris Shroba and junior Yoon Nam teamed up at the competition to place 5th overall.

The RedHawks also finished as the top Catholic school team in the state.

Sophomore team member Mitch Schroeder said, "We had a strong year and came really close at the end."

On April 20, the team swept all the major awards at the sectional competition at Illinois Institute of Technology. For the team competition, the RedHawks split into two groups and won first and second place.

In the individual competition at sectionals, Shroba took 1st place, Nam and junior James Costin tied for second, and senior Mark Triezenberg and junior Kathy Ulaszek tied for third.

"It has been a pleasure competing alongside my teammates with the help of Mr. Glennon and Mr. Nicholson," Triezenberg said. "I'm sure the team will continue to do well for years to come."

Other graduating seniors from the team include Mike Byrd, Pete Conway, Shannon Cosgrove, Alexandra Feldner and class salutatorian Lauren Tueth.

With a deep roster of freshmen, sophomores and juniors, the RedHawk math team looks forward to providing opponents with tough competition again next year.

"I think our experience at state this year will help us do well next year," said sophomore John LaMantia.





photo by HR Imaging

(L to R) RedHawks Justin Lapinskas, Michael Schreiber, Ivan Del Bosque and Brendan Hopkins scramble back to set up their defense. The team, currently 17-12, faces Notre Dame for its senior night/final home game on Tues., May 14 at 6:15 p.m.

boys' volleyball

May brings cold streak

Jimmy Smith Sentinel

The RedHawk boys' volleyball season started way back in March with two wins against Providence on March 13, giving the team momentum going into the annual RedHawk Invitational.

The team placed second at the tournament, held March 22-23, moving forward with confidence.

"We beat a lot of good teams to get into the finals and that prepared us for our next games," said senior John Yerkes.

Only two days after the tournament, Marist hosted rival St. Rita, with the Mustangs taking the game to three matches, but Marist pulled out the win (25-18, 25-19, 25-18) with obvious scoring consistency.

March 27-30 found the team at the Wheaton-Warrenville Classic, where the RedHawks came in second place overall.

The team faced losses to St. Francis on April 8 and Sandburg on April 9.

"We learned from these losses," said senior Craig Rosner. "We worked on our plays and consistency during practice to prepare for doing better at Brother Rice."

The RedHawks learned enough to take second place in the Brother Rice Smack Attack Invitational on April 19-20., followed by wins against Carmel and Marian Catholic the following week.

Then came May, bringing with it a cold streak

On May 2, the RedHawks fell to conference opponent Benet Academy and emerged from the Lincoln-Way Invitational on May 3 with a 1-4 record.

Things may be warming up with Tuesday night's win after three matches against St. Patrick (23-25, 25-23, 25-15), which brings the team's record to 17-12.

Results from Thursdays game against Nazareth were unavailable at press time.

The team's next home game, which is also senior night, is at 6:15 p.m. on Tues., May 14 against Notre Dame. On Thurs., May 16, the RedHawks host Brother Rice at 6:15 p.m. for their final regular season game.



boys' tennis

Looking for improved play, weather

Taylor Novak Sentinel

With a solid work ethic, good friendships and positive attitudes, the members of the boys' varsity tennis team hopes to turn this season's struggles into greater success by the May 17 sectionals.

Daunted by a 1-8 record, the team hopes to use its lone win at Eisenhower, where they won 5 of 6 matches on April 20 as a model to follow for the remainder of the season.

"We are really focusing on matching up to other schools' ability levels and we're going to to give it our all during these last matches," said senior player Brendan Fagan.

The team plays in the East Suburban Catholic League championship meet

today and tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Marian Catholic. This is the team's final competition before the May 17 IHSA Sectionals.

Results from Thursday's ESCC matches were unavailable before press time

Joining Fagan at the ESCC championship are juniors William Garretto-Balmer, Brendan Maloney and Dan Sheehy, sophomores Joe Kezon and Ryan Loizzo, and freshmen Dan Lynch and Ben Turcich.

The team is coached by Mr. John Hyland and Mr. Adam Wouk.

"Wouk and I wanted more of a chance to work with the team this season because they have such enthusiasm," Hyland said, "but poor weather earlier this spring caused many matches and practices to be cancelled."



photo courtesy of John O'Connell

The 2013 boys' varsity tennis team plays in the East Suburban Catholic Conference championship meet this week at Marian Catholic.

Girls' softball team hoping for repeat trip to state

Jenna Doherty Sentinel

As the returning state champions, the RedHawks softball team is back with a record that looks very similar to the one they had last year.

Finishing the 2012 season with a 15-15 record, the team has a 15-8 record for the 2013 season so far.

Coming off losses to Trinity and Benet, the team fired back with a big win over Mother McAuley on Thurs., May 2.

The hot hand in this game, like many others, came from junior Brooke Wyderski. Having driven in 7 runs, Wyderski had two three-run home runs and an RBI single.

The game ended with a RedHawk victory of 11-8 and provided a "needed win" according to senior Kaitlin Kenny.

Focus is key as the team moves forward to the state playoffs, which start on May 25.

"We need to focus on fundamentals and staying positive throughout the game," Wyderski said. Seniors on the team look forward to continuing their softball careers at impressive schools next year, including Kaitlin Kenny and Haley Richy (St. Ambrose), Erica Nagel (Loyola) Lauren Holt (Robert Morris) and Katie Caufield (Illinois Wesleyan).

Results from the games against Bishop MacNamara on May 8 and Lockport Township on May 9 were not available before press time.

The RedHawks play a double-header against Carmel High School tomorrow at 11 a.m.

The team's final home game, which is also senior night, is at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13. The RedHawks face Marian again at 4:30 p.m. on Wed., May 15 at Marian.

Head coach Denise Bromberek looks forward to the rest of the season.

"These girls have grown defensively and offensively and we are making great strides with each game," Bromberek said. "That is a huge testament to the team's work ethic. These girls need to believe in their coaches, teammates, and themselves."



photo by Joyce Caulfield

Senior Kaitlin Kenny connects with the ball.

Why sports are #1 and should stay that way

a farewell column by Coach Ryan J. McManus

In our world, sports are king.

There is a better chance of a random person on the street knowing the top story on Sports Center than knowing the top story out of Washington D.C.

(Sorry Mr. Harper. It is just a fact and it is perfect the way it is.)

But surely only a crazy person would love and idolize sports the way they are in society. The outcome of a game does not change life the way jobs or politics do.

Plus, merchandise and ticket prices are expensive and probably should be sold for half the price.

And seriously, grown men show up dressed in costumes to every game.

Sports fans should automatically get a nice

room in the loony bin.

But there is a certain glamor to sports.

Sports illustrate loyalty better than anything

else on Earth.

For a few hours on any afternoon, the bleacher bums of Wrigley come out to root on a team that has not won in over a hundred

Yet, they still cheer with the hope and excitement of a team that wins the World Series every year.

There is also a passion in sports unrivaled in any other field.

Men showing up to other people's jobs covered in face paint cheering and screaming over everything that happens. Late nights in April, the Madhouse on Madison shakes with the strength of an earthquake from thousands of screaming and stomping fans.

The passion is also seen in all of the videos of fans destroying their rooms after a heart-wrenching loss.

Most people would trade their significant other in an instant for a championship for their team.

Work on Monday seems to be a whole lot easier after a Bears win.

At any given sporting event, people rooting for the same sports team in a section of the stadium become best friends.

Best friends sitting next to each other rooting for opposite teams become bitter enemies.

All the greatest storylines ever created in Hollywood come to life in sports. From "The Cinderella Run" to the Final Four, the undrafted rookie conquering the odds, or even a living legend riding off into the sunset afer winning a title.

And these are just some of the top sports stories from this year.

During the game, all outside classifications are put aside. All one fan needs to see is another fan wearing the same jersey and they are high-fiving each other after the gamewinning goal is scored.

Sports gives people the rare opportunity to live out their dreams without really living them out. Fans contribute little to the team, yet fans refer to the team as 'we,' 'our,' and 'us.'

The players are quick to give some credit for the big win to the fans, people they have never met in their lives.

These same fans would be slower to throw some thanks to strangers after a great day at the office.

Finally, sports are a place to escape from anything going on in life. Sports help us to cope with both personal problems and national tragedies.

During the game, nothing else matters but enjoying the moment and cheering on the team to a win.

So is it crazy to love sports? Maybe. But I would not have it any other way.

No pool? No problem!

Solo swimmer represents Marist at sectionals

Morgan Weidman Sentinel

The absence of a swimming pool and a boys' swim team from Marist athletics did not prevent freshman Nader Auda from making his mark in IHSA competition this year.



Nader Auda

Auda, the only student to represent Marist at the IHSA boys' swim sectionals at Lockport in February, won both of his heats, finishing the 50-freestyle at 24.71 and the 100-freestyle at 55.65.

Auda placed 2nd at the IHSA regional competition held at Homewood-Flossmoor in January, swimming the 50-freestyle at 24.40, the 100 freestyle at 55.40 and the 200 freestyle at 2.02.

Auda has practiced with a private club team six days a week at Stagg High School since he was eight. He approached Marist Athletic Director Bob Lim about representing the RedHawks at IHSA.

"I look forward to swimming for Marist over the next four years," Auda said. "It would be great to have others join me next year."

Tough spring for baseball

Emma Carruth Sentinel

This year's varsity baseball team, made up of 11 seniors and ten juniors, had big shoes to fill from last year's successful 22-9 season that included a trip to supersectionals.

Many of the outdoor teams experienced a delay to their season due to weather. Rain led to the cancellation of the March 19 season opener and three following games.

The first game the baseball team was able to play was against Simeon on March 27, with a 10-8 win for the RedHawks.

Losses against St. Rita and Richards followed before the team was able to escape the rain and travel to sunny South Carolina over spring break.

The team played five games between March 31-April 5, coming home with a tournament record of 1-4.

"We didn't do as well as we wanted to down there," said senior Ian Woodworth. "But I still love my boys and coaches. I looked forward to coming home and finishing the season strong."

Since then, the weather has cleared up and the boys were able to schedule make up dates for some of the previously canceled game.

Important wins came against Marian Catholic, St. Pat's and Notre Dame, but the team's record is currently 8-13.

Results against Wednesday's game against Nazareth were unavailable at press time.

The team plays a double-header tomorrow at Joliet Catholic at 10 a.m., returning home to face Mount Carmel on Tuesday, May 14 at 4 p.m.

IHSA playoffs begin on Wed., May 22 at a time and place to be determined. Check the Marist website for more information.

