



Author John Fountain inspires during visit

by Kara Keating
senior reporter

Award-winning journalist, author and Roosevelt University professor John Fountain spoke to English II honors and journalism students on April 7 in the RedHawk Theatre.

Fountain has written columns for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Huffington Post*, and *The Chicago Sun-Times* on topics that range from religion to poverty to murder.

"This is the first time I've come to a school and there is a John Fountain group," Fountain said.

English teacher Mrs. Mary Cozzie invited Fountain because she and Mr. Brendan Heffernan's classes have been working on a research project focusing on literacy.

One of the literacy projects they researched was Fountain's, which he calls *Fathers' Day Thursday*. This program involves men visiting an elementary school in Matteson, where they read to children in first through third grade.

The sophomore honors English students were interested in what Fountain had to say about his stories, many of which they had read in class. The students felt it was a great opportunity for them to finally get questions that they have been wondering about answered by Fountain.

"I really liked that he shared his own personal stories as well and explained how it affected his work," sophomore Sara Mesmer said.

While creating the *Fathers' Day Thursday* program, Fountain's research indicated that most kids who grow up

without fathers are more likely to do drugs, join gangs or end up in prison.

Fountain grew up not knowing his own father, which motivated his creation of the program aimed at giving children a male role model. He hopes that one day many other schools across the country will have similar programs.

"Literacy gives children hope," Fountain said. "The mentoring program teaches them to read and also gives them a male figure who cares enough about them just by showing up"

Fountain has written extensively on issues relating to social justice and the poor. When he grew up in North Lawndale, he prayed for an escape.

Journalism was the answer to his prayer.

"The stories I hear calling my name are the stories about people who do not necessarily have the tools to speak for themselves," said Fountain. "I speak for the dead."

Through his articles, Fountain tries to make people think. He explained that he does not want people to know what he thinks. His job is to report the facts of the events that happened and let readers decide what they think and feel.

Fountain believes that journalism done well enables readers to relive events. He believes this is what makes journalism so powerful and how it impacts the world. For these reasons, Fountain believes journalism will always be around.

"When I first began working at the *Washington Post*, I believed that journalism was a calling," said Fountain. "Because one day I am going to meet my maker. When he asks me what I did in this life, I will tell him that I did what I believed in."



photo by Marie Weber

Professor, author and journalist John Fountain speaks to students in the RedHawk Theatre on April 7 about his literacy program and the power that journalists have to speak for the marginalized.

Literacy gives
children hope.

"Voices are important," Fountain said. "Making those voices heard is what I value."

Fountain told students that his approach to reporting and writing aims to show society that there are no such things as white or black stories or rich or poor stories. Every person's story has value and deserves to be heard.

"Whether you are a journalist, English major, or whatever, just get out there," Fountain said. "Find and write your stories," said Fountain.

School history made with tie for valedictorian

by Faith Laughran
junior reporter

For the first time in school history, the Class of 2016 will honor two valedictorians

Senior Laith Abad and Jason Phelan will graduate with equal GPAs of 5.96.

"Jason and Laith were neck and neck freshman through senior year," said Dean of Academics for Upperclassmen Mrs. Kelly Mulcahy. "The choice for valedictorian is decided based on a student's GPA at the end of the third marking period of senior year."

"Jason and Laith had the same GPAs at that point and both took equally rigorous course loads," Mulcahy said. "The administration concluded that both should be celebrated equally."

Abad attended Independence Jr. High in Palos Heights and decided to come to Marist to follow in the footsteps of his older brother.

In the fall, Abad will attend the University of Illinois-Urbana to major in computer science engineering.

"The biggest lesson I have learned at Marist is not to worry too much and to enjoy the experience," Abad said. "Things always work out in the end."

Phelan, who scored a 36 on the ACT, attended Saints Cyril and Methodius and followed in his father and other brother's footsteps in coming to Marist.



Laith Abad



Jason Phelan



Emily Graff

Phelan chose to attend Cornell University in the fall for its physics program and its collaborative and supportive community and atmosphere.

"The most important lesson I learned here at Marist is that with mental toughness and hard work, you can accomplish anything," Phelan said.

The Class of 2016 Salutatorian is Emily Graff. Graff attended Queen of Martyrs in Evergreen Park and will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall.

She leaves Marist with a 5.86 cumulative GPA and plans to major in neuroscience.

The first member of her family to attend Marist, Graff chose to come here after shadowing in 8th grade. She was

impressed by how much the students and teachers cared about each other and is grateful today that she chose to be part of the Marist family.

"The greatest thing I have learned at Marist is to cherish the people here and take advantages of the opportunities in front of you right now," Graff said. "My time at Marist flew by, but as I look back I realize that the best memories and experiences came from friends, teammates, coaches and teachers."

According to an article at PrepScholar.com, a website to help students prepare for the SAT and ACT exams, rising to the top of one's class carries many benefits.

In addition to affirming the student's years of hard work in high school, being named valedictorian can also lead to add-

itional scholarship money, even if the student has already been accepted into and committed to a college or university. Contenders for valedictorian, including those in the top 10 of the class, are also more likely to be accepted by top schools.

Abad cautions that setting out to be valedictorian, a goal he set for himself during junior year, is stressful.

"There are a lot of late nights and all-nighters because of all the work," Abad said.

Phelan feels that the award is worth all of the effort.

"I worked hard in high school because I wanted to attend the best college and have the best future possible," he said. "Being valedictorian is a great honor and acknowledgement."

Lenz takes third in state; Davis named to All-State team

Sophomore Michelle Lenz placed third in editorial writing at the IHSA state journalism final competition, held at Eastern Illinois University on Friday, April 29. Lenz advanced from sectionals the previous weekend, where she also placed 3rd.

Joining Lenz at state were junior Faith Laughran in copy editing and senior Kara Keating in sports writing. Laughran placed second at sectionals while Keating placed third.

At sectionals, sophomore Marie Weber placed fifth in photo story telling and senior Solomon Davis placed fifth in feature writing.

Senior Alexandra Klimala also competed for the RedHawks at sectionals in review writing.

“I think that being in journalism helps students be more aware of what is going on at school,” Lenz said. “We improve our writing skills, but we also learn important things like ethics and responsibility. Sectionals and state also gave me a sense of the competition that is out there and helped motivate me to improve.”

At the state finals, the Illinois Journalism Education Association announced that senior Solomon Davis is one of 15 students named to the 2016 IJEA All-State journalism team. Davis is the only student from a Catholic high school named to the team this year.

The All-State team will be honored at a luncheon at the Governor’s Mansion in Springfield on Saturday, June 4.

RedHawk journalists also won recognition from the Illinois Women’s Press Association, including junior Marina Mosquera for opinion writing and senior Caroline Roeper for news writing. Laughran was also recognized for editorial and feature writing, and Keating was recognized for sports and review writing.

The IJEA also announced the winners of its annual state-wide journalism contest on April 29.

Mosquera won first place in the serious commentary category, while Davis took first place in sports feature writing and second place in feature writing. Roeper took first place in humorous commentary and second place in personality profile.



This year’s award-winning RedHawk journalists include sophomore Michelle Lenz and senior Solomon Davis. Davis will major in journalism at the University of Missouri in the fall.

Senior Miranda Insley took second place in news writing and an honorable mention in sports photography.

Keating took third place in review writing and an honorable mention in sports writing. Laughran took third place in editorial writing and honorable mentions in personality profile and feature writing.

The IJEA also awarded the *Sentinel* first place in the overall design category and second place in the best print-only publication category.

This spring, and for the fifth consecutive year, the American Scholastic Press Association also honored the *Sentinel* with a first-place ranking in its national newspaper contest. The ASPA also awarded Insley first place for outstanding editorial writing.

“The success of the RedHawk journalism program rests largely on the talent of the students who commit themselves to its excellence,” adviser Mr. John Gonczy said.

“Our success also reflects the fantastic corps of teachers in every department at Marist High School and a supportive administration.”

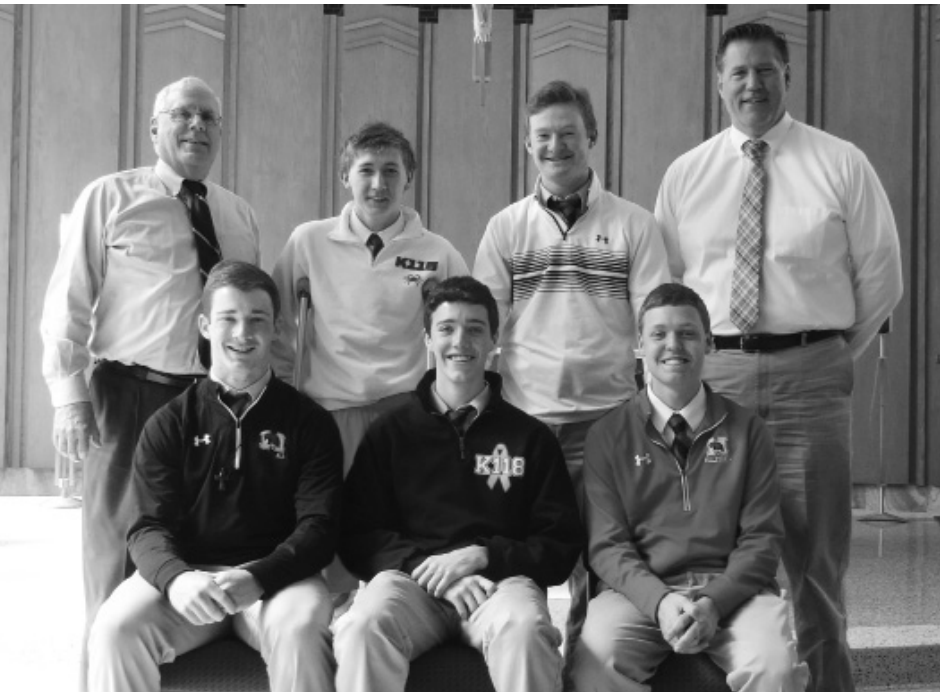


photo by Patti Arvesen

Br. Hank, Griffin Farrelly, Patrick Keffer, Mr. Tucker, Brendan Mullen, Brian Kettering and Matt Kettering pose in the chapel for a photo to commemorate the boys’ receiving 2016 Chick Evans Caddie Scholarships.

Chick Evans scholars named

by Alexandra Klimala
senior reporter

Years of hard work on and off the golf course paid off for five RedHawks this spring, as Brendan Mullen, Patrick Keffer, Matt Kettering, Brian Kettering and Griffin Farrelly each won the Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship.

The scholarship covers tuition, room and board for college-bound seniors who have a strong caddie record and demonstrate strong academics, character and financial need.

Farrelly, Mullen and the Kettering brothers caddie at Beverly Country Club, while Keffer caddies at Ridge Country Club.

The scholarship means more than just a full-ride to college for the winners.

“To me, this award represents a connection between me, my fellow scholars and Western Golf Association officials,” Mullen said. “The free college is definitely a plus, but it’s only one part of this amazing opportunity.”

With more and more students going into debt to finance their college educations, the monetary award that comes with this honor is a tremendous help to the recipients.

“This scholarship means I do not have to worry about paying for college,” Keffer said. “It will help out my family and it is a huge burden off of my back.”

Farrelly and Keffer will attend the University of Illinois-Urbana in the fall, where Farrelly plans to major in finance and Keffer in economics.

The Kettering brothers will attend Marquette University, where Matt will enroll in the pre-dentistry program and Brian plans to study nursing.

“We are so proud of both of them,” the boys’ mother, Mrs. Katie Kettering, said. “It just means the world to us. They worked so hard to win and are so humble that they have received it.

Mullen plans to major in finance at Indiana University.

Marist has had 25 Chick Evans scholars since 2007.

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Lantern Theatre holds auditions for summer musical

by Michelle Lenz
sophomore reporter

The Lantern Theatre: A Marist Performing Arts Group will produce Disney and Cameron Mackintosh’s “Mary Poppins” this summer.

Auditions for the show are open to all incoming freshmen, current students, alumni, and faculty. The roles of Jane and Michael Banks are open to 4th-8th graders from all local schools.

Auditions will be held on Saturday, May 28 in the Redhawk Theater. Auditions for Jane and Michael Banks will run from 10-12 p.m. The general audition will run from 12 p.m.-3 p.m. Callbacks will be held on Sunday, May 29 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The show starts with the jack-of-all trades, Bert, introducing England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many previous nannies packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep.

Using a combination of magic and common sense, Mary Poppins takes the children on many memorable adventures, teaching them that “anything can happen if you let it.”

“The magic of a Disney show is something we have yet to tackle,” said director Dominic Rescigno. “We cannot wait to bring the Disney magic to life in a show as touching and nostalgic as “Mary Poppins.”

Those auditioning will be asked to sing 16-32 bars of a Disney or similar musical theater song.

Performances will be held in the RedHawk Theatre on Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee at 2:30 pm on July 25. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students and free for Marist faculty and a guest.

“Between hysterical laughs and some very touching moments, [the show] weaves together a story about love and how simple it is to be kind to one another,” Rescigno said.

Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's

Mary Poppins

AUDITIONS

Saturday, May 28, 2016: 10am - 12pm
Grade School Students for Jane and Michael Banks

Saturday, May 28, 2016: 12pm - 3pm
General Audition for Incoming Marist Freshman, Current Marist Students, Marist Faculty, and Marist Alumni

Sunday, May 29, 2016 9am - 12pm
Callbacks by Invitation

PERFORMANCES

July 21, 2016: 7:30pm	July 22, 2016: 7:30pm
July 23, 2016: 2:30pm	July 23, 2016: 7:30pm



photo by Christina Lilek

RedHawks enjoy sightseeing atop a double-decker bus in Buenos Aires on March 29. The world language department offers Marist students many opportunities to travel abroad each year, while students also travel abroad on mission trips through religious studies.

Easter break in Argentina

by Emily Reynolds
junior reporter

Over Easter break 18 students and two Spanish teachers traveled to Buenos Aires to experience Argentinian culture and strengthen their Spanish-language skills.

Ms. Christina Lilek and Ms. LaToya Hayes accompanied seniors Katie Hynes, Elyse Fell, Kyleigh Mendoza, Gabi Rago, Taylor Allison, Paige Solcani, Trish Witte, Erin McLaughlin, Rita Walsh and Amelia Gonzalez, and juniors Alexis Kolp, Katie Grant, Emily Reynolds, Kristina Kolodziej, Skylar Battistella and Jen Moore, and sophomores Jasmine Baldwin and Ben Jackson.

This program is beneficial in that it allows students to be immersed in another culture,” Lilek said. “Students live with a family in Buenos Aires, go sight seeing and learn about the interesting and complicated history of [Argentina].”

The group traveled to famous tourist attractions including Recoleta Cemetery, and La Boca, a colorful neighborhood where the group shopped and watched tango dancers in the streets.

An entire day spent at a gaucho ranch included horse riding, eating various types of meat at an *asado* and swimming.

The students also attended classes in both Spanish and English with their hosts.

“The experience taught me that I can’t always rely on everyone to speak English, so it is important to learn other languages,” junior Alexis Kolp said.

In addition to learning language and culture, the students made lifelong friends.

“I really enjoyed the experience and can’t wait to travel to see my Argentine friends again,” said senior Taylor Allison.

Marist will continue this program every other year. Students interested in participating will be able to sign up through their Spanish classes.

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A letter to the Classes of 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016

Dear Freshmen:

Congratulations! You won't have to hear "stupid freshman" again until college. Now, you're still underclassmen, so don't get too cocky-- you can't make fun of the incoming freshmen just yet.

The most important advice I can give is to make each day count. Get involved! You're all still making names for yourselves and the more you get involved, the more people you'll meet. It's not too late to try out for a sport next season or join a club! Trust me, you don't want to be known as "that kid in the back of the class."

Dear Sophomores:

Good luck with the ACT next year! This year will be the most challenging you'll have--for most of you.

This is not the year to skip out on homework. It helps you understand the material and will help make up for tests and quizzes that you don't do so hot on. Colleges will look at this year a lot, but if you mess up, it's not the end of the world.

But don't take this year too seriously. You're only a junior once.



Miranda Insley

Dear Juniors:

You've made it through the thick of things! I'm sure you think senior year is a blow off, but don't be fooled! Despite popular belief, you can 100% still end up in summer school.

Make this year count. Go to as many sporting events and activities as possible. Trust me, you'd rather go and know it wasn't fun than see all the pictures and Snapchat stories of your friends having a blast without you. Lastly, the class of 2016

is trusting you to become the leaders of the school. Remember that every time you wear the Marist name, you represent the school. Always be a leader, never a follower.

Dear Seniors:

First off, I just want to say we only have 13 days before graduation.

Do your homework anyway.

And keep studying.

I'd like to thank all of you for making these years at Marist great. I have met so many new and interesting people and made friendships that I know will last a lifetime.

I wish my fellow graduates the best in life. As long as we strive to become better people than we were yesterday, I know our futures will stay bright.

Be proud to come from Marist. Live the lessons this school has imprinted upon each one of us.

In college next year, make sure you go to class and study hard and surely you will end up with the paycheck you want.

Thank you for contributing to my experience at Marist.

Continue to live through Marist

Four years of attending Marist High School is sadly coming to an end. I will never regret making the decision to attend this amazing high school and I will always be a proud RedHawk. They are truly not lying when they say four years really fly by fast.

Coming in as a scared freshman, I knew only five people in the entire school and it was terrifying. But now I have created some of the best friendships throughout my years here.

No matter what anyone says, senior year will always be the best year of your life. It will still be a little stressful while applying to colleges and keeping good grades, but in the end it will be filled with countless memories that will last a lifetime.

As I continue on to college, I will always have the skills from Marist to carry out through my school career. All the homework and studying I have done will truly help me along my journey.

I will miss the teachers who have taught me. I will miss walking into MOD A every



Kara Keating

morning wondering what Mr. Butler will be playing on his Spotify. I will miss Mr. Gonczy's jokes. I will also miss the school dances, high school sporting events, and so many other things. But, one of the things I will not miss is sitting for 20 minutes in the awful parking lot and that they changed the cookies during my last year.

The best memory I will ever take out of my senior year will always be Kairos. Those were the best four days of my life,

where I truly got to reflect on myself along with learning about others.

I am someone who usually hates sharing things about myself, especially with people I know don't know well. Kairos was a once in a lifetime experience that helped me and that everyone should take part in.

Junior year was the most challenging, filled with stress over the ACT, but in the end it was totally worth it.

Hard work will always truly pay off in the end and move closer to your goal. No matter what you put your mind to, as long as you work hard enough, the rewards will be worth it.

May 19 will truly be a sad and joyful day all at once as we graduate from Marist.

I will be miss seeing the familiar faces throughout the crowded hallways.

I will miss journalism class and working on this newspaper.

But I am looking forward to a new beginning in college next fall, a fresh start in a new state and a new school, where I will continue to live through Marist.

Ferris Bueller is right...life moves pretty fast

To say that my Marist experience has been totally painless and slap-happy would be a lie.

In fact, I originally regretted my decision to come to Marist, but looking back I realize I would have felt the same about any high school I may have attended. The problem was me. I came to Marist as a stubborn fourteen year old. I already had my friends and I planned to keep it that way, thank you very much. It took me awhile to adjust to high school life; I struggled in school, I was on crutches for my football season, and I was unwilling to open myself up to new people.

Thankfully, I saw the light. Marist is full of wonderful people-students and faculty alike. I was originally too close-minded to see it. When I hear other Marist alumni reflect on their high school glory days, they often talk of the pep-rallies, the terrible teacher they had, and the times they had to do those frivolous English projects. Believe me, I have plenty memories of those things too. But I think my nostalgia



Kevin Corrigan

will consist of just the every day moments-the morning greetings shared with friends as we walked to MOD A, suiting up for a big lacrosse game, the triple jugger day in homeroom or even ducking Coach Brennan in the hallway as I wore my hoodie to combat the 15-degree January air in Mr. Gay's constantly frigid classroom.

My advice to future RedHawks and young RedHawks alike is to make the most out of your high school years. I honestly

can't believe I am about to become a college student.

It's all gone too fast.

If I could go back and do it again, I wouldn't change much, but I would come to Marist with a different attitude.

I would understand that everyone here is on the same team-all the students, all the teachers, everyone involved with the school.

Don't be afraid to reach out to people and stretch your horizons. Challenge yourself to talk to teachers. Join a club. Try out for a sport. Go on a mission trip.

Take advantage of all that this school provides.

Some of the best days of my life were spent with the great friends I made on the Guatemala mission trip. Some of my best memories are playing lacrosse with my buddies under the lights.

Opportunities abound and, even if you take advantage of only a few of them, they will make your time here a lot more enjoyable.

Thanks for the memories and lessons

“Brothers and sisters for life” was a motto we all heard on the very first day of our freshman year, maybe even as eighth graders while shadowing. The words never meant much to me, but as my time is dwindling at Marist, they mean everything.

Starting at Marist with only a few fellow students from my grammar school was not easy. I was so used to a smaller environment where everyone knew my name and there were always familiar faces in the hallways.

After a few days at Marist, I realized how quickly this place has turned into my home. Through the ups and downs in my life, I knew I was a student at an amazing place that was so much more than a school.

The teachers at Marist are more than I could have ever asked for. From the very beginning, I have made bonds with teachers who helped with each lesson and test and in whom I could confide and get help for things beyond math problems or vocabulary words.



Caroline Roeper

The friendships I’ve made at Marist are ones that I know will last a lifetime. From football games to Kairos retreats, I’ve learned how simple it really is to make a friend and I believe that’s a life lesson I will take everywhere with me.

Marist has taught me the concept of work ethic. In college next year, I know I will continue on with the same study habits I created after Mr. Davidson’s Spanish class. Flashcards and constant reviewing

is worth it.

Aside from schoolwork, Marist taught me how to be a good person and live my life in a way that makes me happy. The power of prayer is extremely important. Saying “hi” to someone in the hallway could make their entire day.

As I’m planning for the future, the one thing on my mind is to do what makes me feel happy and content. Marist has taught me that if you work hard enough for something, you will get there and look back at the very end feeling grateful for what you had to do to get there.

Hard work may not be easy, but it’s always worth it.

Leaving Marist is a bittersweet feeling. Knowing I’ve shut my locker for the last time and attended my last football game makes me sad, but the memories Marist has given me make me excited for the rest of my future. I will carry these lessons with me wherever I go.

Students for four years, brothers and sisters for life.

Stay true to yourself



Solomon Davis

McCormick Foundation 2016 Chicago High School Journalist of the Year

My past four years at Marist has given me a wealth of experiences that will shape me for the rest of my life. The people, teachers and friends I have made have impacted my life in ways I will never forget.

In fourth grade I began my journey into the realm of journalism. My teacher, Mr. Montgomery, sent out a monthly newsletter to parents. I persuaded him to allow me to put a team together and form what we called the Kids Corner.

During the summer of 2013 I became involved with a high school journalism program at Columbia. For the last three years I have published articles on political activism, human trafficking, and mental illness.

Journalism gives a voice to the voiceless. It allows the public to hear many stories about people and subjects they can relate to, but also makes the public aware of stories about the trials and tribulations of people with whom they have little in common.

In the fall I will be attending the University of Missouri to major in journalism with a concentration in emerging media. A career in digital and interactive media will allow me to continue to make a difference.

For the past three years I have served as a student ambassador because I saw the importance of getting involved and enjoyed helping new and prospective students enjoy their time here and making new friends.

To all current freshman, sophomores, and juniors, make the most of your high school experience. Focus on the clubs, activities, sports, and hobbies that matter to you. Go out and do the right thing, not what is perceived as the popular choice.

As those who know me will tell you, I am a big fan of technology. While I rest in the Android camp, I still recognize the visionary that was the late Steve Jobs. “We’re here to put a dent in the universe—otherwise why else even be here?” Jobs said.

He implored individuals to make an impact, and not just fade into obscurity, I have spent my time on the newspaper here seeking to cover and highlight those doing phenomenal things that are not common knowledge, like senior Michael Kushnerik who has raced cars since he was 13 .

This country was founded on differences. While it may seem popular to conform, do not lose sight of yourself. Live each day to the fullest and as if it were your last. Take nothing for granted, and leave nothing to chance. Discover what you want, and go after it.

To whom much is given, much is required. I hope you recognize that each of us has been afforded a great deal. We have an obligation to take advantage of our great fortune, and apply that in service to others. I encourage you to reflect on that and remember it in your dealings with family, friends, and strangers, but most of all stay true to yourself.

You’ve got a friend in me

We all carry memories and share experiences with the people we come across in our lives. As I look back and think about the many memories I am going to carry on with me as I grow into an adult and start my future, my time spent at Marist is where most of my fondest memories point back to, starting at the very beginning.

Before the first day of high school, I recall freaking out all summer about not having a friend in one of my classes or not having someone to sit with at lunch. I remember being so overwhelmed about who I would walk to my next class with and how I would make it to class in time if I had to take a trip to my locker.

On my very first day as a scared, little freshman, I remember sitting in the Red and White gym before classes started with my best friend, Jeanna Carey. We had MOD A with Mrs. Bromberek together and anyone in that class would tell you it was the best way to start off your day. I already felt comfortable and met great people by MOD A.



Taylor Allison

I joined the basketball team and met a group of girls who were absolutely fantastic. Kelsey Ryan and Katie Hynes managed the team and they are two of the greatest people I know and I am still good friends with them to this day.

Sophomore year, I had a whole different mind-set. I wasn’t a freshman and I was so excited to chant “Go home, freshmen!” at the pep rallies. I had many friends and

always looked forward to going to school to see everyone. I joined cross country and met some of the most energetic people at this school. We always had a blast even when we had to run in the dreadful heat.

Junior year came around and it was my hardest year in school. This year was the year that my teachers had helped me more than ever. Not being the best at math and having Mr. Leshner as a teacher was a struggle but he always stayed around after school to help his students if they needed it. Preparing for the ACT made me grateful for every single one of the hard working teachers I have had at this school.

Before you know it, you’re a senior and your time is winding down to graduation day. As May 19 comes closer, I mostly feel appreciative. I appreciate my family for sending me to Marist and getting the chance to meet my best friends and role models.

Take advantage of your time here and cherish the memories because your time at Marist will go by in the blink of an eye.

The places I’ll miss most

As a freshman, I never could have imagined what a profound impact Marist would have on my life. Not only has Marist molded me into the young woman that I am, prepared me for college, and introduced me to some of my lifelong friends, but it has also given me some of my favorite memories.

Looking back, I have realized that all of my favorite high school memories took place in Marist High School. This place is more than just plaster walls and mismatching tiles. This building holds memories for me that I will never forget.

Every room, field, gym, or hallway that makes up this building has different memories attached to each of them, and each one of these places has a special place in my heart.

Think of all the places in Marist that hold your favorite memories. Maybe it’s the first day of high school when we were all freshmen nervously sitting in the main gym, listening to Mr. Tucker tell us about how these next four years would fly by.

Maybe the main gym makes you think of dancing and sweating like crazy in the



Ellie Mineman
Student Council President

mosh pit at the homecoming dances; maybe every time you step into the main gym you think of island kickball from gym class or mass days. The main gym holds a plethora of memories for us, and the best memory of all is yet to come: walking across the stage at graduation. Then, we will know we finally made it, that we completed an important and unforgettable chapter of our lives.

However, there are so many places other than the main gym that have been integral

to our high school experience. Some of my all-time favorite memories took place in the Red and White Stadium bleachers, cheering on my favorite team from my favorite place, the student section, or as I like to call it, the Redhawk Nest.

Since I was an athlete myself, some of my favorite memories were made on the court, field, and track. The classrooms have also been extremely impactful. It was in these rooms that I met some of my greatest teachers, role models and friends. At times, these rooms presented challenges, but they have helped make me who I am today.

Cherish each and every moment, because there will come a day when you will wish that you could meet your best friend at your locker, get ready with your teammates in the locker room before a big game, or dance with your friends in the gym just one more time.

So walk a little slower in between class periods and really take in your surroundings. I will never forget any of these places.

I miss them already.



best personality (boy)
Brandon Holt

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AWARDS



best personality (girl)
Kara Van Buskirk



best eyes (boy)
Brian Wood



best eyes (girl)
Michaela Ryan



biggest flirt (boy)
Steve Carroll



biggest flirt (girl)
Meghan Stapleton



class clown
Jamiah Allen



best school spirit
Shannon O'Loughlin



most likely to enter
the priesthood
Ian Bond



most likely to enter
the convent
Catherine Viz



most likely to be elected
President of the U.S.
Kevin Corrigan



most likely to make it in
Hollywood
Kelly Collins



most likely to become a
professional athlete
Brendan Skalitzky



most likely to marry for
money
Riley Kilroe



most likely to work
at Marist
Kelsey Ryan



most likely to become a
doctor
Kate Rochowitz



most likely to need a doctor
Stephanie Kohn



most likely to become
a millionaire
Evan Walsh



most likely to get carded at
age 30
Nick Messino



most likely to be living
at home in 20 years
Joe Christiano



most likely never to leave
the South Side
Ethan Connelly



most likely to be late for
graduation
Tim Carlson

RedHawk lacrosse teams enjoying winning seasons

by Solomon Davis
senior reporter

The girls’ varsity lacrosse team scored a victory against Minooka Community High School, defeating the Indians 19-6 on Friday, April 29.

As of May 2, the team’s record sat at 5-3. Senior player Mary Kevin believes this year’s team will leave a strong footing for the program’s future.

“We are making big improvements this year with great team chemistry under a new coaching staff,” Kevin said. “We’ve come a long way for a young program.”

“We expect to end the season leaving a solid foundation for the future generations of the program,” Kevin said.

The boys’ varsity lacrosse team came away with a victory, crushing rival Brother Rice on Saturday, April 30, 9-6.

“We have always had this great rivalry with Brother Rice, but the Touhy Cup makes it really meaningful,” junior David O’Neil said.

The Touhy Cup is a tradition, with the winning team holding onto it for the year. In the past three years, the RedHawks have held the cup twice, while the Crusaders have only had it once.

“After the winter conditioning and quality preparation, it’s all paying off with these big wins,” senior Matthew Russiaky said.

Russiaky believes each year the program improves against competition like Benet Academy and St. Viator High School.

“Each year we’re getting better and our goal is to eventually surpass them in skill,” Russiaky said. “We definitely have the potential.”

Senior John Coatar agrees that the program has come a long way.

“Strong chemistry will help make this the best year the program has seen.”

Tomorrow the girls’ team will host Resurrection at noon while the boys travel to Marmion Academy for a tournament that begins at 8 a.m.



photo by Solomon Davis

Michael St. Lawrence (#21) tries to steal the ball from his Marian opponent at home on April 23. The RedHawks won 13-3.



photo by Hope Orsi

Senior Liz Paulmeyer defends the ball against Nazareth Academy on April 20, but the RedHawks lost the game 1-0. The team plays at St. Viator tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

Soccer team motivated to win

by Faith Laughran
junior reporter

This year’s varsity girls’ soccer team is excited about its success and looks forward to grabbing more wins this season.

As of May 3, the RedHawks are 15-5-3. Their most recent win came Monday as they shut out H-F, 3-0.

The season started in March with two wins against Bolingbrook High School. They won both games 1-0.

On April 6, the team tied against Benet Academy at Red and White Stadium.

The RedHawks followed with five straight victories in the Pepsi Showdown tournament, includings wins against Riverside-Brookfield, Providence, Latin and Nazareth Academy.

The girls tied with Carmel on April 23, then on April 26 shut out rival Mother McAuley, 3-0.

The RedHawks tied with Marian Central Catholic on April 30.

Results from Wednesday’s game were unavailable at press time.

“Our success this season is long overdue,” senior Ashley Smialek said. “We worked hard in the preseason and continue to give 100% effort in games and practice. Our goal is state and for the first time in three years that seems attainable if we continue playing like we have been.”

The team has depended greatly on the support of head coach Chris Roe, who encourages and motivates the team before every practice.

“We meet in the chapel and take 10 to 15 minutes to reflect on how grateful we are,” senior Kelly Ferguson said.

“Coach Roe generally gives us a motivational speech to encourage us to grow as players, Ferguson said. “We’ve worked really hard and it shows in the wins we’ve had so far this season.”

Boys’ tennis team aims for state

by Taylor Allison
senior reporter

This year’s varsity boys’ tennis team consists of freshmen Jeremiah Joyce (singles 1), Luis Pinal (doubles 2) and Nicholas Brown (doubles 3), sophomores Jacob Alberts (doubles 3), Kyle McNamara (doubles 1) and Timothy Flynn (singles 2), and seniors Benjamin Turcich (doubles 1) and Mark Karczewski (doubles 2).

Going into this week, the boys were 4-5 in match play.

“My goals are to improve our overall record and qualify as many players as possible for the state tournament,” said head coach Mr. Brian Keane.

Joyce took four against some of the best competition in the state at the Brother Rice Elite Tennis Tournament on Saturday, April 16.

“The season is going great and I have been having a lot of fun with my teammates and coaches,” Joyce said. “My goal is to qualify for state just like my personal coach, Matt Bisbee, did here

at Marist when he was here between 2009 and 2012.”

Turcich and McNamara have worked hard together to get to where they are now in 1 doubles.

“McNamara and I worked hard over the summer to improve as a team,” Turcich said. “We hope to use what we learned to reach state. As a senior, I want to finish my last season strong and leave a mark after playing for four years on the team.”

This is Karczewski’s first season on the tennis team, but he said it has been an easy adjustment with help from Coach Keane and assistant coaches William Garetto-Balmer and Webb Hayne.

“I always liked playing tennis with my family,” Karczewski said. “During hockey season, some of my teammates thought about joining tennis. We thought it would be a fun game to play.”

Results from matches on Tuesday at Benet and Wednesday at Stagg were not available at press time.

The RedHawks’ next match will be on Wednesday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. when they will host Mount Carmel.



photo by Solomon Davis

Freshman varsity tennis player Jeremiah Joyce warms up against his opponent from Morgan Park Academy on April 14. The boys’ tennis team hosts Mount Carmel on Wednesday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. for its final regular meet before the ESCC championships on May 13.

RedHawks host double-header tomorrow for Senior Day

by Caroline Roeper
senior reporter

With an 11-9 record overall (4-4 in conference) as of Tuesday, the RedHawk varsity baseball team will host St. Patrick for a double-header tomorrow beginning at 10 a.m.

The RedHawks opened the season in March, with three consecutive wins against Lincoln-Way Central (7-4), Lincoln-Way West (4-1) and Shepard (3-2).

The team travelled out of state over Easter break, first to West Virginia, where the RedHawks defeated Logan High School, 7-2. The team also played in South Carolina, defeating Socastee High School in Myrtle Beach, 16-7. In North Carolina, the RedHawks defeated Rutherfordton-Spindale Central, 7-6, and lost to High Point Christian Academy, 0-1.

“These games over spring break helped prepare us to grow as a team and learn to trust each other more,” senior pitcher Jack Snyder said. “We grew as a unit and learned a lot about hitting.”

Four of the seniors to be recognized at tomorrow’s game have signed to continue their careers at two different colleges. Snyder and pitcher Ben Chaffee will play at Triton College, while center fielder Zach Sefcik and first baseman John Carmody signed to North Central College.

Results of Wednesday’s game against Joliet Catholic were unavailable at press time.

Following tomorrow’s double-header, the RedHawks will travel to Benet on Monday, May 9 and to St. Viator on Tuesday, May 10. Both games start at 4:30 p.m.

The RedHawks will host Benet on Wednesday, May 11 and Lockport on Thursday, May 12. Both games start at 4:30. They will host another double-header on Saturday, May 14 against Carmel High School beginning at noon.

“I’m really confident about the rest of the season,” Chaffee said. “By playoff time, the team will be ready to make a run and compete for the championship.”



photo by Megan Sullivan

Shortstop junior Colin Pfortenhauer swings during the double-header against Marian on April 23. The RedHawks lost the first game (6-7) and won the second (8-3). The team looks to improve its record at tomorrow’s home double-header against St. Pat’s.



photo by Kara Keating

Senior setter Aaron Kummer (3) sets up senior middle blocker Patrick Bradford for an attack against Joliet Catholic on April 21. The RedHawks won in three games (22-25, 25-23, 25-19).

RedHawk volleyball nets strong season

by Kara Keating
senior reporter

The RedHawk boys’ varsity volleyball team continue its season with a 17-5 record and remains undefeated in conference.

The team started the season on March 22 with a loss against Providence, but placed second in the 14th annual RedHawk varsity invitational meet four days later.

“The guys are working extremely hard in practice and holding themselves to a high standard every day,” head coach Mr. Justin Vidovic said.

The team took third place in the Brother Rice Smack Attack, falling to defending state champions Glenbard West in three sets, but defeating Eisenhower, St. Francis and Lincoln-Way East.

“Coming off some big wins in the tournament helped our motivation and focus,” senior middle blocker Mike Burel said.

The RedHawks took down Mount Carmel on April 26 in two, (25-13, 25-20).

Junior libero Jack Berglind had 20 digs, junior outside hitter Colin Meyer had nine kills and senior setter Aaron Kummer had 23 assists against the Caravan.

“I think that every game is a learning experience,” Berglind said. “The team as a whole is making progress and looking forward to the rest of the season.”

Kummer was named Volleyball Player of the Week by the *Daily Southtown* on April 7.

“I thought it was very cool to have someone from the team be recognized for the hard work all of us have put in so far this season,” Kummer said.

The team continues to concentrate on improving physically and depend on its senior leadership.

“All of the seniors do a great job taking charge and bringing the team together,” Berglind said.

Results from this week’s games against Viator and Benet were unavailable at press time.

The RedHawks host St. Patrick on Monday, May 9 at 6:15 p.m.

Softball team looks to repeat ‘15 finish

by Miranda Insley
senior reporter

With an overall record of 18-4 as of Tuesday this week, the girls’ varsity softball team has very high hopes for the rest of the season.

Those hopes include a second IHSA class 4A state championship and are shared by returning 2015 state championship players seniors Jillian Kenny, Vanessa Villasenor, Lizzie Annerino, Emily Luzzo, Paige Egan, Amanda McIlhany, Emily Reilly, Madison Naujokas, junior Alexis Rogers and sophomores Maggie Kehoe and Kara Apato.

“We have plenty of talent that contributes to different aspects of the game, making our team an all-around great competitor,” Naujokas said. “I’m going to make sure that I leave Marist proud and I am thankful to have played with such hard-working teammates.”

The RedHawks came away with a huge victory in the double-header Carmel on April 23, winning 16-5 and 10-0.

The seniors especially share high hopes for the rest of the season.

“All eight of us want to make this last season memorable,” Villasenor said. “Seniors, more than anyone else, want to succeed more than they want to breathe. That is the mindset we are playing with.”

“Most of us have played together for four years and that gives us an important sense of working together in unison,” Villasenor said.

The results of Wednesday’s home game against Nazareth and Thursday’s away game at Joliet Catholic were unavailable at press time.

As the RedHawks prepare for the playoffs, McIlhany believes that team chemistry is key.

“We get along great both on and off the field and the best games are the ones where our chemistry really shows,” McIlhany said.

The RedHawks travel to Bishop MacNamara for a game tomorrow at 11 a.m. The team’s next home game is Tuesday, May 9 at 4:30 p.m. against Marian Catholic.



photo by Miranda Insley

Sophomore Kara Apato gets ready to hit against McAuley on April 23. The RedHawks defeated the Mighty Macs 9-3. The rival teams used the game to raise funds for alopecia awareness and research. Alopecia is a type of baldness caused by an immune system disorder.