



Families investing in Catholic education appreciate value

Gianna Miritello
senior reporter

Parents of Catholic high school students make a significant investment in their children's education by choosing to pay tuition on top of the property taxes that fund their local public schools.

This year, 21,936 students attend the 33 high schools in the archdiocese. Marist's enrollment is 1,629, making up 7.4% of the archdiocese's total high school student population.

Prospective students and their families will visit our school at open house this weekend. Last year, over 200 families attended open house, 570 students took the entrance exam at Marist and 430 freshmen became RedHawks.

Currently, over 200 families have made an even greater investment in Catholic education by enrolling more than one student here at the same time or within a few years.

The Stinites family is one of those families.

The Stinites' four children are all one year apart. Max graduated in 2016, Nate graduated in 2017, Grace is a senior and Annie is a junior.

"[Max, Nate and Grace] looked at other schools, but felt most comfortable here," Mrs. Julie Stinites said. "Annie was certain about Marist from the start."

Stinites believes that the strong Catholic faith her children developed here is worth the investment.

"It is worth every penny," she said. "Everything at Marist is faith based and immerses our kids in a Catholic way of living."

The Stifter family also has four children who have graduated from or are currently attending Marist. Anne Marie graduated

in 2016, Claire is a senior, Eddie is a junior and Jack is a freshman. Their father, Mr. Ed Stifter, graduated in 1979.

"There are several Catholic high schools in the area, but we believe Marist offers the highest quality education," Mrs. Cindy Stifter said.

Stifter believes that Catholic school reaches beyond academics in a way public schools do not.

"Catholic education provides structure, discipline and a strong sense of community," she said. "There is a sacrifice, but you realize the value of Catholic education as you see your kids grow into responsible adults."

By 2021, the O'Connell family will also have sent four children here. Tim graduated in 2015, Carolan graduated in 2016, Abbie is a senior and Jack is a freshman. Their father, Tim O'Connell, graduated in 1984.

"We live in LaGrange and expected Tim to choose a high school around there, but he didn't like any of them," Mrs. Nancy O'Connell said. "After shadowing at Marist, he loved it. We weren't sure about the commute, but we couldn't be happier. Marist wasn't the easy choice, but it was the right choice."

Both parents grew up in Catholic households and decided to raise their children the same way.

"We wanted our kids in a faith-based environment," O'Connell said. "Catholic education better develops their character and forms lifelong values and practices. It requires some sacrifice, but it's worth it. I encourage families not to dismiss the idea for financial reasons and have conversations with the school to work something out."

The Gass family has four children here, senior Grant, sophomores Parker and Samantha and freshman Carter.



photo by Gianna Miritello

Members of the Gass, Stifter, Stinites and O'Connell families gather in front of the family tree in Champagnat Square. These four families have a total of 16 RedHawks, and there are over 200 families with two or more students currently enrolled here.

"It was important that our kids have religion every day in their lives," the Gass' mother, Mrs. Shari Sagotz, said. "We love Marist. Grant looked at several other schools, but chose Marist, and our other kids followed. My husband and I are both teachers and truly love the quality of education that our children receive here."

As families visit during open house Sunday, Director of Admissions Mrs. Alex

Brown looks forward to highlighting the faith-based education offered here that prepares students for college and life.

"Our Catholic environment fosters a level of respect and kindness toward others," Brown said. "It's fun to go here. We offer so much more outside of the classroom that makes students and families feel like they are a part of something truly special."

Students raise \$6,148 for hurricane relief

Jocelyn Diaz
senior reporter

Hurricane Awareness Week took place between Oct. 2-6, with students raising a total of \$6,148 to help the victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

The proceeds will be divided into thirds and sent to Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.

Hurricane Harvey hit Texas on Aug. 25 causing over \$190 billion in damage, while Hurricane Irma struck Florida on Sept. 10 with over \$19.4 billion in damage. Hurricane Maria followed, hitting Puerto Rico on Sept. 20 and causing \$95 billion in damage.

Collections were taken every day in homerooms and other fundraisers were held during lunches, including ice cream sales and the National Art Honors Society's painting leaves activity.

Sophomore homeroom 127 raised the most money, collecting \$448.

The freshman class raised \$1,333.37, the seniors raised \$1,006.40, sophomores \$655.39 and juniors \$191.01.

Two-thirds of the proceeds from Hurricane Awareness Week will be donated to St. Bernard's, the organization Campus Ministry works with to coordinate mission trips, for distribution in Florida and Texas.



Students at Colegio Marista El Salvador in Puerto Rico clean up the school yard after Hurricane Maria hit the island on Sept. 20.

photo by Brother Jorge Sánchez

The rest of the money will go to support the two Marist high schools in Puerto Rico, Colegio Marista in Guaynabo and Colegio Marista El Salvador in Bayamón.

In addition, RedHawk journalists will donate the \$1,600 raised during last spring's Lollapalooza raffle to the Marist schools in Puerto Rico.

Both schools sustained structural damage and, like most of the island, lost electricity, telephone and internet. In Guaynabo, the roof and main entrance were damaged and the fence surrounding the school was destroyed.

"95% of Puerto Rico suffered considerable damage," Colegio Marista

El Salvador president Brother Balbino Juárez said. "Some of our maintenance staff, teachers and students have lost their homes to winds or flooding. We believe that it will take several months to recover and estimate that the damage to our school will cost more than \$750,000 to repair."

Anyone wishing to make additional donations to help the victims in Florida and Texas can e-mail St. Bernard's at info@sbpusa.org for more information.

Donations for the Marist schools in Puerto Rico can be sent via checks payable to Fundación Champagnat and mailed to Calle 6, Marcelino Champagnat, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00969.

Entrance exam date change

Martin Buck
senior reporter

This year, the Marist entrance exam date has been changed to Saturday, Dec. 2.

Historically, the archdiocese held high school entrance exams on the second Saturday in January.

Last February, the archdiocese decided to change the date after months of consultation with parents, teachers and administrators.

"One of the main reasons for moving the exam was so that financial aid conversations could begin earlier with families," Director of Admissions Alex Brown said. "Families will have additional time to seek financial assistance."

Last year, approximately 5,700 students took the entrance exam throughout the archdiocese. 577 students tested at Marist.

The entrance exam is a closed version of the High School Placement Test (HSPT) published by Scholastic Testing Services.

Students taking the exam at Marist should arrive by 8 a.m. on Dec. 2 with the \$25 testing fee and #2 pencils.

Marist 1967: Looking back 50 years

Erin Hohl
senior reporter

A half century ago in 1967, the United States faced a number of challenges and milestones.

490,000 Americans troops were fighting in the Vietnam War.

Boxer Muhammad Ali was stripped of his boxing world championship for refusing entry into the U.S. Army, and peace rallies were breaking out all over the country as people protested against the war.

The Six-Day War broke out between Israel and the neighboring Arab states of Egypt, Jordan and Syria.

In January 1967, the Green Bay Packers won the first Super Bowl against the Kansas City Chiefs with a final score of 35-10.

Interracial marriage was declared constitutional on June 12 by The Supreme Court in the Loving v. Virginia case.

On April 21, a tornado tore through Oak Lawn, killing 33 people and creating a path of destruction 200 yards wide and 16 miles long. The tornado was one of 10 that swept through northern Illinois on that day.

On Aug. 30, the U.S. Senate appointed U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Thurgood Marshall to take over retired Supreme Court Associate Justice Tom C. Clark’s position, making Marshall the first African-American justice on the Supreme Court in our nation’s history.

Rolling Stone, a biweekly magazine focusing on popular culture, published its first issue on Nov. 9 featuring Beatle John Lennon on the cover.

On Dec. 3, 53-year-old Lewis Washkansky received the first human heart transplant at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town, South Africa.

Pat Malloy, ‘67, remembers his senior year as a time of change within the Marist community as well as in the world.

Malloy particularly remembers the escalation of the Vietnam War and the increasing division among Americans about our involvement.

“Protesting the war was the norm,” Malloy said. “I read about it and watched the news and listened to how many Americans lost their lives the day before.”

It was common for Marist students to register for the draft as soon as they turned 18. Malloy does not remember discussing the war in classes, but there was a great deal of talk among the students.

By 1967, The Beatles had become the band of the era. The four-man group released the album *Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band*, considered one of rock’s most acclaimed albums.

“I recall one teacher saying that [The Beatles] would never be much of a band,” Malloy said.

On Jan. 26 a record snowfall of 23 inches covered the Chicagoland area. Just two days before the blizzard, the temperature reached a record 65 degrees.



Pat Malloy, ‘67



Student Body Ready for Christmas '67

Christmas 1967 has been ushered in at Marist with a flurry of events which will be

Total of 41 Students Merit First Honors

During the second marking period, 41 students made the first honor roll, and 265 students made second honors. Those making first honors are as follows:

Seniors: John B. Cook, Raymond J. Metz, E.eter Nelson, David J. Doll, Stephen M. Stable, Thomas J. Wertz and Dennis P. Zoller.
Juniors: Salvatore Cannarozzi, Albert P. Diomballa, Anthony J. Durbick, Thomas E. Fornek, John J. Lawlor, Thomas R. Mainock, Kevin J. O'Connor, Michael A. Patton, James R. Peleck, John M. Peterson, Edward J. Roche, and Thomas F. Walsh.

Sophomores: Marion F. Borowicki, John J. Duro, James S. Fister, Michael S. Fredericks, Richard A. Hogan, Franklin R. Lang, John McCambridge, Daniel R. Sullivan, and Frank A. Vitaleco.

Freshmen: Richard Lee Berdelle, Richard J. Finno, John D. Galvin, Michael J. Hughes, Thomas G. Jancke, George A. Johnston, Ignas G. Labanauskas, Paul J. Laughlin, Thomas A. Libien, John M. Matu-shek, Michael W. O'Shea, James A. Pachopine, William A. Super, and Mark A. Zakula.

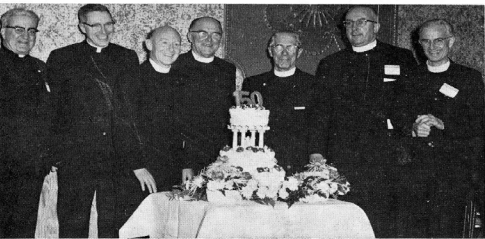
climaxed with the Christmas Assembly on Friday, December 22. The assembly will feature the Marist Band, under the direction of Mr. Frank Manna, performing traditional and swinging seasonal tunes in "Holiday in Music." Brother Pius will conclude the program, offering Christmas greetings to the students and their families on behalf of the Brothers and faculty. Following this, the students will be dismissed for vacation until school reconvenes on January 3.

CAG Food Drive

The Christian Action Group has succeeded in spreading the Christmas cheer to both Marist students and others. The CAG launched its annual food drive for the St. George Parish on December 7. Through the generosity and cooperation of the student body the CAG was able to collect, organize, deliver and distribute many sorely needed goods to the less privileged. In December, CAG members and student volunteers will entertain and visit with the sick at Oak Forest Hospital.

Holiday events will draw to a close with the semi-formal for

sophomores, juniors, and seniors on December 28, here at school. The theme of the dance, "Old Christmas," will be carried out in novel decorations. **THE CLEFFS**, a rhythm and blues "soul" band will provide the music. Adding a lighter note to the season, the Student Council will present a Christmas Sock-hop on December 30.



Dignitaries attending the sesquicentennial feast, prepare to cut the anniversary cake. Left to right: Reverend Eugene Riordan, Most Reverend Thomas Grady, Brother Kieran Brennan, Brother Pius O'Shea, Reverend Raymond Fleurant, S.S.S., Brother Pius Xavier, and Brother Ronald Fogarty.

Religious and Social Events Mark Close of Sesquicentennial Year

The Marist Brothers capped the year-long commemoration of their Order's 150th anniversary with a flourish of religious and social activities on December 7 and 8. A bishop from the Chicago Archdiocese presided at each of the two Masses of Thanksgiving offered at the school, and approximately 450 parents and faculty members attended a dinner-dance at Kilty's Restaurant marking the occasion.

On Friday, December 8, Bishop William E. McManus celebrated a special Mass of Thanksgiving in the Brothers' chapel. December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day honoring the Blessed Virgin to whom the Marist Brothers are particularly dedicated. The previous morning Bishop May celebrated Mass for the benefit of the Marist student body and their parents. Marist brothers provided the musical accompaniment at both Masses.

Notable Guests

Kilty's Restaurant in Oak Lawn was the scene of Friday night's dinner-dance serving as the finale to the week's activities. Music was provided by George Harris and the Ultra-Tones. Several notable guests were present at the speakers' table; among them were His Excellency Thomas J. Grady, auxiliary bishop of Chicago; Brother Kieran Brennan, Provincial of the Marist Order; Brother Pius Xavier, director of Marist High School; Brother John O'Shea, past provincial of the Marist Order; Alderman and Mrs. Thomas Fitzpatrick of the 19th Ward. Brother O'Shea was the principal speaker of the evening. He gave a spirited, discursive talk which briefly traced the origins of the Marist Order in North America and also praised the parents for their enthusiastic support of the Marist Order's first high school in the Midwest. A great deal of credit for the sesquicentennial celebration must be given to the Sesquicen-

"The Lark" Proves Itself to Be Historical Drama of Potent Force

by Hugh Gillespie

The Marist High School Drama Club staged a powerful production of Jean Anouilh's *The Lark*, on November 18th and 19th.



Cauchon (Richard Sherman) responds to a decree calling for Joan's imprisonment that Brother Ladvenu (Dennis Pope) has just read.

The play revolved around the turbulent era of St. Joan of Arc's trial and death, in thirteenth century France. The cast of twenty-eight, under the skillful guidance of Director Mr. Robert Meyers and Assistant Director Mrs. Frank Valderrama, presented noteworthy performances in their roles.

Gail Kress turned in a compelling portrayal of St. Joan. Ernest Strapazon gave an admirable performance as the Duke of Warwick, an Englishman who was present at the trial of Joan. Richard Sherman performed the touching role of Cauchon, a kind

bishop who tried to save Joan from the fire of the stake. Mark Major was a standout as an audience favorite in the role of the

comic Charles, the Dauphin, the heir to the French throne. Performing credibly as members of the court who presided at Joan's trial were Hugh Gillespie, George Sessa, and Dennis Pope. Richard Meister and Randall King performed quite well in their roles as Robert De Beaudricourt and Captain La Hire, respectively. Other members of the Marist student body who were in the cast were Raymond Biedronski, Richard Marshall, Robert McDonnell, David Granger, Stephen Ward, Robert Lorenz, John Trilla, Kevin McCarthy, William Kobus, and Wallace Costenaro.

State Offers Non-Competitive Grants

The legislators of Illinois have authorized the State Scholarship Commission to administer a Grant Program which offers monetary aid to college students on a non-competitive basis. The Grant Program offers monetary aid on an annual renewal basis to undergraduate students who are citizens and residents of Illinois. Unlike the State Scholarship Program, an applicant in the Grant Program need not participate in a qualifying examination nor exhibit any specific high school record; high school graduation and attendance in good standing to an approved institution in Illinois are the only academic requirements. Grants will be based on financial need as demonstrated by the student on the required Application, and are relative to the commuting or resident budget of a specific institution.

Students must attend approved colleges or universities in Illinois, and can receive monetary aid for tuition and mandatory fees to a maximum of \$1100 for academic year 1968-69. Applications for academic year 1968-

69 are available at all high schools and approved colleges or universities in Illinois, and must be submitted to the Commission office by the students before February 1, 1968.

Newsbriefs

Four teachers have been temporarily added to the Marist faculty while they fulfill their student teaching requirements. Brother Raymond Heslin and David Healy are both teaching history. Joining the Biology Department are Brother Clinton Kobb and Kevin Brogan. They will remain here until the end of the third marking period.

The annual parent-teacher meetings were held at Marist November 27th thru November 30th. Starting at 7:30 p.m., parents followed an abbreviated version of their son's daily schedule. Parents of the students also received their sons' grade report for the second marking period and a copy of the student handbook.

NAME TOP HOMEROOMS, SALESMEN FOR CANDY DRIVE

Final returns for the recent candy drive reached \$42,200 which is almost 89 per cent of the school goal. Homeroom 1-B (Mr. Vanderburg) was the top class in the school amassing over \$2000. Other classes reaching their quotas were 4-M, 3-M, 2-C, 1-A, 1-D, 1-F, 1-P, and 1-W. A total of 723 students reached their quota.

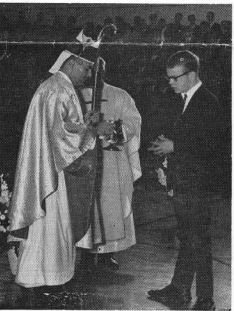
Prizes were awarded to the

top 20 individual salesmen. Charles Tokar (1-R), was the leading salesman with \$648, and his prize was a one year scholarship. Paul Dombrowski, (2-C), and Ronald Saunoris, (1-P) were tied for second position with \$552. Dombrowski chose a T.V. and Saunoris received a stereo Hi Fi. Robert Mueller (3-G) and Frank Surico (3-M) tied for fourth place with \$264. Their prizes were a T.V. and a half

tennial Dinner Dance Committee for their diligent efforts. On this committee were Brother Godfrey Robertson, (Midwest Chairman), William Tumpene (Chairman), Mae Heywood (Chairlady), John P. McCambridge (Co-Chairman), Mary Maloney (Co-Chairlady), and committee members Mary Cotter, Virginia Fee, and Virginia Peterson.

year scholarship respectively.

Other salesmen who ranked high were R. Charlton, (2-B); F. Stacey, (2-S); J. Zondolo, (4-M); K. Dickens, (1-C); R. Valente, (1-R); J. Cranston, (2-C); J. Skulomowski, (1-P); E. Shelby, (3-K); L. Stolarski, (1-R); and R. Delgado, (1-C). The Grand Prize drawing was won by Charles Tokar (1-R), who chose a color T.V. over several other prizes.



Bishop May and Mark Kryda take part in offertory procession during student body Mass honoring Marist Sesquicentennial.

The front page of the Dec. 22, 1967 *Sentinel* gives today's readers an overview of what was going on at school 50 years ago. The entire Dec. 22 issue is available online in the activities-*Sentinel* section of the Marist website at www.marist.net.

at a glance

U.S. president: Lyndon B. Johnson
American soldiers killed in Vietnam: 11,363
U.S. minimum wage: \$1.40 an hour
Price of a new home: \$24,000
Price of gasoline: \$0.33/gallon
Price of milk: \$1.15/gallon
Movie ticket price: \$1.25

Popular TV shows: "The Andy Griffith Show"
"The Lucy Show"
"Gunsmoke"

Grammy Award /Song of the Year: "Michelle" by The Beatles

Best Picture Academy Award: "A Man for All Seasons"
Best Actress Academy Award: Elizabeth Taylor
Best Actor Academy Award: Paul Scofield
Most popular names for boys: David, James, John
Most popular names for girls: Lisa, Kimberly, Michelle
World Series Champions: St. Louis Cardinals

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Private schools build community, open doors

With several types of private and public schools, the American education system is certainly not one size fits all.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the Trump Administration proposes expanding the budget for school choice programs by \$1 billion, which would give parents more options to send their kids to public, charter or magnet schools.

But even if this proposal becomes reality, hundreds of families will continue to choose to send their children to private schools like Marist.

Although private education comes at a cost, the higher academic success and shared learning philosophy make it worth the investment.

Students who attend private school enjoy academic advantages over their peers in public schools.

Studies conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics show that private school students consistently score above the national average on standardized tests and the ACT.

Additionally, private schools have more demanding graduation requirements, higher graduation rates and increase students' college readiness and likelihood of getting a degree.

Private schools' small class sizes also benefit students in many ways. According to the National Council of Teachers of English, smaller classes are linked not only to higher performance but also to increased student engagement and teacher quality.

Students are much more likely to participate, interact with teachers and adapt intellectually in smaller classes.

Smaller class sizes also makes it easier for teachers to give students sufficient feedback on their work, especially on writing assignments.

Another benefit unique to private schools is the ability to create an environment centered around a common belief, ideology or learning philosophy.

Private schools give parents the option to choose an educational approach they like best. In the case of religious schools, students can learn more about their faith

as they study their other subjects. They can also practice their religion with a freedom they would not have in a public school.

Private schools build a greater sense of community through shared goals and expectations. Here at Marist, for example, we are guided by the teachings of St. Marcellin Champagnat, who challenges us to make Jesus known and loved.

Not only do private schools allow families to choose a suitable learning environment, but studies by the NCES show that a strong sense of community in these schools aids student learning.

Shared expectations are linked to the development of consistent and clear goals in students. Studies show that this sense of community is stronger in private schools than in public schools.

Choosing a school is a decision millions of parents will have to make every year. While choosing a private education will make it necessary for parents to open their wallets, it will also open many more advantages and opportunities for their children.



Time to do away with Columbus Day

Many of us were taught the rhyme in grammar school:

"In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue."

However, the rhyme should actually read "In 1492, Columbus took the land and lives of thousands of indigenous peoples, after he sailed the ocean blue."

Columbus Day should not be celebrated because it honors the man who began the removal of hundreds of thousands of indigenous people from their homes.

In journal entries cited by *The Odyssey's* Raleigh LaCombe, Columbus writes, "As soon as I arrived in the Indies, I took some of the natives by force in order that they might give me information of whatever there is in these parts."

Columbus also wrote about how the native people "make fine servants," and his plans to "subjugate them and make them do whatever we want."

As Columbus and his comrades invaded the lands of the indigenous people of the Americas, they also brought diseases from Europe. The natives had never been exposed to these viruses, which contributed to wiping out most of their population.

In addition to enslaving thousands of natives, Columbus also forced them to convert to Christianity and used violence to subdue them when they resisted.

In the treatise *A Very Brief Account of the Destruction of the Indies*, Spanish missionary Bartolomé de las Casas writes, "A boat could sail from the Bahamas to Haiti without a compass or chart, guiding itself solely by the trail of dead Indians who had been thrown from the ships."

Many elementary schools fail to tell students the whole story, focusing only briefly on Columbus' arrival and discovery of the Americas. The focus needs to shift to those people who were here first.

Columbus Day should be replaced with a celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day throughout the country. Los Angeles will switch the holiday beginning in 2019.

Speaking to the *Los Angeles Times* on Aug. 31, City Council Vice Chairwoman Chrissie Castro said that lawmakers needed to dismantle a state-sponsored celebration of genocide of indigenous people.

In 2014, the cities of Seattle and Minneapolis began celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day instead of Columbus Day.

By 2017, Albuquerque, Tulsa, Salt Lake City, Austin and many other major cities joined the list.

On Oct. 8, the *Boston Herald* reported that the states of Minnesota, Vermont and Alaska have also done away with Columbus Day, while South Dakota celebrates Native American Day.

Illinois and the rest of the nation need to do the same.

World language department offers travel abroad opportunities

Kathleen Wilkison
senior reporter

This year, the World Language Department is offering a number of opportunities for students taking Spanish, French or Italian to travel to Spain, Argentina, France and Italy.

RedHawks in the Spanish program will travel to Argentina on March 29 for spring break.

“In Buenos Aires, students will stay with host families, go horseback riding and learn tango dancing,” World Language Department Chairperson Ms. Erica Nathan-Gamauf said.

Students taking Spanish will also have the opportunity to visit Spain and Portugal this summer.

French students will travel to Lyon, France on June 3 for sightseeing and cooking lessons.

The students will also spend a night in Paris and then visit the headquarters of the International Red Cross and the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

“Students are able to develop different relationships with students from foreign countries and appreciate the culture,” Nathan-Gamauf said. “It’s a great experience that will improve one’s language skills.”

Students taking Italian can travel to Italy over spring break, visiting Genova, Florence, Venice, Pisa, Milan and Rome, where the Marist international headquarters is located.

Nathan-Gamauf stresses the importance of learning foreign languages in achieving greater success in one’s career and life.

“Learning a foreign language is travelling the world without going to another country,” Nathan-Gamauf said. “The purpose is to learn about a new culture and gain a perspective of different lifestyles in the world around us.”

The World Language Department offers Spanish and French to all levels of students, and this is the first year that all four levels of Italian are offered.

Students enrolled in a language course will receive more information about upcoming trips in class.



photo courtesy of Erica Nathan-Gamauf

Marist students from Chicago and Spain sample the paella they cooked together in Seville last summer. The World Language Department is offering travel opportunities to Spain, Argentina, Italy and France this school year and next summer.

County seeks student election judges

Gina Musso
junior reporter

Cook County Clerk David Orr is looking for high school juniors and seniors to ensure that local polling places are running smoothly and voters are properly served on Election Day.

Students can earn \$190 for assisting voters as an election judge, by serving in a suburban Cook County polling place from 5 a.m. until the results are transmitted after the polls close at 7 p.m.

Judges’ duties include running local polling sites, setting-up the voting machines, checking-in voters, answering voter questions, collecting votes and closing the polling site.

“Serving as a student election judge is a great way to learn first-hand about the democratic process,” High School Coordinator for the Cook County Clerk’s Office Edgar Leon said. “It is an opportunity to give back to your local community by ensuring that your friends, family and neighbors have a positive voting experience.”

Students who serve as election judges will gain experience in local government while getting a behind-the-scenes look at the democratic process.

“It’s a great learning experience, especially if you’re interested in politics,” Leon said.

Interested students must have a GPA of at least 3.0 and be a U.S. citizen.

Leon also encourages juniors and seniors to register to vote on Election Day. In Illinois, 17 year olds will have the opportunity to vote during the upcoming Gubernatorial Primary Election on March 20, 2018, if they will turn 18 by the General Election on Nov. 6, 2018.

“Elected officials cast votes on issues that directly impact you, including school budgets, the allocation of school resources, student loan policies and community college curricula” Leon said. “Voting is one of the most effective and easiest ways of making your voice heard.”

The last day to register online to vote is March 4, 2018.

Students who want to serve as an election judge or register to vote may do so online at www.cookcountyclerk.com.

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Take time out to reflect and go see the school play

Emma Brown
junior columnist

When was the last time you really thought about the meaning of your life?

How often do you really consider the consequences before you decide to do something?

Do you take time out to really appreciate the people who help and love you?

If you could live one day all over again, which day would it be and what would you do differently?

These questions are addressed in the Theatre Guild’s upcoming performance of “Our Town.”

On its surface, “Our Town” is just a story about the every day lives of everyday people in an everyday small town.

But the play really addresses the concept of death and the afterlife.

Audiences will witness the lives of the residents of the fictional New Hampshire town Grover’s Corners over a 12-year period, assisted by the “Stage Manager,” a lead character who narrates the play.

The show progresses through three stages. The first portrays the characters in their younger, more carefree years. The second focuses on the more difficult choices one has to make as an adult.

“Our Town”
presented by
the Marist Theatre Guild
the RedHawk Theatre
Thursday, Nov. 9
Friday, Nov. 10
Saturday, Nov. 11
7:30 p.m.
tickets available at the door
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The third stage focuses on death and the afterlife, where one major character fully realizes the consequences of her actions in life. Given the opportunity to relive a day, the character comes to truly understand how painful regrets can be.

Those who attend the Theatre Guild’s production are sure to come away with a strong message.

And anyway, attending live theater is a blast.

You get to see fellow students portraying entirely different people. You begin to see your classmates onstage in a totally different perspective.

Live theater also appeals to all of the senses. You actually see, hear and feel the story as it unfolds in front of you, and you do not have to imagine anything.

The cast and crew of this fall’s show have been working tirelessly since early September and several members say that the show is coming together nicely. The actors know what they are doing and are having fun doing it.

Given all the work that the actors have been putting in, the theater should be filled for all three shows.

After spending five days a week memorizing lines and rehearsing for two to three hours a day, the actors deserve our support and recognition.

College degrees not always worth the fees

Martin Buck
senior columnist

College is the best option for young adults looking for work, but without college a person is not useless. Here at school, students are prepared for life in the real world, which includes college, family connection and religious integrity.

Some students, however, choose not to go to college. In our changing world, a traditional college degree is not necessary.

There are many reasons why high school graduates do not go to college, whether they do not have the money for college, find school overwhelming or are still unsure what they want to do for their career.

One of the biggest reasons people do not attend or drop out of college is debt.

According to The Institute for College Access and Success, TICAS, Illinois is ranked 23 out of the 50 states for the amount of college debt an average student has after college. TICAS reports that the average college debt in Illinois is \$29,271.

This is a hard amount to pay, especially since students coming straight out of college are looking for work. These young adults have little to no money at all and the loans take many years to pay off.

Fortunately, there are different fields that do not require college degrees.

In a 2014 Forbes article “Five Proud Alternatives To Going To College,” Robert Farmington explains that if someone chooses not to go to college, they can proudly work in a trade or vocation, enlist in the military, volunteer, work an entry level job or even start their own business.

Workers in these fields can make livable wages and can certainly make a difference in the world.

People serving in the military and people who volunteer can change the way the world is viewed and can make the world a better place, all without a college degree.

There are also trade schools that include jobs in areas including engineering, plumbing or electrical work. These workers require special schooling, but the schooling is often much shorter and more spread out than traditional college.

Often, newcomers will become apprentices and learn under licensed professionals for about two years. After apprenticeships, these workers can become licensed in their professions.

Other graduates may choose to go into religious life, becoming priests, brothers, monks, missionaries or nuns.

Many people who work in more creative fields, rather than STEM fields, such as journalists, artists or authors do not always need degrees to be successful.

Artists may choose to attend an art school rather than traditional college to focus on technique and style.

According to Brian Sherwin, a writer for The Art Edge, artists do not need degrees and without art degrees they can have success both financially and creatively.

There are ways to obtain college degrees in nontraditional ways, such as taking online courses for credit. Many students are starting at community colleges to save money before transferring to a university.

College is an important gateway to opportunities in life, but it is not the only path to success.

Those who choose not to go to college can still earn a good living and can still make a difference in the world.

photo opinion

by Jillian Okelman and Stephanie Kozlowski

Freshmen: What made you choose Marist over other high schools?



Angel Ortiz

For me, this school was better because it offered more than other schools, like classes in business and journalism. I feel like I have a future here. Everyone here is very welcoming. I didn’t see myself going anywhere else.



Janavie Roddy

Marist felt like home to me. When I first shadowed here, I knew that this was my school and would become my second home. I shadowed at other schools, but it felt like I was missing that same feeling.



Danielle Nattsas

I shadowed here and at one other school. I felt a strong sense of family here. The other school did not have that sense of family. At Marist, Mrs. Brown welcomed every shadow in the theater. At the other school, you just waited in the main office for your host.



Isaiah Harris

The reason I picked Marist is because here you get that family environment. There’s a good vibe in this school and I think that Marist helps me improve and become a better person and make better decisions.



Camryn Martinez

I chose Marist because the college preparatory skills we get here are better than at other schools. There’s more of a one-on-one learning experience and if you ever struggle, the teachers will help you. Marist also brings us closer to God, this school is basically one big family and you feel accepted by everyone.



Justin Morgan

I chose Marist because here I can get the help I need to succeed in school. The teachers care about my education just as much as I do. The teachers are also friendly and relatable and they make classes fun.

Answering God's call: Fr. Tom Hurley, '85

Stephanie Kozlowski
editor-in-chief

Father Tom Hurley, '85, felt a calling to the priesthood as a boy in elementary school.

He grew up in Beverly, attending St. Cajetan.

"I think I first felt called to the priesthood when I was in grammar school at St. Cajetan," Father Hurley said. "When I was there as a kid, I was really impressed with the parish priests and the Dominican Sisters who staffed the school. They had a really big influence on me. I was fascinated by their ministry."

As he entered high school his interest in the priesthood grew.

"That call intensified when I was a student here," Father Hurley said. "I was grateful for the brothers and the teachers who encouraged me. That's what made me want to go the seminary right after high school."

His parents also expressed their support of his becoming a priest.

"There was an unspoken assumption by my parents that I was thinking about being a priest," Father Hurley said. "I suppose it was most obvious when, in eighth grade, I took the entrance exam at Quigley South, the Archdiocese's high school seminary. Their exam was in November so I took it and I was accepted."

However, he started to have some doubts about going to Quigley.

"After the holidays, I got cold feet. I went to my dad and said, 'I want to take the exam at Marist.' My dad actually expressed some disappointment because my parents were always encouraging me to be a priest."

So Father Hurley took the entrance exam at Marist, a decision he says he does not regret to this day.

"I'm glad that I came to school here," he said. "Some of my best friends are guys that I met here."

After high school, Father Hurley attended the Niles College Seminary of Loyola University. He graduated Loyola in 1989 and then went to St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein for four years.

He was ordained a priest on May 22, 1993.

After he was ordained, Father Hurley entered parish life at Most Holy Redeemer.

"I think the biggest transition was moving into rectory life," Father Hurley said. "I needed to get used to living in the rectory with other priests who were a lot older than I was."

In 2003, he was assigned to Old St. Patrick's where he was the associate pastor for four years. He was then named pastor, which he has been for the past 10 years.

Nearly 25 years into his ministry, Fr. Hurley recognizes the changes the Church is going through and the uncertainty of the future.

"I don't know what the Church is going to be like in 25 years," Father Hurley said. "It does appear that we are going through a transition, but we've been around for 2,000 years and the Church has gone through other moments of transition and change before."

He believes that with the help of the Holy Spirit, the Church will be guided in the right direction.

"Right now we see decreasing numbers of priests and church attendance," Father Hurley said. "For those of us living now in 2017 it is a concern. We have to look at the bigger picture of our history and trust in the Spirit that guides us."

Number of U.S. priests

1980: 58,398
1990: 52,124
2015: 37,192

source: cara.georgetown.edu



photo by Lauren Kezon

Father Tom Hurley, '85, says Mass at Old St. Pat's Church in Chicago, where he has served as pastor for 10 years.

Father Hurley also points to the fact that the Church is growing in other parts of the world.

"We have to look at the Church in other parts of the world," he said. "In places like Africa, Asia and Latin America, the Church is thriving. Maybe they'll be the ones leading us."

"We're looking at the Church from the perspective of the United States. We have to look globally. The Church is alive and thriving in unique and beautiful ways."

Father Hurley's advice to young Catholics is to try to get beyond the influences of popular culture as they build and maintain a strong faith life.

"You have to stick with it," he said. "You have to be open to the surprises God may have in store for you. I think it's too easy to keep going along the pathway that

culture pushes people toward. Do we ever look in the direction of something unique? A life of sacrifice? It's not always about how much you make. We can't let culture keep dictating what our life is going to be."

Father Hurley also said that he would welcome the opportunity to speak to students at an event like career night.

"They usually bring in people who enjoy success in business or other careers, but there are many ways to be successful in this life. In choosing a life of service, to others, you may not become famous or make a lot of money, but the work you are doing will be so important to those you serve."

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Runners advance to sectionals

Kathleen Wilkison
senior reporter

Both the boys’ and girls’ varsity cross country teams advanced to sectionals, after the girls won regionals at Midlothian Meadows on Oct. 21 and the boys came in 3rd place.

Four RedHawk girls placed in the top four of the three-mile race at Midlothian. Freshman Cecilia Light took 1st place, junior Jill Borza took 2nd, sophomore Amanda Tracy finished 3rd and sophomore Brigid Englehart placed 4th.

At the ESCC Championship on Oct. 14 at Arlington Heights Park District, the varsity girls’ team placed 3rd overall.

The all-conference runners were Light, placing 3rd, Tracy placing 9th and Borza placing 17th.

“These girls have been doing extremely hard workouts this year and they have been executing them perfectly,” senior captain Nora Doyle said. “They have such positive attitudes, when confronted with a challenge, that it’s contagious.”

The varsity boys’ team finished third at regionals on Oct. 21, coming one point behind Lemont High School.

Sophomore captain Thomas Leonard took second place.

Leonard won the ESCC Championships on Oct. 14., after coming in 36th last year. He is the school’s first male athlete to win the ESCC since 2012.

Head coach Jon Gordon expressed high hopes for the team to go to state on Nov. 4.

“The team with the most confidence, real desire, mental toughness and aggressive approach will qualify,” Gordon said.

Assistant coach Nick Billone believes the team needs to work on focusing.

“Some guys need to work on their form and others need to work on how they approach a race or how to pace themselves over the next three miles,” Billone said. “Our runners should not let the moment, the excitement or the other runners override their own game plan.”

Both teams compete at sectionals tomorrow at 8 a.m. at Kress Creek Farms in West Chicago.



photo by Megan Alagna

Senior Nora Doyle overtakes a runner from Lemont High School at the Rich Central Jimmy Daniels XC Invitational on Oct. 7, where the RedHawks finished in first place. Both cross country teams compete at sectionals tomorrow morning at 8 a.m at Kress Creek Farms in West Chicago.



photo by Emma Brown

Junior Molly Sullivan competes the 200-medley relay at Brother Rice on October 18, where the RedHawks fell to McAuley. The team swims in the MCAC conference championships tomorrow at UIC tomorrow at 10 a.m. IHSA sectionals will be held on Nov. 11 at Lockport High School at 9 a.m.

Swim season starts with a splash

Emma Brown
junior reporter

The RedHawk girls’ swim team began the season with a win at Fenwick on Aug. 29.

Since then, the team continues to work on improving both individual swim times and relay race performance.

The 200-yard medley relay team, consisting of juniors Molly Sullivan, Alyssa Wesselhoff, Nora McKeough and sophomore Emma Shea, has a best time of 2:12.29 so far this season.

The swimmers are working on reducing this below their best finish of 2:04.12 last season.

Sullivan, McKeough, Shea and senior team captain Maggie Guidici also compete for the 200-yard free relay. This season their best time is 1:58.55.

“Our varsity swimmers are finishing with really good times so far and our relay teams have been working really well together,” Guidici said.

While the RedHawks did not win any other meets as a team this season, head coach Kelly Sullivan points out that the focus has been on improving individual performances.

“As a program, it is hard for us to compete with other schools, but individually we have the potential to create better swimmers,” Sullivan said.

Sullivan’s goal for this year is to bring out that potential especially in the new swimmers.

Freshman Emma Ortega holds the fastest time this season, swimming the 50-yard freestyle in 31.6 seconds.

McKeough holds the record for the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:14. She aims to drop that time down to 1:11.

Sullivan also hopes the team will compete well against McAuley this season, win or lose.

“They are one of our biggest competitors,” Sullivan said. “I want our swimmers to be as competitive as I can make them this season. They have the potential to be great.”

Girls made a racquet this season

Martin Buck
senior reporter

The girls’ varsity tennis team turned in the most successful season in program history this fall, with a 19-3 record, ESCC championships and three players qualifying to state.

The regular season ended on Oct. 5 with a 3-2 win against McAuley.

“We’ve played very well,” head coach Nicole Selvaggio said. “We finished second in our conference and sectionals and defeated teams we’ve never beaten before. Our program is moving in exactly the direction I’ve wanted us to take it in since day one.”

In the final weeks of the regular season, the team prepared for ESCC championships and sectionals.

“We have to just keep doing what we’ve been doing all season,” Selvaggio said. “We are working hard on the courts every day, especially on footwork.”

Selvaggio is especially proud of state finalists Nicole Micklin, Isabella Rabianski and Caitlyn Foggie.

“They all performed very well,” Selvaggio said. “In particular, Bella and Caitlyn went up against some difficult opponents. In the first round they faced Hinsdale Central, the team that ended up taking third in state.”

Senior team captain Kaitlyn Meyer is pleased with the team’s performance this season.

“I am proud of how everyone has improved,” Meyer said. “I felt honored to be the team captain. I tried to be as encouraging and optimistic as possible. Sometimes the team needed more enthusiasm, so I just tried my best to be there to support and encourage them.”

Selvaggio encourages all of her players to continue playing tennis and is helping them to prepare for college tennis.

“I’ve already started talking to many of our players and parents about the potential of college tennis,” Selvaggio said.

“Given my experience as a college tennis coach, I know what it takes to get our girls to that next level. Many are starting to realize that this can be a reality for them and give them another opportunity for their future.”



photo by Martin Buck

Doubles team sophomore Isabella Rabianski (l) and senior Caitlyn Foggie (r) practice on Oct. 17. After taking third at sectionals, the duo advanced to the IHSA state finals on Oct. 19 but were eliminated after the third round. Singles player sophomore Nicole Micklin, who placed second at sectionals, made it to the second day of state competition, but lost to St. Ignatius after three sets.

varsity football

Undefeated RedHawks make school history

Gina Musso
junior reporter

The RedHawk varsity football team finished the regular season with a 42-14 victory against Joliet Catholic Academy on Friday, becoming the first undefeated football team in our 54-year history.

The RedHawks also finished their second consecutive season as East Suburban Catholic Conference Champions.

“It’s an almost surreal thing to be part of, with a history of so many great teams and players,” junior quarterback Mike Markett said. “However, it is a huge honor to have been able to accomplish this with such a special group of guys and bring a lot of pride to this program.”

A regular season highlight was the Oct. 6 game against Nazareth Academy, who also came to the game with a 6-0 record.

“We heard whispers throughout the season about our schedule not being as tough before the game against Nazareth,” head coach Ron Dawczak said. “Our players took the opportunity in that game

to show everybody what we could do, no matter who the opponent.”

The RedHawks beat Nazareth 42-0.

“Winning the game against Joliet Catholic last weekend is a testament to the players and the seniors who have led the team, and keeps us in the right momentum as we head into the playoffs,” Dawczak said.

“If we play as well as we can, we can make some noise in the playoffs. Any team that we play is going to be good, and we look forward to the challenge.”

With a trip to the state championships as the ultimate goal, the RedHawks continue to work hard as they prepare to face their upcoming opponents.

“We are going to prepare just like we do every week,” Markett said. “We have talked about upping the intensity level each week during playoffs. If we can do that we will be one step closer to our final goal.”

The first round of the IHSA state playoffs begins tonight at home as the Redhawks host the 5-4 Oak Park-River Forest Huskies at 7 p.m.



photo by Jenna Fessler

Senior tight end T.J. Ivy walks off the field after the RedHawks scored their fifth touchdown at the Oct. 6 game against Nazareth. The RedHawks host Oak Park-River Forest tonight at 7 for round one of the IHSA state playoffs.



photo by Jocelyn Diaz

Junior midfielder Gerardo Davila Jr. kicks the ball towards the goal during the varsity practice on Oct. 4. Davila is one of nine juniors and seven sophomore varsity players who are already looking forward to the 2018 varsity season.

Soccer season ends in first playoff game

Jocelyn Diaz
senior reporter

The RedHawk varsity soccer team ended its regular season with an overall record of 11-9-1 with a 3-0 victory against Mt. Carmel on Oct. 10.

The team then fell 1-0 to Lincoln-Way Central in the first round of the playoffs on Oct. 17.

This marked the final season for the four seniors on the team, midfielder Nick Marks and defenders Ricky Cave, Brian Cooke and Daniel Poncer.

“We ran into really strong teams this season that caught us by surprise,” Cave said. “I don’t think the team was mentally prepared for those games.”

The seniors in particular had hoped for a better outcome as they approached the playoffs.

“The seniors are taking the playoff loss hard because it’s our last year,” Marks said. “It was a pretty emotional game.”

The lack of playoff experience with the younger teammates contributed to the loss during the first round.

The seniors addressed the younger members of the team before the playoffs to create a more comfortable atmosphere before an intense game.

“We didn’t do enough to prepare the younger players,” Marks said.

Coach Maxwell is hopeful that the new formation that the team worked on will continue to help the team next season.

“I think that the new formation worked at times this year because it gave us control of the midfield,” Maxwell said. “We have many strong players who can play in that position so we will be able to rotate them and keep things fresh.”

Junior team captain Patrick Clancy is optimistic about next year.

“Experience and chemistry will be a big factor for us next season as our confidence grows and we realize how good we can be,” Clancy said.

Great season for girls volleyball

Raini Eldorado
senior reporter

The RedHawk girls’ varsity volleyball team won the IHSA regional semifinals at home on Tuesday night, taking down Bloom Township in two games (25-8, 25-7).

The team advanced to the regional finals last night to face Lemont, with results unavailable at press time.

Finishing with a 34-1 regular season record, the RedHawks also won the ESCC championship on Oct. 19, defeating Benet in three games (23-25, 26-24, 25-20).

“Our mindset before the game was to have no doubts and I think we did a really good job of keeping that mindset throughout the game,” senior defensive specialist Natalie Davidson said. “Facing Benet is never easy. They are very strong opponents.”

Head coach Jordan Vidovic was also named ESCC coach of the year, while senior outside hitter Savannah Thompson was named ESCC player of the year.

“During the season, these accolades are not something the team thinks about a lot, but of course they are something for everyone to be proud of,” Thompson said. “It was great to get the support that I always get from my teammates, but it was even better to see many girls from our team receive all-conference recognition.”

Thompson also joined teammates sophomore right side hitter Camryn Hannah, senior setter Molly Murrihy, senior libero Grace Green and senior outside hitter Maggie Meyer in being named to the 2017 ESCC All-Conference Team.

Coach Vidovic expressed his pride in the team’s accomplishments this season and the motivation it gave the RedHawks as they entered the playoffs.

“We are very confident going into the playoffs,” Vidovic said. “We had a tough schedule throughout the regular season playing the top teams in the nation, let alone in the state. We are taking those experiences into the playoffs as we push forward to state.”



photo by Jenna Fessler

Senior setter Molly Murrihy (#1) sets the ball to senior middle blocker Katie Hogan at the home game on Oct. 19 against Benet where the RedHawks won the 2017 ESCC conference championship. The RedHawks finished the regular season with a 34-1, losing only to McAuley on Sept. 12. On Tuesday, the RedHawks defeated Benet to win the IHSA regional semifinals.