


REDHAWK ROUNDUP

Thanks for reading the February RedHawk Roundup! This newsletter was inspired by YOUR request for a more formal communication from the school. We heard you and wanted to provide more of a snapshot into life at Marist.

MESSAGE FROM MEG



February is Black History Month, and we have been highlighting our alumni on our social media platforms. Our students have also been showcasing the accomplishments of African Americans throughout the month. Tomorrow, I will attend the 47th Annual African American Heritage Prayer Service with some of our students at Holy Name Cathedral.

One of the best parts of my job is seeing learning in action all around our school each day. I get to see students interacting with one another, asking questions, challenging each other, and, best of all, helping one another find success in their learning. Just this week, I watched an English 1 honors class use presentation boards to gain historical perspective on Chicago before reading Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun*. Algebra 2 Advanced students were in the library at the end of the day working together, asking questions about equations in order to find solutions. Then, broadcasting students were getting creative with trial-and-error ideas about the content they would use to record a music video. I feel lucky to witness this in action on any given day. Congratulations to our State Champion Cheerleading Team—these girls are amazing! Congratulations to our boys' wrestling team, who are going to STATE both as individuals and as a team, and to our girls' wrestlers, who are also headed to STATE as individual wrestlers. We are so proud!!

**Save the Date - Spring
Musical Bye Bye Birdie -
March 13, 14, 15**



The 4th Annual Summer Festival will be here before you know it - Mark your calendars for July 19th - it's going to be THE event of the South Side! 🎵🌟 We know you've been waiting for it, and the anticipation is REAL! Bands will be announced in the coming weeks, so stay tuned! You won't want to miss this incredible day of music, food, and fun! 🎸



RedHawks Sharing Sunday
February 23, 2025

Here's How it Works:

1. Visit BGB for brunch or dinner on Feb 23rd.
2. **Mention the code RedHawks when placing your order.**
3. We'll track sales from Marist supporters and donate 10% of the total back to your cause!

Come enjoy great food, drinks, and community while supporting education. Your visit will help make a difference in the lives of local students. We can't wait to see you!

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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT



On President's Day, the Marist Jazz Band performed for some local Girl Scout troops at St. Christina! A special thank you to the Jazz Band for spending your day off bringing others joy.



Groups of Marist students were asked to share their feedback with the province for a report developed by the Marist Brothers Solidarity Foundation office in Rome. The report will then be presented to the United Nations!



The Learning Life Skills Club is a new club this semester where RedHawks can gather to learn valuable life skills they may not learn in the classroom! This week, students learned how to shine shoes & laundry tasks such as ironing, steaming & folding

SCHOOL NEWS

Marist Students Traveled to Washington, D.C. for March for Life



[Read more here](#)

Congratulations to Emma Harold '25 on being the recipient of the Erica Heilmann Award. The award is given annually to individuals who have demonstrated, through the arts, "character with compassion, leadership with understanding, selflessness with strength, and always a welcoming heart."

2025 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists

In September, Owen & Philip were announced as National Merit Semifinalists. Semifinalists advance to Finalist standing by meeting high academic standards and all other requirements.



Owen Murphy & Philip Haddad

Philip Haddad & Owen Murphy Named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists

[Read more here](#)



SCHOOL NEWS, cont.



Last weekend, 7 juniors traveled to Lawrence, MA on the Junior Mission Trip to serve at Lazarus House Ministries, which was started by a Marist brother. The group cooked & served meals, stocked & reorganized the food pantry and interacted with the local community. They also explored Boston and visited fellow Marist school, Central Catholic HS. What a great experience for our RedHawks!



The Cheer Team repeated as State Champions at the IHSA state finals in Bloomington, IL. Congrats to our coaches & student - athletes!

Tryout information for spring sports can be found here:

[Spring Sports Try Outs](#)

ATHLETICS

- The Dance Team qualified for the state finals placing 24th. This marked the program's 3rd consecutive state finals appearance.
- The Boys' Basketball Team boasts a record of 27-2 and will head into the state playoffs at the 2 seed in their IHSA sectional bracket. Marist will host the regional tournament on 2/26 and 2/28. The team recently captured back to back ESCC conference championships for the first time in school history.
- The Girls' Basketball Program won their IHSA regional tournament semifinal game versus Romeoville HS advancing to the regional championship game at Marist on 2/20. The team has compiled a record of 23-8 overall and they are the top seed in their sectional tournament.
- The Girls' Wrestling Team capped a great season by qualifying 3 students for the Individual State Championship in Bloomington, IL on 2/28. Wrestlers Izzy Locascio, Sam Fontaine, and Abby Parker will compete for state titles.
- The Boys' Wrestling Team advances to the dual team sectional vs Mt. Carmel at Yorkville on 2/25. A win vs Mt. Carmel would propel the team to the state finals in Bloomington, IL on 2/28. Meanwhile, the following individual wrestlers qualified for the state finals in Champaign, IL on 2/20: Ethan Sonne, Tommy Fidler, Donavon Allen, Joe Bronske, Elio Gil, Ricky Ericksen, Will Denny, George Marinopoulos, Michael Esteban, and Jack Watson.
- Senior Maggie McDermott advanced out of the regional competition and finished 31st at the Girls' Bowling Sectional.

[Athletics Schedule](#)

All of Marist's Fall Sports teams received the IHSA Academic Achievement Award by posting a cumulative team GPA of a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale during their respective seasons.



Upcoming College and Career Counseling Events:

- 2/28 - Catholic College Fair - daytime college fair with over 50 attendees. Students only event.
- 3/13 - Marist College Fair - night event with over 120 college representatives in attendance. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/25 - Kairos Retreat, Girls
- 3/4 - Incoming Freshman Parent Night
- 3/5 - Ash Wednesday / Mass
- 3/6 - Celebration of Culture
- 3/12 - Junior Ring Dance
- 3/13 - College Fair Night
- 3/13-3/15 - Bye Bye Birdie (at Morgan Park Academy)
- 3/17-3/21 - Spring Break
- 3/25 - Kairos Retreat, Boys
- 4/1-4/2 - Senior Prom Parent Meetings

Full PDF Calendar



Registration is NOW OPEN for Summer Camp!

Summer Camp



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COLLEGE & CAREER

- Juniors have hit the ground running this semester! RedHawks Take Flight, a half day college and career planning workshop and career fair, was a huge success. Junior students were introduced to Marist-specific postsecondary data and statistics. A Common Application session covered the student activity list, essay writing, and the importance of an informed college list, with insights on how Maia Learning can help students craft a balanced list. A career fair with over 20 professionals, many Marist alumni, provided context and career exposure to our students.
- February 11th, we were fortunate to host over 15 college admission representatives for a case study that demystified the various factors considered in the college admission process. This interactive workshop gave students and parents a “behind the scenes” look at how admission professionals review the Common Application. It also covered key components for writing a college essay and steps students can take to create a cohesive application.
- College counselors will continue meeting with junior parents and students, individually, to ensure students are prepared and feel confident as they begin to build their college list and schedule campus visits. Senior students will continue to work with their college counselor, as well, discussing admission decisions, scholarships and financial aid packages.