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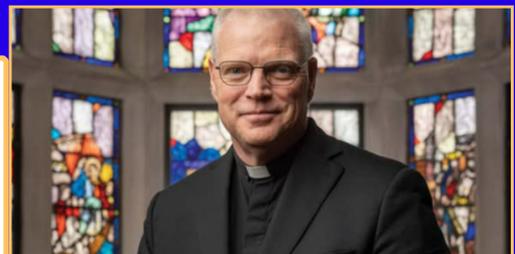
Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

Following spring break, Marist School gathered on March 9th for Term 3's Schola Brevis assembly, the third and final Schola Brevis of the school year. The school community returned with energy and spirit, highlighted by a lively rock-paper-scissors tournament. The assembly also recognized February's Illuminator Award recipients: Victoria Noel '30 (Foundations), Kate Little '26 (high school), and Mr. Larry Rogers, science teacher. The award celebrates Marist students, faculty, and staff who help unlock the God-given greatness of others. President J. D. Childs reflected on the beginning of the final trimester during the Lenten season, inviting students to look to the Gospel story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus as a model for their own spiritual preparation. Just as the disciples recognized Christ in the breaking of the bread, he encouraged students to make room for Christ in their hearts through kindness, generosity, and thoughtful reflection. He also thanked Marist teachers for the care and dedication they bring to their work each day. Looking ahead to the arrival of spring, Childs reminded students that each member of the Marist community helps shape the spirit and legacy of the school and that the habits they form prepare them to serve others and carry forward what it means to be Marist made.



Each year, the Marist Alumni Association recognizes individuals who bring Marist School's mission to life in extraordinary ways. In 2026, Marist School is proud to honor Jack Butler, S.J. '82, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award; Laura Bleekrode, MD, recipient of the Father Hartnett Service Award; and Kyle Hamilton '19, recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Through faith-filled leadership, generous service, and a deep commitment to the Marist community, they continue to reflect the values that define Marist School and inspire those who follow in their footsteps. Learn more about this year's honorees [HERE](#).



On February 20th, Marist School's Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) and Black Student Alliance (BSA) affinity groups welcomed home Kyle Hamilton '19, safety for the Baltimore Ravens. Hamilton, who began his Marist journey in 7th grade, returned to campus to speak with students about identity, leadership, and representation, reflecting on how he has embraced his Black and Korean heritage from high school through his career in the NFL. A standout in a Marist uniform, Hamilton went on to play at the University of Notre Dame, where he became a consensus All-American and team captain before declaring early for the NFL Draft. Selected 14th overall in 2022, he quickly established himself as a key contributor in Baltimore's defense, earning Pro Bowl and All-Pro recognition early in his career. Hosted by student leaders from AAPI and BSA, the event reflected the growth and spirit of Marist's affinity programs, which are sacred spaces rooted in belonging, collaboration, and cultural appreciation. Hamilton's return reinforced the power of seeing alumni live out their gifts with confidence and conviction. Referencing Theodore Roosevelt's "The Man in the Arena," Hamilton said the quote shapes his approach to competition and criticism. In a profession where "there's always somebody that has something to say," he reminded students, "it's not about your failures. It's about the person that's actually in the arena." Outside voices, he added, are just "noise." What matters most is loving the work, staying grounded in purpose, and being able to "lay my head on the pillow and be proud of what I've done."



**Annual Mass of Remembrance
Celebrates Community Members**



Bearing Witness XX Trip

Bearing Witness Institute recently completed its 20th journey with Marist School students traveling Munich, Prague, and Kraków. Each day they walked the streets where history unfolded, studied the Holocaust where it happened, and reflected together on the meaning of conscience in the face of injustice. This experience is never just about learning the past—it's about forming young people who will carry memory, responsibility, and moral courage into the future. Grateful for these students and the way they are honoring the stories encountered along the way. "Walking the past. Changing the future."





Career Day 2026

Reach for Excellence's recent Career Day connected Reach scholars with accomplished professionals and alumni through a student-led panel and small-group mentoring conversations. The professionals represented journalism, engineering, education, healthcare, athletics, and private equity, giving the scholars a look at a wide variety of fields. This year's speakers included Eryn Rogers, David "DC" Coleman II, Reach alumni Cinthya Juárez Duran, Veronica Valencia, and Mae Jefferson, and former NFL player Zack Hodges. Three Reach alumni returned as speakers, showing what is possible when access meets opportunity.



ND Academy's 2nd & 3rd graders buzzed onto the stage last Friday with their performance of "Bugz"! From colorful costumes to confident singing and acting, these young performers brought so much energy, creativity, and joy to the stage. The ND Academy community is so proud of their hard work and thankful to our teachers and families who helped make the show such a success!



Seventh Annual Archdiocesan Lower School & Middle School Religion Bees

Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers at Notre Dame Prep

As explained by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Eucharistic Ministers, also called Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, assist the priest in reverently distributing Holy Communion at Mass, serving the faith community at a sacred moment in the liturgy.

NDP is now blessed to have 25 students and 33 faculty and staff serving in this important ministry. The NDP community is especially proud of these young leaders for answering the call to serve their Church and school.



Connecting Classroom Learning with the Real World

NDP's eighth-grade coding elective class recently hosted industry professionals from GHI Electronics, a Michigan-based company that develops innovative computing boards for education and engineering. Melissa York, technology integration specialist and coding teacher, said her students "tested out and gave feedback to Gus Issa and Greg Norris on their latest computing boards that the company had made." She explained that the students have been learning about input and output capabilities with block coding.

The GHI team demonstrated some prototypes, including a mini-coding piano, Flappy Bird on an LED board, a Christmas tree, and interactive countdown boards — one with flippers and another with an LED display — and ping-pong balls. Through this special session, students applied their block-coding skills in hands-on ways, connecting classroom learning with real-world technology. Experiences like these again highlight the diversity of NDP's curriculum offerings.



During a recent Community Time, NDP's upper school seniors walked to the lower school to spend time with their buddies — a tradition made possible by NDP's unique PreK–12 community. Classrooms, courts and the playground were filled with laughter as students made slime, colored, read together, tested their trivia skills, and played spirited games of basketball and soccer.

Beyond the fun, there were meaningful moments, too. Seniors shared handwritten notes with advice on "how to survive elementary school," while their younger buddies offered thoughtful tips on "how to survive college." It was a sweet reminder that mentorship at NDP goes both ways. Only in a PreK–12 school can a kindergartner get college advice from a senior — and give some in return. Days like this reflect the heart of Notre Dame Prep: one community, three schools, learning and growing together on one campus.



Choirs Excel

Notre Dame Prep’s choirs delivered an outstanding performance last week at the Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) District 4 Festival, where all four participating ensembles earned Division 1 (Excellent) ratings. The 6th Grade Choir, 7th and 8th Grade Choir, Freshmen Choir and Chamber Choir each received excellent marks from the judges, with every ensemble scoring within the 96-120 point range required for the top rating. Each choir was awarded a certificate and every student will receive a blue medal recognizing their achievement. Moments like these reflect the strength of Notre Dame Prep’s vocal music program. Students have opportunities to grow as singers from the earliest grades through high school — participating in choirs, singing at school Masses, performing in concerts and musicals and joining advanced ensembles such as the Honors Chamber Choir and Praise and Worship Ensemble.



Day Celebrating Speech, Debate Highlights State and Nation’s Leading Program



Celebration of Lunar New Year





We are praying for the Marist Novices making their first profession on March 25, 2026. May Mary be your guide!

★ INVITATION ★





First Profession in the Society of Mary

With praise and gratitude to God, the Marist Fathers joyfully invite you to witness and celebrate the first profession of our novices.

Arnaud ELO KOMI

Bernard NGALA

Brandon NGUA

Sylvestre MBULA

Thomas MANIHERA

Pouono VEA

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Wednesday, March 25, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Saint Micheal Archangel Quasi Pariah, Eden, Davao - Philippines

Called to Serve Like Mary



St. Peter Chanel Formation House prayerfully observed the stations of the Cross. As a community, they reflected on Christ's sacrifice and faithful obedience, drawing strength and inspiration for their vocational journey.



20 Years of Marist Mission in Ranong and District Assembly

The confreres of the District of Asia and the Superior General, Fr Declan Marmion, gathered in Thailand to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Marist presence and mission in Ranong. Bishop Paolo Trairong of the Diocese of Surat Thani opened the two-day celebration with a Eucharist, commending the Marists for “journeying and supporting with those in need: poor migrants, those in need of education and health. Like Mary at the Visitation, she did not come for honor but for service.”

The Ranong Celebrations were followed by an assembly of the district of Asia to reflect on their shared mission, strengthen collaboration, discern future priorities for Marist life and ministry in Asia and to foster fraternity.



Stations of the Cross led by the Tongan Community



RCIA Anointing of Catecumens and First Scrutiny



Parroquia Virgen Misionera
(La Perla, Peru)

Stations of the Cross





Isle of Pines Primary Schools: Our Lady of the Angels and St Joseph said goodbye to the SMSM sisters who have been on the island for 167 years.



St. Patrick's Day - March 17th



Christ be with me, Christ within me,
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
 Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
 Christ in hearts of all that love me,
 Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

from the breastplate
 of St. Patrick

Feast of St. Joseph - March 19th

Let us allow ourselves to be "infected" by the silence of St Joseph! We have much need of it in a world which is often too noisy, which does not encourage reflection and listening to the voice of God.

Guardian of The Redeemer
 Pope Benedict XVI, 2010



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PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV

View the Holy Father's monthly prayer intention [HERE](#).