

# Activities lots going on this year!

## German Exchange

This year's German Exchange is taking place earlier than usual. Our students travel to Germany on Tuesday October 16<sup>th</sup> and will stay with students from the Maristengymnasium in the town of Fürstzell in South-East Germany. During the trip students will spend a couple of days at the Marist school. They will visit Mauthausen Concentration Camp near Linz in Austria, visit the town of Passau, have a guided tour of the Allianz Arena, spend time in Munich and visit the theatre. The German students will come to Dundalk in April 2008.

## French Exchange

We eagerly await the arrival of the French Exchange students on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. They are from the Marist School in Toulon in the south of France. This exchange has been a great success over the years.

## Stars in Yer Eyes

On Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, the College hope to continue their successful run with the "Schools Stars in Yer Eyes". Tickets will be on sale soon.

This event has become an annual fixture on the College calendar and we have done very well on the National stage.



## Flying High!

Keep November 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> free. The College is staging the excellent 'High School Musical' under the directorship of Ms. Rosemary Winkless. Tickets will be available soon from the College Office.

There will also be a special Matinee performance on November 13<sup>th</sup> for local Primary schools.

## London & Paris Tour

Fr. Jimmy McElroy along with a number of teachers are taking another large group of pupils away on a tour abroad. This year both London and Paris will be visited. The group departs on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

*Bon Voyage!*

## Well done!

David Donnelly, TY, has continued his culinary successes of last year, having been selected as a local winner of the "Super Valu: Select A Recipe" competition. He now goes forward to the National Final where he could win many prizes, including a kitchen makeover to the value of €10,000.

Best of luck, David, and continued success to you....



## TY Talk

### large group being kept busy!



#### TY Induction Day

The 40 new TY students get to grips with the team-building activities on their Induction Day at the Táin Adventure Centre.

#### Winner of trip to Strasbourg!

Congratulations to TY student, Jenny McFaul, who has won a trip to Strasbourg, kindly sponsored by the NDP. Jenny entered the graduate.ie online competition. This is the third year in a row that Marist students have won trips abroad in this competition!



#### Budding Journalists

Áine Duffy, Claire Dignan, Nicolas O'Connor and Clodagh Lennon are some of the TY team who are writing for the Dundalk Democrat and the upcoming College Yearbook.

# MARISTMONTHLY



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The First Year students who started this year

## New beginnings...

### New Year...New Students...New Initiatives...

As we start the new school year, we welcome 119 students into First Year. The students began the year with an Induction Day where they were introduced to life in the Marist and, in a new initiative, they met with their 'buddies' for a tour of the school.

A number of senior students from Transition Year, 5<sup>th</sup> Year and 6<sup>th</sup> Year volunteered to come in that day and act as a 'buddy' for one or two First Year students and show them around the College and give them hints and tips about life here. The First Years have met with their buddies since that day and a social activity is planned for before the mid-term break.

The First Years are also currently working hard preparing for the First Year Mass, which will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a special occasion for them and their parents and an opportunity for students and parents to meet each other.

## New Deputy Principal

Mr Gerry Lambe was appointed to the position of Deputy Principal and he took up the post on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The former Deputy Principal Mr Gerry Hearty retired from the College after 40 years but is now back on the staff teaching Mathematics.



The new Marist skirt has proved a hit with the female population. The skirt is compulsory for First Year students but optional for all others. The large take up by students in other years is testament to its success.

*"I really like it. The colours match perfectly with the rest of the uniform. I have had lots of compliments about it. All my friends have it too."*

Áine Duffy, Transition Year



## Marist Union Dress Dance Friday November 23rd, Fairways Hotel

Members of the Marist Union Dress Dance Committee include:

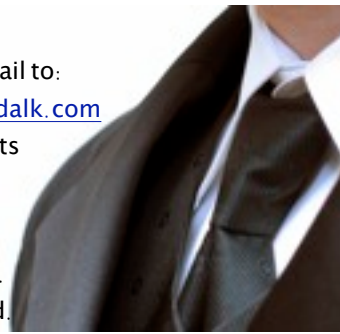
Mr. Liam Reilly, Mr. James Conlon, Mr. Maurice Murphy, Ms. Patricia Begley and Principal, Mr. Con McGinley



Past Pupils, Parents of present pupils and friends of the Marist are all welcome to attend the Marist Union Dress Dance which takes place in the Fairways Conference Centre on Friday, November 23rd at 8pm. Tickets are only €50 and are available from the College Office.

You can also send an email to: [dressdance@maristdundalk.com](mailto:dressdance@maristdundalk.com) with the number of tickets you require and we will contact you.

Please try to come along. A great night is expected.



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### Chaplaincy Corner

#### An Autumn Reflection

I love Autumn. It is a gentle time of year. Summer's rush of holidays and comings and goings and sorting-out after school is over and there begins a semblance of order. People gravitate to their work; children return to class—and usually, the weather is milder, while nature smiles softly in her brown and russet mantle, and gathers up the last traces of her bounty before lying down to sleep all winter long.

The spirit too, welcomes Autumn. In our prayer we find a quiet that reflects the stillness of lake or pool overshadowed by the yellowed boughs of sycamore or beech. The Spirit relishes the glory of creation's changing moods and draws upon it to speak to our thirsty hearts.

Perhaps we are in the autumn of life? It matters not at all: Age has no place in the calendar of life.

Change! The magic changing of the summer leaf to the golden and red of



### Marist Thought for the Month

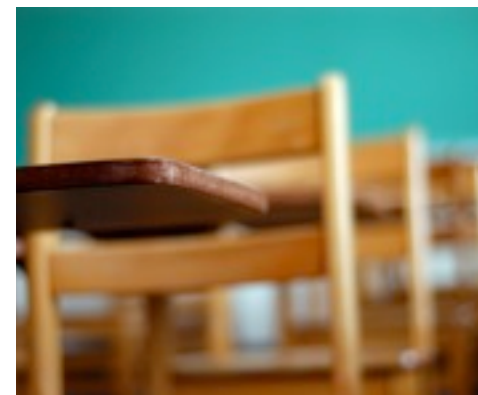
Help us to realise that so as Mary is the Mother of Mercy, we, like her, should find a place in our heart for all, especially those children who have lost their way and seem least deserving.

autumnal glory comes about gently. For you and me the natural changes or 'stages in life's way' can become genuine mile one miracles of miracle beauty.

And as Autumn turns to Winter, in our lives the chill of winter like the pain of death may frighten us but the glow of Autumn still remains and Spring is

close at hand. This heralds new life chances and new beginnings.

Adolescents find it inconceivable that they will see 25; young adults scorn the idea that one day they will arrive at 40; the middle age cringe at the notion of old age.....yet for everything there is a time.....



### Sports all go again!

As usual the students in the College are being kept busy both in class and on the playing field.

Sports plays a very important role in the College. We have Gaelic, Soccer and Basketball for the boys and girls. Rugby is also played by the boys.

We wish all the teams well for the year. Keep up the training...

### The Rugby panel training hard.

What happened next? See the College Yearbook available later in the school year...



### Parents' Council

The AGM of the Parents' Council took place recently. It was well attended and a new Committee was elected. We will give you more information in the next Newsletter.

They are always of course looking for new members. If you would like to get involved, please contact the College Office at 042 933 9977.

### Golf Classic

The Parents Council held a very successful Golf Classic recently. Many thanks to all who supported the event.