

The Academy Spectator

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ATHLETICS HOME GAMES THIS MONTH

SOCCER

Jan. 15
vs. Dominican
at King's Grant
4 p.m.

Jan. 21
vs. Chapelle
at King's Grant
5 p.m.

Jan. 23
vs. Mt. Carmel
at King's Grant
2:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

JAN. 15
vs. Dominican
4 p.m.

Jan. 21
vs. Chapelle
4:30 p.m.

Jan. 28
vs. Mt. Carmel
4:30 p.m.

Temperatures dip to the 30's But soccer team is unfazed



Soccer is an outdoor sport, so when an Arctic cold wave made temperatures unseasonably cold after New Year's, Penguin athletes had to cope with the icy weather.

The January fifth game against the Helen Cox Cougars was played in late afternoon temperatures that dropped into the 30's. However, with sweatshirts, gloves, tights, and even sweatpants added to their uniforms, the Penguins scored an impressive 11-1 victory over the Cougars at King's Grant Playground!

Clothing Drive Underway

Senior Dawn Watson helps organize some of the many items donated for the Mission Club's clothing drive now underway on campus. Mission Club members are collecting second-hand clothing through each of the school's homerooms. The clothing will be distributed by the Hope Chest Donation Center, an arm of Catholic Charities.



Profile: Cuevas seeks fame in L.A.

By Celeste Laigast and Mia Hock
Spectator Staff Reporters

Marissa Cuevas is familiar to many students around campus, but this junior hopes to soon be well known by a much wider audience.

Marissa, a junior, has left the Academy and moved to California in hopes of making a major leap in her acting career.

In pursuit of her lifelong dreams, she has gone to Los Angeles to work and study acting. She will live with her aunt and uncle, Susan and Dave Cuevas.

This isn't her first trip to the West Coast. She lived and worked in California before to film a movie named "Labou" during her 8th grade year. That movie was later released direct to DVD.

Marissa said she already has one acting job lined

up. It's a part in a movie called "Sugar Plum."

"I'm going to play a fairy, but her name is unknown of as of now," Marissa said. When asked what she most anticipated in California, Marissa said, "I'm ready to meet new people, to have new experiences, and to work."

Marissa recently worked on stage in a production of "White Christmas" at Le Petit Theater in New Orleans.

Students know Marissa from her work in Academy productions such as this year's "Sound of Music" and last year's "Footloose," a play which gave her the opportunity to utilize her vocal, acting, and dancing skills.

Many of her friends and classmates say they will miss Marissa but also wish her success.

"I love Marissa. She is so talented and I know she will go far," said Katie Silva.

Michelle Lagarde said, "I will miss Marissa a lot, but I'm so proud of her for following her dreams and I know she will succeed in California."



Adoptions, videos mark Right to Life Week

By Celeste Laigast

Spectator Staff Reporter

January 11 to 15 marked our school's celebration of Right to Life Week, an annual event that reminds everyone why we need to respect life.

The year's theme is "It Matters," and the Right to Life Club worked hard to show that everyone should be especially aware of the issue of healthcare reform currently under debate in Congress.

To prepare the school for a week-long learning experience, Right to Life members were on campus early Monday morning to put up signs and posters to remind everyone of the week's importance.

Different videos were shown during morning

announcements each day about a variety of pro-life topics. These topics included abortion, euthanasia, healthcare reform, stem cell research, and the reasons that we respect and celebrate life.

Right to Life Club members sold "spiritual adoptions" during the lunch hour each day. The adoptions were sold for \$1.50, and participants received a birth certificate and the right to name a symbolic unborn baby. With their spiritual adoptions students were able to select either a magnet, bracelet, or pin in support of life.

Doing all of these little things helped make students aware that all life is sacred and that it is vital to support the pro-life message.



Above: Students wore "Choose Life" buttons to publicize Right to Life Week.



Upper Left: Alexis Moliere, Amanda Maitreme, and Kristin Melanson, at left in photo, buy spiritual adoptions. Right to Life members Celeste Laigast and Brittni Valladares, seated at right in photo, arrange their adoptions.

Lower Left: Brittni Valladares holds a spiritual adoption just purchased by a student.