



The Marquette Medium



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The Sound of a New Year



Top Left: Older and younger students paired up to pop the balloons. **Top Right:** One student went to great heights to pop her balloon. **Bottom Left:** Principal Geoff Kaiser and Student Body President Jeb Schwager address the assembly. **Bottom Right:** Fr. Dennis Miller greets the K-12 system.

Miranda Peters

On August 23rd, the students of Marquette literally started off their 2018-19 school year with a bang by popping balloons at an all school assembly held in the MEC. The assembly was held on the first day of school as a way to celebrate the new school year, and unite all grade levels in one fun activity. After an introduction from Mr. Kaiser, student body president Jeb Schwager shared his excitement for the new year and informed the students on the purpose of student council and all it does for the school. He encouraged students to get involved and to work hard as the year begins. Then, our new parish priest, Father Dennis Miller introduced himself and expressed his goal of trying to get to know everyone and encouraged the students to stop into his office to meet him. Next, Mr. Kaiser also

shared his enthusiasm for the new year and reminded the student body of our mission as Catholic school and how we are working to share our love of Christ and unite as one family this school year. Following the opening remarks, each student at Marquette was called down by grade with upperclassmen pairing up with elementary aged students. They each got their own balloon which they could pop after a brief countdown from Mr. Kaiser. Everyone on the floor of the MEC waited with excitement to hear how the sound would come when we all popped the balloons together, and although there were a few outlying balloon pops, mostly everyone popped at the same time, creating a sound that resonated as deeply as the message of a great start for the year.

Integrating Ipads with the DRA

This past year, Marquette Catholic applied for a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association in order to purchase more Ipads to use in the K-12 system starting in the 2018-2019 school year. In this case, the intent of the Ipads is to help with the growing curriculum needs of the school as ST Math, STEM projects, and recording storytelling projects have become more common throughout the grade levels. The

Ipads purchased with the grant from the DRA are able to travel between classrooms and will continue to help students grow in their understanding of 21st century skills and technology, while also promoting innovative methods of presenting classic curricular material

The Dubuque Racing Association generously granted Marquette \$2,500 for this goal.

New Roles for a New Year

Kelsey Gerlach

With a new year at Marquette, there are a few new positions being filled and positions being switched around. One of the newest teachers at Marquette is Ms. Haley Lampe, the new 3rd grade teacher. Ms. Lampe comes directly out of graduation from Loras College to return to her alma mater; however, this is not the first time that Ms. Lampe has held a position at Marquette, as she has been (and still is) the assistant volleyball coach. When Ms. Lampe took on the roll of third grade teacher, Mrs. Medinger then

switched to becoming a preschool teacher. Mr. Jim Hollensbe, the high school history teacher, also will be working with a new student teacher this semester. Mr. Aaron Miller will be taking over most of the history classes through the course of the year, learning how to manage a variety of subjects at the same time. Finally, Mrs. Kelsey Kaiser and Father Dennis Miller have accepted roles leading seniors into their final year of theology. All of these changes bring excitement to Marquette as the school continues to adjust to fill the needs of its students.

Crafting New Clubs

Averie Sieverding

Many new things have arrived at Marquette over the past few years, including a new after school club open to 6-12 graders, named the Marquette Makers. This club was founded by Mrs. Lexsea Stickrod and plans to meet monthly for an hour long crafting session. Although the club has only had one get together, it quickly became popular with the first crafting session creating locker magnets. Mrs. Stickrod had the inspiration to start the club because, "I love doing crafts and I

wanted to give students another way to get connected to Marquette. I like to do crafts in my class when possible, but I had so many fun ideas that I wanted to share that didn't fit into what I do in class." Mrs. Stickrod's criteria for choosing crafts does include cost because this club is self funded, and the amount of materials determines the craft's cost. The club thus tries to stay under \$5 most of the time. The amount of time spent crafting is usually 30-45 minutes, but the passion for crafting can last a lifetime.

2018-19 Student Council

Eviana Berthel

The Marquette Student Council is starting off the fresh school year with newly elected positions and a new advisor. With Mr. Jim Hollensbe at the helm, the 2018-2019 Marquette Student Council consists of the following members: Jebadiah Schwager - Student Body President, Daniel Koos - Student Body Vice President.

Senior leadership includes: Lauren Sieverding - Senior Class President, Sunny North - Senior Class Representative, and Brooklyn Moore - Senior Class Representative.

The Junior class will be led by Eviana Berthel - Junior Class President, Halle Kilburg - Junior Class Representative, and Averie Sieverding - Junior Class Representative.

Sophomores on student council include Delaney Banowetz - Sophomore Class President, Maura Tracy - Sophomore Class Representative, and Macy Heim - Sophomore Class Representative.

Finally, the freshmen are represented by Irelynd Sieverding - Freshman Class President, Kaylee Koos - Freshman Class Representative
Rachel Rowan - Freshman Class Representative.

This approaching year, the Student Council will be taking part in various leadership opportunities and fundraisers around the school and community. Coming this month in September is Hunger Action Month when Student Council raises money and collects nonperishable items to be given to the Bellevue Bread Basket. Other events they are organizing for this school year include the Blood Drive on October 17, 2018, and the Chicken Dinner on November 11th, 2018. The Marquette Student Council is more than excited to dive right into this new school year with a new advisor, Mr. Jim Hollensbe, ready to tackle new challenges.