

Irish Gazette

Faith, Knowledge and Service

ION program continues to grow



By: Maya Dalton

As technology becomes an important aspect of our lives, we must begin to include such technology in our homes, schools and communities. In the case of using technology for school events, the Irish Online Network was established to broadcast sporting events and other school functions on the internet. [Con. Page 2]



LUNCH MENU

Monday Feb.26
 Chicken Nuggets Mac-n-Cheese Broccoli

Tuesday Feb.27
 Hot Dogs w/chilli Baked Beans Tator Tots

Wednesday Feb.28
 Pancakes Omelets Sausage



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Please keep Mrs. Snuffer and Pat's family in your thoughts and prayers

MARIELLE CARTER RECEIVES AQUINAS AWARD

By: Erin Turner

Marielle Carter is this year's recipient of the St. Thomas Aquinas award.

She was a recipient of the honorary Secretary of State recognition.

Carter was raised in Bridgeport and has attended Catholic school since preschool when she first attended St. Mary's Grade School and moved up to Notre Dame.

Carter plans to attend Wheeling Jesuit University in the fall and has not decided on a major. While at Notre Dame, Carter has participated in Key Club, is a member of the National Honor Society, played soccer all four years of high school and has been yearbook editor the past two years.

Carter attends All Saints Catholic Church in Bridgeport where she is a Eucharistic minister, an assistant preschool bible studies teacher and is part of the teen council. She has a sister, Michelle, who is a sophomore at Notre Dame.



Continuation of ION...

In 2016, Reuben Perdue was approached by Notre Dame students Andrew Rogers and Alex Altenburg who wanted to do live broadcasts of events at Notre Dame. Quickly, Dr. Morrison approved the Irish Online Network, and Perdue took on the role of faculty advisor.

During basketball and football games, participants would do videography and play-by-play broadcasts. Through these broadcasts, Notre Dame fans could watch games from the games from the comfort of their own home on a computer or mobile device. Over time, more students wanted to be involved and join the ION team. The Irish Online Network had become a strong force within the Notre Dame community.

As ION evolved, the group began covering more events besides basketball. From middle school sports to school masses at Immaculate Conception, ION now covers all affairs of Notre Dame.

In 2016, the National Federation of State High School Associations named ION its new network of the year.

"It has been a fun and interesting experience," said senior Christian Palmer, who has been involved with ION since his sophomore year. "I've been given a new perspective of sports and the events that I really didn't know about."

Those interested in the group can contact the current advisor, Nick Farrell, or stop by the daily meeting before, after or during 5th period.

If you wish to follow or subscribe to the Irish Online Network, visit notredamewv.org and click on the ION link.

ND SPORTS

GIRLS BASKETBALL

By: Clare Cistaro

Feb. 12 was a big game for the Lady Irish. They defeated Trinity Christian with a final score of 54-45. That victory helped the ladies earn the No. 1 seed for sectional play, also earning a bye in the first round of the sectional tournament.

Then the Irish struggled in back-to-back games on the road, losing to Clay Battelle 45-30, and Robert C. Byrd 38-26.

The Lady Irish started their sectional play Tuesday night, defeating the Doddridge County Bulldogs 49-38. The game was close and the Lady Irish were down by two at the half. Both teams toughed it out, but the Irish earned the right to advance to the sectional championship game.

BOYS BASKETBALL

By: Clare Cistaro

Senior night for the boys' basketball was also a great win. The Irish defeated the Tygarts Valley Bulldogs 90-56.

The Irish then traveled to Ravenswoods and couldn't quite bring home a victory, losing by a final of 74-55.

On Feb. 19, the boys defeated Madonna at home, 95-68. The Irish will begin sectional play next Tuesday, after earning a first-round bye and the top seed in the section.



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WRESTLING

By: Serena Sestito

The Notre Dame High School wrestling team went to compete at states at Braxton County, where they competed against schools from all over West Virginia. Freshman Mike Alvaro ended up coming in third place and senior Ryan LaAsmar came in fourth place. Both of Notre Dame's top finishers said they are happy with the outcome of their last match of the season and gave it their all.

SWIM

By: Serena Sestito

This past week on the Notre Dame swimming team, junior Isabella Gibson and senior Jacob Coole qualified for states, where they competed against high schools from around West Virginia. Coole came in 15th place in the boys' relay and Gibson came in ninth.

"I really enjoyed my senior year of swimming and look forward to coming back in the future and seeing how everyone approved," said Coole.



ION is looking for volunteers to help with basketball broadcasts. Any student interested should email Nick Farrell at nfarrell@wvillustrated.com.

Check Out The Irish Online Network for games, info and more!

Go to notredamewv.org and click on the ION link.

Teacher Feature:

By: Rebecca Baker

Mrs. Michelle Riggs went to high school at Lincoln where she was a majorette. After high school, she went to college at Mountain State University where she earned degrees in banking and finance, organizational leadership management, development and statistic leadership.

Her two biggest accomplishments besides her children were winning the WV FBI Community Leadership Award in 2009, which she won for starting the non-profit organization the West Virginia Child Abduction Protection Program. She founded the WVCAPP in 2005.

Before teaching at Notre Dame she taught at West Virginia Junior College for thirteen years. Before that she worked at BB&T Bank and owned her own boutique.

Now she works at Notre Dame teaching personal finance, academic support to her high school students, and overseeing the students in virtual classes.



Mrs. Riggs

Erin Turner, one of her students, said she is much more than just a teacher to her.

“She’s one of my favorite teachers. She’s like a second mom to me and she would do absolutely anything for anyone” said Turner. “The students always come first for her. Her class is always really fun, and she tries to make it hands-on, not just a ton of reading from the book.”