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Goodbye Seniors

A Happy day – Graduation 2018

By Dyllan Ogurkis

Graduation is upon us and the Senior class takes another step towards the next phase of our lives. June 2, 2018 has been a day etched into our minds since the first day of school in August.

It is a symbolic stepping stone for us as we take- not just a step but a leap- towards secondary education or whatever God has in store for us. It is a major date not only for us as students but for the Marian community and our families – who are proud of what we have accomplished.

This day marks the end of high school and the first day of the rest of our lives (I know that is a cliché but it fits). We are entering into the big unknown as little fish in a big sea.

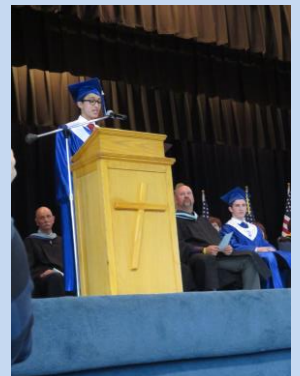


MARIAN'S stage set up for graduation ceremonies on June 2, 2018

HAPPY graduates for the class of 2018



HENRY Kreisl (left) Salutatorian and Aaron Srinivasan (right) Valedictorian give their speeches to inspire the graduates and also have a good laugh



SENIORS say goodbye and leave Marian as they graduated but they really never turn their backs on their high school days here at Marian

Upcoming events -

June 11 -August 26 – Summer Vacation	August 28 – Upper-class orientation
July 27-29 - Men of Marian Picnic	August 29 – All students report
August 14 – Fall sports begin	August 31- Sept. 3 - Labor Day break
August 27 – Freshmen Orientation	

Newspapers should proofread!

Barbershop singers bring joy to school for deaf



2018 Marian Catholic Spring Concert

By Aaron Adams

On Wednesday May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. Marian Catholic High School held their annual spring concert in the Marian auditorium. Concert band performed five of their songs with the band, featuring Zoryana Duda on the trombone for the song *Grabbin' Some Air* and Emily Roberti on sax during *Baby Elephant walk*. During intermission, snacks were available and the chance off drawing was called. Mrs. Sheer won AGAIN!

The second half of the show brought the chorus out to sing four songs, *Skyfall*, *Because He lives*, *the Phantom of the Opera* and *this is Me* featuring Olivia Stettler and Emily Meier with vocal solos. This was all under the direction of Mr. Michael Brimmer. The seniors were honored with a goodbye. Senior band members include: Emily Roberti, Zoryana Duda, Alexi Zukas, and Josh Hurst Senior Chorus members are: Sarah Berube, Corrin Dagostin, Julia Glitzer, Regina Cullen, Julia Hoben, Emily Roberti, Zoryana Duda, Emily Meier, Claudia Stroia, Ethan Antalosky, Michael Ecker, Joseph Jordan, Joseph Maguschak , Brayden Webb and Alexi Zukas.

It was a wonderful night of music showing that Marian has talent in all areas. They are a small group but mighty



CHORUS performing *Skyfall* on Wednesday May, 23rd in Marian Catholic Auditorium. The harmonies were just wonderful. Good job folks! Photo by Mrs. Costello



CONCERT band performing *Grabbin Some Air* Wednesday May, 23rd at Marian.

Memorial Day

By: Tim Holt

Memorial Day, occurring May 28th this year, is an American holiday in which the country remembers the men and women of our military who died in service. It is a day of solemn remembrance for the sacrifices made by those who fell in battle that allows us the freedom we enjoy today.



Memorial day was once known as Decoration Day and specifically honored only the dead of the Civil War. However, with the event of World War I, the day's purpose was expanded. Originally celebrated on May 30th, it like many other federal holidays were moved in 1968 to the last Monday of the month in which they occur in order to give workers a three-day weekend.

Parades involving military personnel and veterans organizations are common, with the largest being in Chicago, New York, and Washington, D.C., and many hold parties. Additionally, many observe the day with reverence, visiting cemeteries or memorials.

Memorial Day is a day set aside to remember the American sacrifices made in all wars fought to ensure the protection and preservation of freedom. As American people, we cannot afford to forget or disregard the cost of freedom, especially in these times when such freedoms are often under threat or infringement. Out of respect for the dead, we remember Memorial Day.

Marian Track Banquet

By: Jacob McNelis

On Wednesday, May 30, Marian Track and Field hosted their annual banquet at Capriotti's Catering in Beaver Meadows. This year, the Colts and Fillies were coached by Head Coach Justin Huegel and Assistant Coaches Bryan Rogers, Jim Wheeler, and Patty John. In attendance at the banquet were coaches and athletes; along with family and friends of the coaches and athletes. The night rounded off with guest speakers to talk to the athletes about what to take away from their experiences in high school athletics and how to be successful as they take the next steps.

Marian's senior athletes were honored for their commitment to the program over the last few years, while the underclassmen were honored for their work and accomplishments thus far in the program.

After an exciting few weeks competing at the District and League meets, the Marian Track team produced multiple champions in both the District and League; along with a plethora of top place finishers. This year, Marian sent Christina Capparell to States for both the 1600 and 800 where she came in 8th in the 800 but 2nd in the 1600. Way to go Tina.. Accompanying Tina to States was junior Emma McClafferty; who competed in discus and came in 6th. Following a memorable, exciting year, Marian Catholic holds an exciting future as they look to hit the ground running next year.

Appreciating Our Seniors

By: Hailey Andrejco

Marian Catholic High School's annual senior appreciation day took place on May 25th. The day is set aside to commemorate the past four years of high school at Marian for the graduating class. "Although some students participating have attended Marian for four years, everyone has surely made many memories," explains senior student Star Rotzell.

The day started at 8:14 with all eight periods of class in 10 minute sections. Then there was a sports award ceremony followed by mass with Father Miller. His homily talked of the value in persevering through trials and taking sanction in hope. The year book was handed out to all seniors, who ordered them, in the gym, while underclassmen returned to their homerooms to receive theirs. Sarah Berube of the student yearbook team stated, "The team worked hard to complete this year's year book and we hope everyone finds it memorable".

The books were signed by students and faculty at the outdoor organized senior day meeting spot located behind the gym. The spot included grilled hot dogs, ice cream, a variety of chips, and water. There is also a slushy truck that handed out cups of slushed ice for students to cover with their own choice of flavors. The day was very warm and students who dressed down enjoyed the sun for over two hours at the spot.



Marian and friends who participated in the T-shirts for Tyler drive presents thier donation, as well as the signed trifold board, to the family of Tyler Kowatch who unfortunately died before having a heart transplant.



Local Spots to Visit During the Summer

By: Zack White

Summer is just about here and there is a chance that there are people looking for something to do with all the extra time they'd have over vacation. Luckily, there are some spots nearby that could either serve as an interesting experience or a simple time killer.

Tuscarora State Park is a great spot for some more traditional summer activities such as picnics, fishing, and trail walking among some other things. This 2.5 square mile area would also be a nice spot for a simple spot to hang around with family and friends.

In a similar manner, Locust Lake State Park is another spot that would be a good idea for those who favor the great outdoors. The 1.7 square mile area is home to a 52 acre lake which allows for a decent amount of water based activities including fishing and boat riding. Both park also have sizeable campgrounds for those who would prefer to spend more time on land.

For those interested in some history regarding the coal region there is the Museum of Anthracite Mining in Ashland. The Museum shows how coal was mined during the 19th and 20th centuries



while also looking into the industries and technology involved with anthracite mining. If anyone wished to have a more personal experience there is also the Pioneer Tunnel, which is a non-profit, privately owned tour.



The Frank D. Yuengling Mansion is



a great spot to visit, as well as the brewery. The mansion was built in 1913 by Frank D. Yuengling, the owner of the Yuengling brewery until 1963. The mansion

was the first house to have electricity and a telephone in Pottsville.

Centralia is a rather well known spot, located in Columbia County, it is a near ghost town with a population of ten as of 2016. The reason for the complete lack of people is due to a coal fire that has been burning since at least 1962. The town had to be evacuated due to the toxic fumes being constantly

emitted. The fire is estimated to burn for at least 250 more years. Located in a very close proximity to the town itself is the Centralia Graffiti Highway. The area is actually a broken off section of Route 61 which was actually overlooked by PennDot and was left abandoned for quite a while. However, as Centralia itself began to gain a following, many of the tourists decided to see just how good their artistic abilities were, with varying results. Over time however, the more usual variants of graffiti began to appear, slurs, crude drawing, etc. Despite this, this old, mile long section of route 61 still remains as a rather popular area for tourists visiting the area and the state. But a warning – it is illegal to go there.



Sophomore Students Represent Marian at HOBY Seminar

By Erin Meehan

Each year Marian Catholic selects two students to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, better known as HOBY, which is hosted at Shippensburg University at the end of May. Interested students were asked to submit a letter of interest outlining their leadership qualities as well as why they wish to represent Marian at the conference, the letters were then reviewed by the HOBY Selection Committee which is comprised of guidance counselor, Miss Dunn, and English teacher, Ms. Meehan, a CPA HOBY alumna herself.

This year Nadiya Sieger and Sarah Halupa were chosen to attend the conference. Halupa decided to apply for the seminar because she "figured that through the seminar, [she] could be given the support, confidence, and skills needed to make a change in [her] area." The seminar was over the span of four days, from May 17th to May 20th, where the ambassadors stayed in dorms on Shippensburg University's campus. Throughout the seminar attendees took part in group discussions, heard keynote speakers and learned what it takes to be a leader. Sieger's favorite part was "working with those in [her] group." She was surprised to think that in four days she could come to know anyone so well, and was overjoyed with how quickly her group learned to work together and how to work with all the leadership abilities the group possessed.

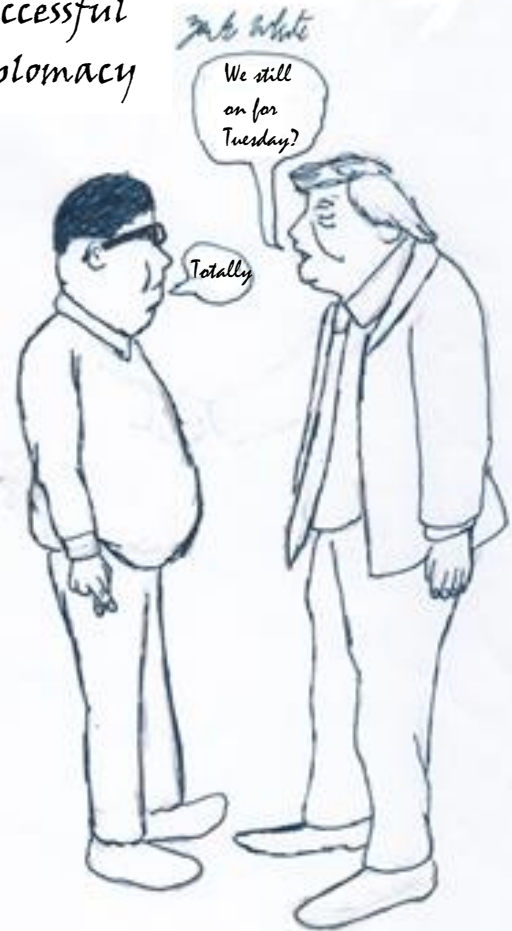
Sieger was one of two chosen conference attendees to represent Central Pennsylvania HOBY at the World Leadership Congress (WLC) hosted in Loyola, Illinois this summer from July 21- July 28.

Both Marian representatives encourage future sophomores to attend. Halupa stated, "you will learn so much about yourself and those around you. The skills you learn so much about yourself and those around you, and the skills you learn you can use all the time." Sieger states, "APPLY! HOBY is a place where you could be yourself with absolutely no judgment."

Interested incoming sophomores are asked to keep an eye out for advertising and announcements come fall to learn more and apply to represent Marian Catholic at the 2018-2019 Central Pennsylvania Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar.



Successful Diplomacy



Summer Food Drive

By: Giovanna Digilio

Marian's National Honor Society hosted its annual Summer Food Drive from May 14th-May 18th, benefiting local food pantries and Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Items donated include mac n' cheese, peanut butter and jelly, fruit cups, spaghetti, and any other "kid friendly" non-perishable food items. The school ran a contest, which was that any class that had the most mass would receive a prize before the end of the year. The faculty won the contest with over 56 pounds of food with the freshmen being next with 14 pounds, juniors with just over 12 pounds, sophomores and seniors last. Total donated was 100 pounds. Senior Maddie Dembinski said "I donated mac n' cheese, spaghetti, and fruit cups. I'm sure they will come in handy to a local pantry in our area". Everything helps, and people are less fortunate in our area more than we think. Even the smallest donation makes a difference in someone's life.

