

MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

November 2017

Fall sports wrap-up

By: Noah Stauffer

Marian once again has a winner! Tina Capparell capped off her senior year by capturing a PIAA Class A State Championship in Hershey, Pennsylvania on November 6. Tina is also four time PIAA District 11 Champion. Tina will be continuing her academic and athletic career at the University of Delaware. Congratulations and good luck Tina!

The Marian girls' volleyball team wrapped up another historic season on Saturday November 18, 2017 at Richland High School in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The Fillies fell short of capturing a PIAA Class A State Championship but this was their third trip in four years to the state championship game. Throughout the season Gianna Agosti, senior and Jasmine Mooney, senior, proved they are 2 of the best players in the Schuylkill League. "Being able to create relationships with the girls that you'll remember for the rest of your life." said Agosti about one of her favorite parts of the season. Marian finished with a 23-1 record this season. Congratulations to the Fillies on their second place finish in the state and their terrific season!



Tina crosses the finish line in first place to bring home the gold in Hershey on Nov. 6. Great job!



Marian's volleyball team 2017 rejoices in a terrific season despite coming in second in state championship

Something new

Today's society is losing its civility. We see it every day. Our first President George Washington, when just a teen like our students, created a book called *Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation*. He tried each day to master one of his 110 rules. Each month we will list one of his rules so our readers may become more mannerly citizens of our country. (spelling is his)
Number 7: **Put not off your Cloths in the presence of Others, nor go out your Chamber half Drest.** (Wonder if this refers to pants hanging down too low or dresses up too high)



Youngest Marian volleyball fan. Reese Erbe's little brother Luke

Upcoming events -

Dec. 6 – Penance Service	Dec. 20 – Christmas Concert
Dec. 6 – Failure Warnings	Dec. 22 – Last day before break
Dec. 7 – Meet the Colts & Fillies	Dec 25- Jan 2 – Christmas Break
Dec. 8 – Mass – Feast of Immaculate Conception	Jan 3 – Back to school

Newspapers should proofread!

Diana was still alive hours before she died.



"Books! And cleverness! There are more important things"

By Alicia Marie Morgan

But for the library the books are important despite Hermione's words in *The Sorcerer's Stone*. It's that time of year again, the Scholastic book fair returned to Marian the last week of October. Fly in on your broomstick and buy some books, because Hogwarts is in session. This year's book fair theme was the beloved Harry Potter. From mandrakes to snitches, to the Nimbus 2000, the library was decorated with all things Potter. The students and staff spent a total of \$2522.66 on books and a collection of items. The library made a profit of \$630.67, \$200 less than last year. A Marian tradition is for homerooms to compete against each other. Whoever wins, by spending the most, gets a prize. Homeroom 2D, Mrs. Heff's freshmen homeroom won the race, spending a total of \$256.49. Great job! A BIG thank you from Mrs. Costello, librarian, for supporting the library fund raiser.



Library desk has many great Harry Potter quotes as well as the Hogwarts shield hanging over head. Photo by Mrs. C.



Mail delivery Hogwarts style, at least when the Dursleys won't let Harry have his letter. Photo by Mrs. C.



The Marian library was fully decorated for Harry Potter starting with quiddich hoops and flying snitches. The flying keys are from *The Sorcerer's Stone* and of course the Nimbus 2000 broom used for all. Photo by Mrs. C.



The Hogwarts Express comes to the Marian library through Platform 9 ¾. Photo by Mrs. C.

New Chaplain at Marian

By: Maddie Dembinski

This year a new, young, bright chaplain has been assigned to Marian. His name is Father Miller. Father Miller was born and raised in Reading Pennsylvania. He attended grade school at Cabrini academy and graduated high school from Reading Central Catholic in 1995. He then attended West Chester University for 5 years and received a bachelor's degree in accounting. It wasn't until about 2 years after college that he entered the St. Charles Seminary in Philadelphia to study priesthood. Father Miller says that priesthood is "a calling from God. It starts with a gut feeling and thoughts of being a priest." Father Miller's decision of going into the priesthood was not easy.

According to Father the most enjoyable aspect is "The people God places in my life. As a priest I meet all different types of people with different backgrounds and life stories. I am humbled on how often people let me into their lives and share with me things they would never share with anyone. I have met so many people whose faith blows me away, I get inspired by them."

Father Miller never has an ordinary day in the life of a priest. He does much more than

just mass. For example, counseling, spiritual direction, hospital visits, home visits, homily preparation and adult formation classes. And of course, time spent at Marian. Father says those are just the scheduled things and differ from day to day. But occasionally he is stopped by someone just asking "Father can we talk" and Father is more than willing to talk to them for an hour or so.

In many ways we can relate to Father more than you may think. He says that "he's no different than anyone else. I have to be concerned with how to pay bills for my two churches, maintenance stuff and so forth." That's just life he says.

When Father was assigned to Marian in June many priests came up to him and said "You are going to a good school with a good spirit." Father Miller said "I wasn't disappointed. There are plenty of great kids here that will make great contributions to



Father Miller joins the Marian family as spiritual director.
Photo by Maddie Dembinski

society. I am truly blessed." A big welcome from the Marian Family to Father Miller.

A time of giving

Thanksgiving is a time of year when many have little for which they can give thanks. The National Honor Society (NHS) at Marian conducted a food drive where the nonperishable items donated will be given to local St. Vincent DePaul Societies Coaldale, Lansford, Summit Hill, and Nesquehoning as well as Catholic Social Services and Hazleton Integration Project (both in Hazleton). A dress down day was given to the over 100 students and faculty who donated. Each class was asked to donate specific items for a traditional turkey dinner (without the turkey). These items included: Cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, beans, potatoes, sweet potatoes, corn and even pumpkin filling for desert. Mrs. Nietz, moderator of the NHS, gives a big thank you to all who helped make this drive a success. Helping others more in need than yourself is a principle teaching of the Catholic Church making this more than just a dress down day at Marian. It is a lesson in how to live your future life.



Memorial Mass

By Brian Bauer

Marian has many benefactors that contribute to the school in different ways. Whether they give money, needed supplies, or volunteered their time to Marian, these are all important factors that allow Marian to function.

On Wednesday, November 1st Marian held a Mass remembering all those important benefactors that have passed away. The principal had the honor to read aloud the names of the more recent deaths. A family member of the deceased, who had been able to attend this Mass, honored their relative by lighting a candle. These candles burned in Marian's Chapel for the month of November. Marian would like to thank all benefactors, living and passed, for their necessary contributions to the school. The following is a list of those for whom the mass was offered: Louis and Anna Coassolo, Hugh "Wink" & Margaret Gallagher, Racqueline Craig, Connell McCall, Mary Ellen McCall, John & Mary Gerlach, John Ritz, Frances Marcin, John Marcin, Genny Aitken, Jason Blihar, Edmund Frick, Jr., Lorraine Radice, George Miller, Teresa Burits, Judith Velekiei, Richard Slog, Andrew Slog, Charles & Linda DeCosmo, Rose Malarkey, Jennifer Federick, Kenneth Snerr, Margaret Shober, Fr. Andrew Uliney, Ann Bindus, Daniel McDonald, Edward Kennedy, Ann Carr, Florence Arner, Daniel McHugh, Kayla Knepper, Joseph Kovatch, Sr., Victor Parente, Mary Watko, Jeff Kantor, Pierre Grouber, Joseph Devaney, Joan Wheaton and all deceased family members of the Marian community who passed away this year.



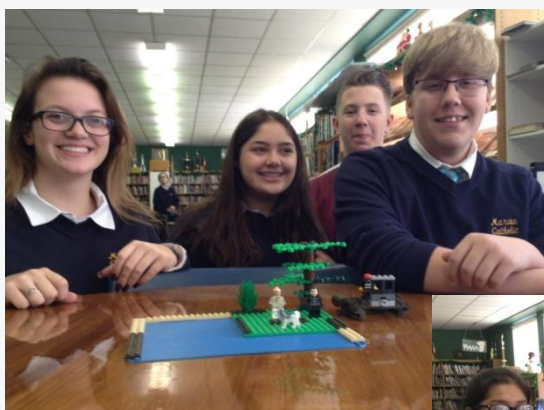
Day of the Dead

Dia de los Muertos the Day of the Dead is a holiday that is celebrated on November 1st and November 2nd, throughout Latin America. It honors the dead with festivals and lively celebrations with the activities that the dead enjoyed in life. It is said that the dead will be insulted by mourning or sadness.

This year Mrs. Hydock's Language and Culture class worked on making altars, decorating their classroom with "papel picado" and food. Spanish I Honors class learned about Dia de los Muertos by researching and making posters.



Freshmen read *The Most Dangerous Game* in Mr. Dougherty's English class and get creative of what the story was about.



"United"

by: Regina Cullen

The Marian Catholic student body joined together along with family members and friends during mass on Wednesday, November 15th to celebrate the class ring unity mass for the junior class. The class ring and the unity pin they received are a symbol of being unified with your fellow classmates to remember lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories they have made throughout their high school years. The class rings and unity pins were blessed by Father Miller and distributed by the principal Mrs. Susko individually at the end of mass. Following the mass was a reception inviting the family members and friends of the juniors to celebrate the memorabilia the class of 2019 will take with them for the rest of their days.



French Week

By Brian Bauer

Marian Catholic has two great languages that they teach French and Spanish. For one week in November, French culture is celebrated, from parties in the French classes to daily questions about French culture. These celebrations are dedicated to French culture because it is usually overlooked by Spanish.

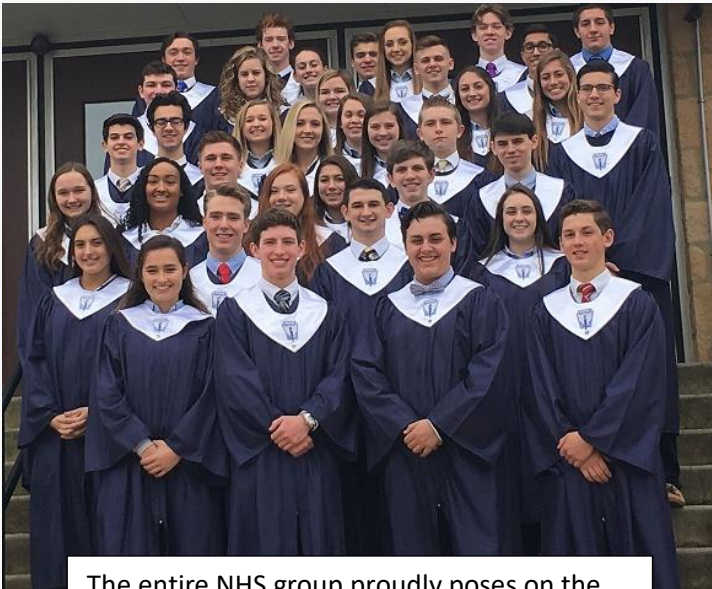
The freshman hallway was decorated with flags and French posters. The French students' projects of different places in France were displayed all around Mrs. Heffelfinger's room. The food and drink at the parties were all French related. During the parties the students talked about cultural aspects of French life and watched French Disney movies. What a great way to learn about French culture while learning the language.



National Honor Society gets inducted

By Gabbi Frask

At Marian Catholic it is a tradition that we induct new juniors and seniors into the National Honor Society or NHS at mass. This year the Robert F. Kennedy chapter of the NHS was inducted on November 8 by the moderators with the help of the officers Henry Kreisl President, Michael Ecker VP, Claudia Stroia Secretary and Joshua Hurst Treasurer. To be chosen for NHS a student must exemplify the following qualities: Scholarship, leadership, service and character. Once the student grade average is checked, the two teacher moderators, Mrs. Debbie Coles and Mrs. Rita Nietz, check to see if the students fulfill the other requirements. This year there were 14 new members inducted, all of them juniors: Jacob Artz, Zachary Boyer, Nicole Capparell, Meghan Darrough, Seth Feisel, Robert Kuznicki, Keith McCall, Emma McClafferty, Joseph McGinley, Alexa Murray, Seth Paluck, Courtney Rodick, Kate Spillman, and Jace Whitaker. Congratulations on this achievement.



The entire NHS group proudly poses on the school steps after the new members were inducted.



The NHS officers get psyched for the induction mass.

Halloween at Marian

Halloween is always a fun time at Marian. Many rooms are decorated and of course we have a walk around on Halloween so everyone can see everyone else's costumes. Costumes were judged and the following were this year's winners.

Best Group - Corn Group
Best Single - Linda Snyder
Most Creative - Grace Mussoline & Victoria Dutz
Scariest - Sofia Bauer
Couple - Max Nolter & Jacob McNelis
Funniest - Dylan Blaschak
Cutest - Corrin Dagostin & Ethan Antalosky
Congratulations to all and Happy Halloween!!!!

