

MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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Celebrating Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Week

By: Gabbi Frask

According to the National Catholic Education Association Website (NCEA), Catholic Schools Week started in 1974. Catholic Schools Week is a national event that is annually celebrated to teach Catholic students in the United States the privilege of a Catholic education. Catholic schools week started the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which is January 29- February 4 for this year. The theme this year was “Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service.”

This year our school had these events to show the theme throughout the week:
Sunday (1/29/17)- Our school held an Open House for and students in the grade 7th and 8th grade who might want to come to Marian next year.

Monday (1/30/17) - For the theme “In our nation” Students wore Red, White or Blue shirts.

Tuesday (1/31/17) - Due to the weather we had no school, but if we did we would have had Tim Miller the hypnotist and a dress down day.

Wednesday (2/1/17) - For the theme “In our vocations” we had our daily Wednesday mass and we invited our school board members. After mass we picked the students who signed up to be teacher of the day to see what teacher they would get. Then at the end of the day we had the Hypnotist.

Thursday (2/2/17) - For the theme “In our school Community” we had the nuns from



(Left) Sister Judy, a nun from last year, came back to Marian to thank everyone for the items the school donated to the IHM. (Right) Sister Rose came with Sister Judy to thank everyone and say how thankful she is about the items



Having fun with Hypnotist Tim Miller



Faculty Lunch Buffet sure looks good

nuns from IHM come to get the goods that the students donated to the nuns. The students that were chosen for Teacher of the Day were to teach their class.

Friday (2/3/17) - For the last theme “In our Faculty and Staff” we made up our dress down day from Tuesday and at lunch we had ice cream as our treat and the faculty were served a lovely buffet.

Upcoming events -

March 1 – Ash Wednesday
March 2 - Read Across America, Sustained Silent reading
March 3-4 – County Band
March 9 – Blue Activity
March 15 – Language Mass

March 17 – Faculty Meeting
March 18 – Mini-thon
March 21 – Gold Activity
March 23 – Sophomore retreat
March 24 – End of Third Quarter

Newspapers should proofread!

Man with 8 DUIs blames drinking problem.



Mardi Gras Celebration

By Brandon Novatnak

The most anticipated time to visit New Orleans is the weekend before Mardi Gras which falls on February the 24th through the 28th. This weekend you'll be able to catch some of the most popular parades and celebrations throughout the whole city. Mardi Gras, also known as "Fat Tuesday," is the last day of the carnival season which as always falls the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Most visitors plan to arrive no later than Saturday the 25th because they want to enjoy the extended weekend of festivities. Mardi Gras is a day to celebrate before the Lenten season of reflection, fasting and preparation for the celebrations of Easter. Some of the classes at Marian celebrate Mardi Gras with beads and festive foods, like the King Cake where one lucky person finds the baby figure to get good luck for the year.



Blue and Gold Days

By: Star Rotzell

Here at Marian Catholic we have clubs that are called blue and gold days, they are held in the first and second quarter for 2 days same with third and fourth quarter in total there are 4 days in total and they are approximately 50 minutes. The activities have been at Marian for years and the teachers make these clubs possible. The reason we have clubs is for educational reasons and also because since we work so hard it's our time to have a break and relax. There are 43 clubs and every teacher in the school has their own club for the students; for example, for gold activity day one of the activities is coloring club. In this club we take time to relax and color while listening to music. There is a gardening club where students take time to enjoy the sun and plant plants around our school. There are educational clubs like Spanish group or creative writing. Without the activities we would be nothing but a hard working school, this is why we enjoy our clubs it helps us grow and learn without the books.



On the top left Ms. Hydock's CPR club, this teaches students how to save a life.



On the top right Ms. Meehan's coloring club, the kids get to relax and color with music in the background.

President's Day, or is it?

By Brad Lentz

February 20th President's Day, the day we celebrate our Presidents, or do we? President's day actually used to be George Washington's birthday which is on February 22nd. The day was changed due to the uniform Monday Holiday Act in 1971. The act was an attempt to create more three day weekends for the nation's workers. President's day is now viewed as a day to celebrate all Presidents. But it has never been changed to officially do that. So next year remember we are not celebrating ALL Presidents, just the first and possibly greatest of them all- George Washington.



World Cancer Day 2017

By: Alexis Eschbach

World Cancer Day took place on February 4th. It is a day that unites the world in the fight against cancer. This global event's goals each year are to raise awareness and spread knowledge about the disease. They strongly encourage others to take action in the fight. Every year, 8.2 million people die from cancer. Out of that 8.2 million, 4 million people die prematurely. Therefore, this day is of great importance. World Cancer Day is a perfect opportunity to spread the word into people's minds and the world's media. Whether you do something as large as starting your own World Cancer Day campaign or something as small as posting about it on social media, spreading the word is the goal. It doesn't take much to get involved and take action. It is of great importance that we help those struggling. Take action not only in February, but all year to help those in need!



Celebrating life at Marian

By Daniel Simmons

On January 25 2017, Marian Catholic High School held a mass in remembrance for all life especially aborted children because people celebrate life in January. During the mass we held a special prayer for them, then afterwards Mrs. Matunis and two representatives from each of her religion classes went outside and prayed at a memorial for all life located next to the entrance street to school.



Makenzie Habel and Gunnar Rehrig are placing flowers at the memorial to the unborn child after they prayed for all life.

Six more weeks of winter according to Phil

By Briana Wanick

If you ask most people about winter in February you will find they want it over. That's why Feb. 2 , Groundhogs Day, is so important to many. Groundhog Day is part of popular culture among many American's and it centers on the idea of the groundhog coming out of its home to "predict" the weather. Groundhog Day is an observance but is not a public holiday in the United States. While Groundhog Day is a way to have a little fun at mid- winter, climate records and statistics tell us that winter probably isn't over. The three coldest months of the year are December, January, and February, so winter typically still has a bit to go when the groundhog comes out in search of his shadow on February 2nd. According folklore, if it is sunny when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, then the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its den, and winter weather will persist for 6 more weeks. This year, Punxsutawney Phil was in unusually feisty mood, but once he settled down, he saw his own shadow. That means were in winter for 6 more weeks.



Super Bowl to Remember

By: Jarred Maylath

On February 5th Super Bowl 51 started off in Houston with a good defensive first quarter between the Atlanta Falcons and the favored New England Patriots. As the second quarter began, Matt Ryan and the Falcons seemed to have a chip on their shoulders as they sparked a 21-3 lead which included a pick-six from defensive back Robert Alford. Halftime began with an electrifying performance from Lady Gaga and many doubts began to circle around Tom Brady and New England's Defense. In the third, Matt Ryan kept his hot-streak with a nice six yard touchdown pass to Trevor Coleman after driving the field. The Patriots did score with a Brady to White five yard completion, but with their luck, Gostkowski missed the extra point.

Soon after, the Patriots attempted an onside kick, but the Falcons recovered the ball. Then the fourth quarter came and the rest was history for Tom Brady. He went on to lead the Patriots to the biggest come back in Super Bowl history. At the end of the fourth it came down to a two point conversion to force overtime. As you might have guessed it, they converted the two point conversion to send it into overtime where the Patriots would get the ball first. Then Tom Brady continued to show his greatness when he led the Pats up the field and completed a goal line pitch to White who would fight through defenders for the game-winning touchdown. This game will go down as arguably the greatest game in football history. It is now very unlikely that Anyone who knows anything about football would question the greatness of Tom Brady.



*Tom Brady celebrates after a Patriots touchdown
in Super Bowl LI*

Swim Greats at Marian

Marian one again has a terrific swim team. Recently at the Comprehensive Women's Health Services Schuylkill League Swimming competition, Marian' swim team brought home 7 golds and 1 silver. Not bad for a 5 member team consisting of Allison Anilosky, Danny Berlitz, Tim Dando, Angelina Krupko, and Katie Kurzinsky. Great job team!



Marian faculty serves breakfast

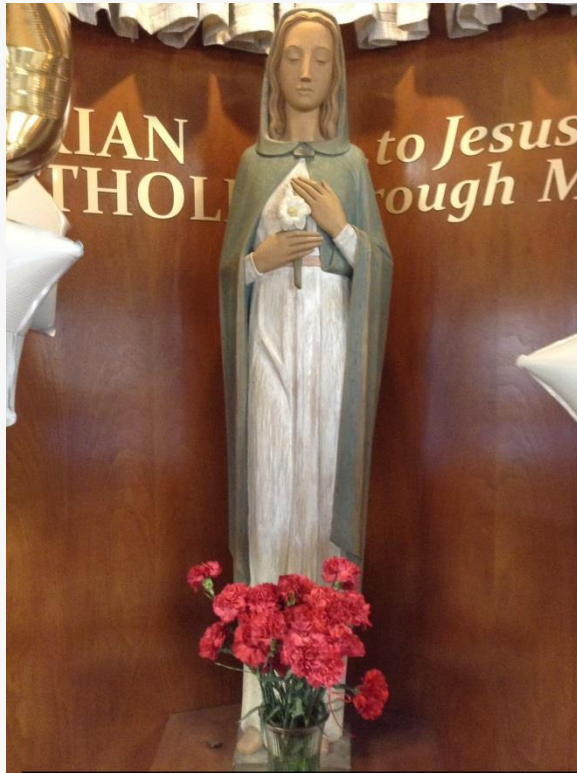
Saturday, February 25 was a unique day at Applebee's restaurant in Hazelton. Some of Marian's faculty were serving breakfast as a fundraiser for a school scholarships. It was called the Faculty Scholarship Flapjack breakfast fundraiser. Total profit for this was \$1100. The faculty is still short of its goal but continuing to raise money. Thanks to all faculty who participated in this day by serving, selling tickets and donating chance off baskets.



Valentine's Day

By Mikhaila Racho

Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate romance and love. But the origins of this festival of candy and cupids are actually dark and bloody. Although no one has pinpointed the exact origin of the holiday, one good place to start is in ancient Rome, where men hit on women by, actually hitting them or abusing them. The way we showed our love here at Marian Catholic was to sell carnations. It was a dollar for a carnation. The colors of the carnations were: peppermint, pink, and red. Valentine's Day, the day that you give your significant other flowers, cards, chocolate, etc. But it is not the getting that matters but the thoughts and feelings behind the gift.



We even showed our love of Mary our Mother with carnations.

mini  thon
— FOUR DIAMONDS —
Conquering Childhood Cancer

Come out and join us for Marian's Mini Thon on March 18 and raise funds to help fight childhood cancer.

