

MARIANEWS

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Four Diamonds Comes to Marian

By: Alexi Zukas

This past April, the school had an opportunity to host the first annual Four Diamonds mini-THON. It ran on April 15th-16th from 7pm to 7:30am. I had the chance to go and participate in this dance-a-thon, of which there were about 60 overall “dancers” there for the evening. At the early stages of the evening, we were partying it up with songs and activities where you can trade tickets in for prizes. At every top of the hour, we had to line dance to “Shut Up and Dance with Me”. At first you may be thinking, “Hey, that isn’t so bad! What’s wrong with that!” Well, you were line dancing to a song that wasn’t made for line dancing and doing the same moves for said line dance for 12 separate times during the evening. Towards the 12-1am mark, people started to get a little tired. Some of us passed the time by playing cards, while others decided to have a volleyball tournament. Once those activities were over, they took down the volleyball net and stole the card players’ “table” (A wooden board on top of 2 goals) to use for crab soccer. At that point, I passed out at the side of the gym and didn’t awake until 5 am when we had breakfast. At the end of the marathon, which was supposed to be at 9 am but wasn’t because we were all sleeping at 6, the grand total amount of money we raised was presented: Over 11 thousand dollars. Congratulations to all of the dancers for such a spectacular night for a good cause. I can’t wait until there is the 2nd annual one next year.



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Note from editor:
Great job you wimps!
My generation could
pull all-nighters!

Upcoming events -

May 5 – Ascension Thursday Mass May 24 – Spring Concert
May 10 - Underclass Failure Warnings May 26 - Sr. Appreciation Day
May 13 – Senior Prom May 27 & 30 – Memorial Days off
May 18 – Athletic Awards

Newspapers should proofread!

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

(You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?)



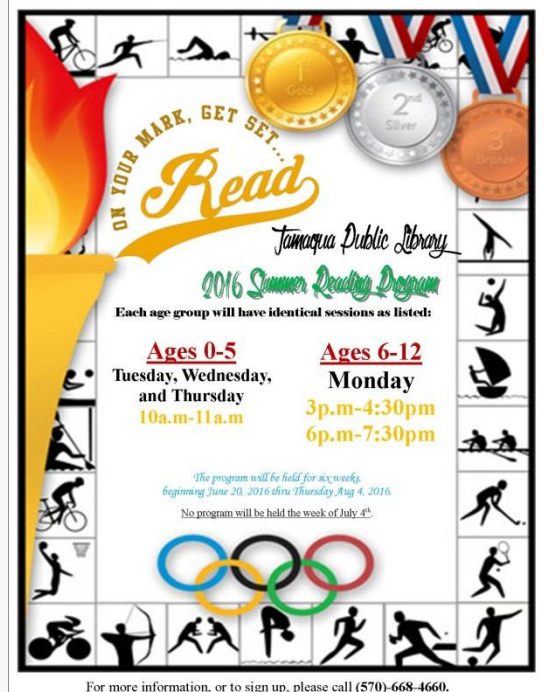
Every year Marian Catholic holds an annual Chinese Auction. A Chinese auction is a combination of a raffle and an auction that is typically featured at charity, church festival and numerous other events. It can also be known as penny social. Many organizations host one of these as fundraisers. This year is Marian's 26th annual auction. There were more than \$20,000 worth of prizes thanks to local businesses, parents and friends of Marian. There were some great prizes like a refrigerator and a gas fire pit. One of the most popular was the annual "Faculty Fortune Tree" which is filled with gift cards worth \$1000. This is sponsored and run by The Men of Marian, a vital organization that supports our school financially throughout the year. A big thanks you to all who made this a success.



The new leaders of Marian's student council were elected on April 26, 2016. The following will be leading next year's student body:

President - Michael Witzak
 Vice-President - Jenna O'Donnell
 Secretary - Natalia Konitzer
 Treasurer - Anthony Collevecchio

Congratulations everyone! Good Luck, we know you will do a wonderful job.



FBLA State Leadership Conference

By: Joseph Maguschak

Thirteen members of this year's FBLA attended the State Leadership Conference from Sunday, April 10th to Wednesday, April 13th. The conference took place at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA. Upon arriving, students were welcomed by keynote speaker Alex Sheen and allowed to attend twelve sessions of their choice; these sessions ranged from "Are Women Better Leaders Than Men?" to "College and Life." After what seemed to be hours upon hours of learning meticulous business strategies from informative presenters, students were able to spend some time in downtown Hershey. In the end, Marian Catholic proudly had four students qualify for nationals in Atlanta, GA: Tyler Wackley – 3rd place in *Impromptu Speaking* – and the team of Henry Kreisl, Aaron Srinivasan, and Michael Witzak – 5th place in *Global Business*. All participants enjoyed their time learning, meeting some new friends, and becoming more acquainted with their FBLA family! #hiphiphoorayjoinFBLA



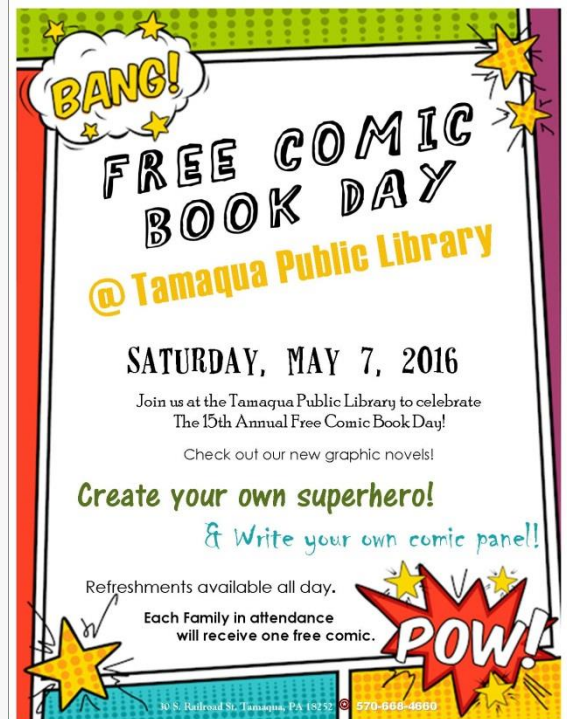
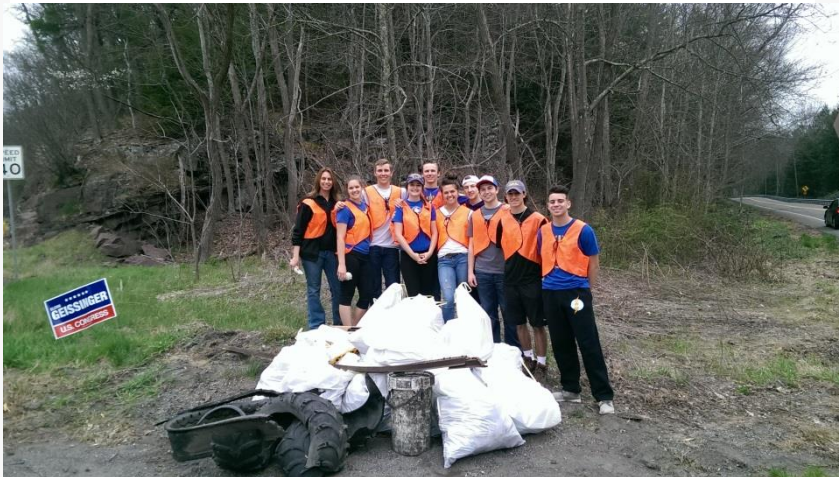
Blood for Life

Marian once again has participated in a blood drive for the Miller-Keystone Blood Center. Each year the school National Honor Society sponsors the blood drive to help with blood supplies in our area. For many Marian students this is the first time they will give. This gives them a start in life to realize how important it is to give of ourself for our communities, even our blood. This year Marian collected 55 pints. This is great. Keep it going folks.



Green Club Strikes Again

SKIP (Schuylkill Keep It Pretty) sponsored a clean up event to coincide with Earth day and the Green Club of Marian participated with great vigor in cleaning up the school and the road going to it. The students were involved in the "School Challenge" that was held at the Schuylkill Technology Center at Mar Lin. There were at least 12 school districts involved. Marian's Green Club did us proud. Congratulations to these students who work hard for the environment. Good Job!



National Spanish Exam

Congratulations to several Spanish language students from Marian Catholic High School who attained national recognition for excellent performance on the 2016 National Spanish Exam.

Students from Marian Catholic High School earned a total of one gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals along with 10 honorable mentions. The following are the students who attained awards: Henry Hinchey, gold medal, level 4, Silver Medals: level 4 Connor Dodson, level 2 Aidan Hinchey, Henry Kreisl, Ryan Chapman, and bronze medals: level 4 Deaynna Koskulitz, level 3 Julia Mussoline and Anthony Collevecchio and level 2 Aaron Srinivasan. Honorable mentions were awarded to Ethan Antalosky, Christina Capparell, Matthew Cervasio, Joseph Maguschak, Kathleen Blozusky, Benjamin Ferko, Megan Ferrello, E.J. Kolonsky, and Sara Osilka. This National Spanish exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with over 160,000 students participating in 2016."

Students from Marian Catholic High School have a long history of high achievement on these exams and were taught by Spanish teacher, Deborah A. Coles.



Senior Play a Hit – "Bye-Bye Birdie"

By Seth Harkins

"Conrad Birdie has been drafted to the army. As a farewell, the rock and roll star is scheduled to sing Albert Peterson's "One Last Kiss" and kiss a girl from Sweet Apple, Ohio live on the Ed Sullivan Show. However, Conrad's hip-thrusting makes more than one man in town uncomfortable, many of whom attempt to stop the show from happening. Meanwhile, Rosie wonders if Albert, for whom she does everything, will ever leave his mother's shadow."

The whole cast of the play did an amazing job, everyone from Conrad (Tim Busher) to Albert (Sean Mick) and Rosie (Rose Reid). However, the part that stole the show was Mr. MacAfee (Peter Dubravski). I think I can speak for most people when I say that his part was the most enjoyable, and provided the most laughs. Congrats to all involved in the show on a great performance!!!!



Senior play continued:



And last but not least



GREAT JOB EVERYONE!