

# MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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## Celebrating Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Week was a great time.

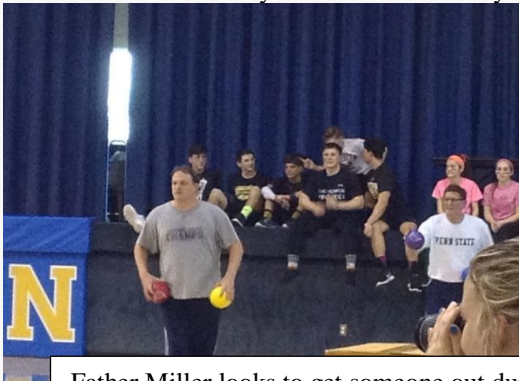
By Aaron Adams

Catholic Schools week is a big event at Marian Catholic and the students loved participating in the events held at Marian. Monday January 29th, the start of Catholic schools week, was our guest speaker on suicide talking about the BoTkack foundation.

Tuesday was our First annual dodgeball tournament held in the gym. Wednesday was our faculty mass (regular mass but the faculty did all the parts) and Thursday was the Health Living day. Health stations were to be selected online. Friday was a faculty meeting schedule and a service Project bestowal was presented followed by our own version of Jeopardy.

Marian Catholic topped its past Catholic schools weeks with their very first Dodgeball Tournament. The Championship team were the Average Joes which included; Max Nolter, Aidan Hinchey, Jasmine Mooney, Aaron Adams, Mike McLaughlin, Reese Erbe, Giana Agosti, Elena Beckett, Jacob McNelis, Josh Jurick, Claudia Stroia, and Dalton Rupert. To be in the Championship, you needed to win your first two games and then elimination rounds were held.

Average Joes faced one team each game. The school was on a faculty meeting schedule and this dodgeball tournament was on every students mind all day!



Father Miller looks to get someone out during the dodgeball tournament Tuesday January, 30<sup>th</sup> at Marian Catholic High school.



Caroline Snerr and Katie Spillman, look to battle their way out of round 2 of the tournament to keep their position in the 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 50: **Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the Disparagement of any.** (In other words gossip and fake news).

### Upcoming events -

March 2 - Read Across America, Sustained Silent reading	March 15 - Palm Sunday
March 8 - Blue Activity	March 28 - retreat day for ALL
March 8-10 - County Band	March 26 - End of Third Quarter
March 20 - Gold Activity	March 29- April 2 - Easter Break
March 21 - Mass- Language	

Newspapers should proofread!  
Marijuana issue sent to a joint committee



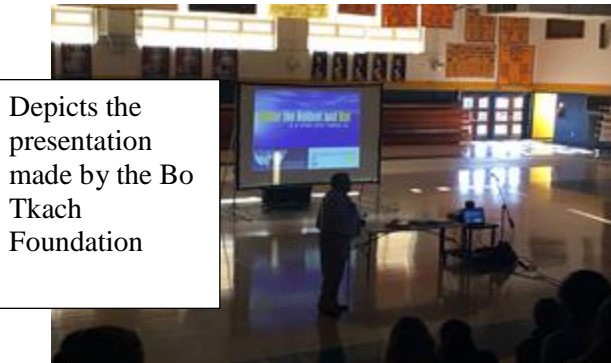
## Suicide Prevention Presentation

By: Hailey Andrejco

Marian hosted Catholic Schools Week for its 300+ students and faculty The last week of January.. The first day of this week a man from the Bo Tkach Foundation came to present a heartfelt slideshow presentation on suicide. He shared several stories of bullying and depression, but his most inspiring and personal story involved the death of his son. Bo “had OCD and was popular and nice.”

The presentation was called “Under the Helmet and Hat is a Child who needs us” and included information on treatments and bullying, and stressed what bullying is and what it is not. The song “Hold On” by Good Charlotte, which was about the suicides of people who are loved, was played.

Bo Tkach Foundation donates money to teens who can't afford counseling or mental health insurance. These donations help children find what they need to continue on with their lives in a productive and informed manner. The Michigan Depression Center sponsored his program, and at the end of the show he was given a \$300 check for the foundation



Depicts the presentation made by the Bo Tkach Foundation



Marian donates \$300 to the foundation

## Faculty Takeover!!

By: Gabbi Frask

On January 31, 2018, third day of Catholic Schools Week our school had our daily Wednesday mass with a little twist. The faculty got to serve the mass, join rock music ministry (RMM), and read. Mrs. Coles read the first reading, Miss Martini read petitions and Mrs. Costello was the cantor of the mass. Father Miller also invited some other priests from the Allentown Dioceses to join him in the mass. He invited Father Stokes, Father Zelonis, Msgr. Baker, Father Hoffa, and Father Whalen.

Father Miller did a homily that was different from others. First, he introduced the priests from the churches then Father Miller spoke about the importance of being a teacher at a Catholic School and how they care about the students. Father Miller stressed one thing though throughout his homily- Catholic identity and how it is the most the important thing in a Catholic School. He also said that after all our accomplishments in life we still have our faith. He ended the homily with “the mission at Marian Catholic is the destiny to sainthood.”

The teachers who sang in RMM were Mrs. Heffelfinger, Miss Meehan, and Mrs. Nietz. Playing the instruments in the band was Mrs. Matunis on the guitar, Miss Belfore played trumpet and Miss Velekei on the flute. The mass was definitely a change from the normal mass and the teachers did a very good job!!



## Essay Winners

On Sunday, January 14, the Diocese of Allentown hosted its annual Stand up for Life essay contest awards ceremony at St. Francis Of Assisi parish in Allentown. High schools and Planned Parenthood was this year's Senior theme.

Jonathan Bonomo a sophomore at Marian Catholic High School and a member of Mr. Joseph Dougherty's Honors English II class was one of the four Honorable Mention winners, and on the two underclassmen out of over 500 entrees to receive an award. The first place winner was senior Kate Hawkins of Bethlehem Catholic High school.

Jonathan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Alexa Bonomo of Hazleton PA, and a member of Most Precious Blood- Parish, Hazleton, PA. His parents and Mr. Dougherty accompanied him at the awards ceremony and dinner.

The contest is a joint effort of the Knights of Columbus and the Diocesan Office of Pro-life and Social concerns.



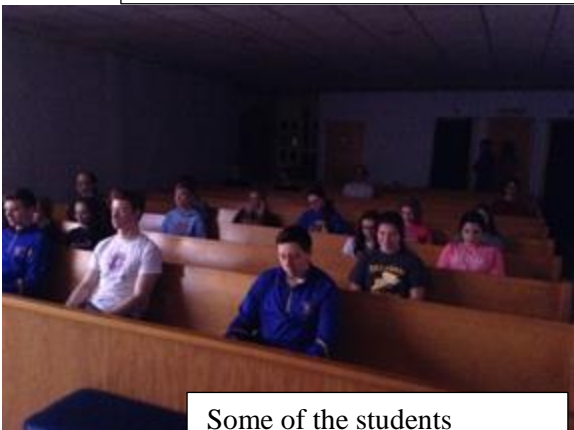
## Health Day

By: Giovanna Digilio

Catholic School's week is a whole week dedicated to different activities each day, celebrating Catholic education around the U.S. At Marian, we had various activities all week. One of the days was Health Day where students had the opportunity to choose what activity they wanted. They had chefs come in from Geisinger Hospital, a Healthy Cooking class, Yoga, and Just Dance among others. The chefs came and talked about how the importance of healthy food made in a hospital, and that even the patients get to pick from a whole menu on what they want for their meals. Just Dance and Yoga were also a big hit because an actual Yoga Instructor came and even brought everyone mats to use during it, and Just Dance was fun because you got to dance with friends and have a good time. Overall it was a good day and a special thank you to everyone who came out to talk to us!



Students display one of the many different activities you could choose from during Catholic School's Week. This one they were jumping rope.



Some of the students relaxing in Chapel during the Meditation activity.  
Photo by M. Costello

## Marian Jeopardy

By Dyllan Ogurkis



Catholic School's week came and went but nobody could forget Marian's own edition of Jeopardy to close out the weeklong celebration. Consisting of two teams, they were anchored by teachers and hosted by our own Alex Trabek – Mr. Valent. Participating on Team 1 was Mr. Forgatch and Coach Dakosty joined by students Jonathan Bonomo and Max Schwabe. Team Two was anchored by Mrs. Costello and Ms. Belfiore while being accompanied by Mikhaila Racho and Antonina Zeleniak.

Topics ranged all across the board from Marian's rich history, staff's aneurisms, and even past occupations of some of the faculty. Although the game was blown wide open, Final Jeopardy put the last nail in the coffin for Team 1 as Team 2 took home the gold answering the acronym for COLTS. Way to go ladies!



## Art class works in caps

Mrs. Bechtel presented the school at the end of Catholic Schools week with a new picture to celebrate Marian. With the help of her art class and biology class and of course everyone in the school who saved plastic bottle caps, she displayed the close to finished picture before the Jeopardy game on Friday February 3. It looks great.



## The History of Ash Wednesday

By Zack White

Ash Wednesday is a rather well known and widely celebrated holiday in the Catholic faith. It takes place 46 days before Easter and is the first day of Lent. On this day, the people of the church will go to receive ashes. The reasoning behind the ashes is commonly said to be that they represent the dust in which God created mankind from. The ashes themselves are made from the burned palm from the Palm Sunday of the year prior. These ashes are placed on their foreheads in a cross shape and as the priest does this, he will usually say, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return.” Considering that this day is extremely well known and has some deeply rooted traditions, it begs the question, where exactly did Ash Wednesday come from and why do we celebrate it?



Despite it being a primarily Catholic day, Ash Wednesday actually comes from Judaism, being from their tradition and penance and fasting. This day wasn't even accepted in the Catholic faith until 325 AD at the Council of Nicaea where they had already settled upon a 40 day fasting period to celebrate Lent. The actual starting date of Lent was still questioned for years to come and even changed. Eventually in 601, Pope Gregory made Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent and he implemented the tradition of marking the people's foreheads with ash. However, even with the day being officially recognized by a Pope, Ash Wednesday is never mentioned in the Bible.

Here at Marian we are no exception to getting ashes on that day. During our usual Wednesday mass, several teachers helped Fr. Miller distribute the ashes before the preparations of the gifts to the song “Ashes” of course.

### In Memory

Before the students and teachers who were attending the Kairos retreat ( more on that next month)left , we remembered a dear friend and student who died last year, Kayla Knepper. The anniversary will be Friday March 2 and since some of her closest friends were going on the retreat, they wanted to start the retreat off with her smiles and sunny nature leading them on their way. After a few brief words and a prayer, balloons with messages written on them were released into the heavens.





# Partner School Easter Movie Night

Marian Catholic High School is hosting a Partner School Movie Night for grades K-8!!!! This event will include

- I. 2 art activities; 1 for the child to take home and 1 for the children of the Dominican Republic.
- II. Dinner:
  - a. Pizza, snacks, and drinks.
- III. The movie *HOP* will be shown

**Where:** Marian Catholic High School

**When:** Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**Cost:** \$10 per child

**Family Discount package** (Only for children of the same family):

1 Child	\$10	3 Children	\$25
2 Children	\$18	4 Children	\$32

**Cause:** All proceeds for this event will benefit Marian Catholic students who are traveling to the Dominican Republic for a mission trip

## President's Day

By: Tim Holt

President's Day is more than just one of the two major holidays in February, the other being Valentine's Day. It is



a day set to commemorate all presidents, past and present, although it has not always been that way.

Originating after his death, Washington's Birthday was celebrated during much of the 1800s as an unofficial day of remembrance of the birth of one of America's most prominent figures. Signed into law by President Rutherford B. Hayes, it became a Federal holiday and was celebrated on Washington's birthday on February 22nd.

This tradition would come to an end with the passing of the Uniform Holidays Act in the 1960s. This act changed the celebration of Washington's Birthday from his birthdate of February 22nd to the third Monday of February, in an attempt to create more three day weekends for all of the nation's workers. Some other Federal holidays that joined Washington's Birthday in moves to Monday in their respective months were Columbus Day and Memorial Day.

This change led many to believe that the new date was chosen to combine the dates of Washington's date of birth and Lincoln's date of birth, February 12th, although this was primarily somewhat of a coincidence. By the mid 1980s, Washington's Birthday was widely referred to as President's Day, with a lesser focus on Washington himself and a greater focus on all U.S. Presidents' accomplishments, however Washington and Lincoln remain the most prominent faces of the holiday to this day.

Despite changes to the national holiday of Washington's Birthday, President's Day still holds true to the holiday's original meaning: reverence towards and remembrance of our country's great



leaders. It stands as a day of patriotism for those proud of the achievements of former Presidents, and it is a day of inspiration for Americans as well as present and future American leaders to strive

for greatness through their own trying times of adversity.

## .Open House brings new people to Marian

Marin had its annual open house on Sunday January 28. Parents and students who are thinking of coming to Marian for their high school years were welcomed by members of the student council. After some introductory remarks by Mrs. Sheer our Curriculum Director, Mrs. Susko our Principal, and Mr. Dakosty our Athletic Director, those attending broke into groups and went to some smaller talks about school activities, tuition, uniforms etc. This included a tour of the building. In the gym each department and activity had a display table for participants to learn about our school and talk with the teachers. At the end a \$500 scholarship was given to someone attending for their first year at Marian. It was an enjoyable day.



Mrs. Susko speaks with those attending open house



Student Council members wait to lead their groups around the building



# Eagles stun Patriots for first NFL Championship in Super Bowl Era

By: Jacob McNelis



Eagles Quarterback Nick Foles hoists the Lombardi Trophy.

On February 4, 2018 history was made. Super Bowl LII featured two teams; the New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles, each posting a record of 13-3 heading into the championship game. There was much at stake for each franchise. For the Patriots, their goal was to win their sixth Super Bowl in the franchise history; which would have tied the Pittsburgh Steelers for most Super Bowl's in the history of the NFL. For the Eagles, at stake was stopping Patriots quarterback Tom Brady from winning his sixth Super Bowl ring; which would have solidified his status as one of the greatest of all time. More importantly for the Eagles, a Super Bowl victory would mean the first in the history of the franchise; something that would mean the world to the city of Philadelphia.

Just one year ago, Eagles quarterback Nick Foles decided to step away from the game of football after four years with both Philadelphia and St. Louis. Today, he finds himself a Super Bowl champion; a feat most quarterbacks could only dream of accomplishing. For the Eagles, the momentum shift came on a fourth down play just before heading into halftime. In a three point game against the defending Super Bowl champions, Eagles' head coach Doug Pederson reached into his bag of tricks; running a play borrowed from the Chicago Bears in a Week 17 game of the 2016 season; sending quarterback Nick Foles out of the backfield to catch the biggest (and only) touchdown of his career. Heading into the half, the Philadelphia Eagles clung to a 22-12 lead.



Fly Eagles Fly! On the road to victory! Fly Eagles Fly! Score a touchdown! 1, 2, 3! Hit'em low! Hit'em high! And watch our Eagles Fly! On the road to victory!

E-A-G-L-E-S EAGLES



Quarterback Nick Foles catches a touchdown pass from Wide Receiver Trey Burton on 4th down.

Entering the third quarter, the Patriots received the ball. Tom Brady and the Patriots put together multiple scoring drives, but every single time they drove down the field, the Eagles answered with a stronger counterattack. Late in the fourth, Tom Brady had two chances to lead his team down the field for the game-winning score; each time coming up empty-handed. One last desperation heave to the end zone fell incomplete; delivering the 2017-2018 Philadelphia Eagles their first ever Super Bowl Title.



Multiple records were broken in the game; first and foremost with the two teams combining for 1,151 total yards of

scrimmage; the most in any modern NFL game. Eagles quarterback Nick Foles took home the Super Bowl MVP trophy and the Eagles began to plan their parade. Riding through the playoffs with the "underdog" mentality; it was the picture perfect ending to the Philadelphia Eagles season. Super Bowl LII will go down as one of the greatest games in history for the city of Philadelphia.

