

MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

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Marian has Middle States Visit

By: Star Rotzell

On April 25 – 28 Middle States, an association that performs peer evaluations and accreditations, came to Marian to evaluate the school for accreditation. This is an institution that is accredited when the education community has verified that its goals are achieved through self-regulation and peer review.

To find out more of what Middle states is all about, I talked to Ms. Velekei, an English teacher at Marian Catholic High School, who was picked to be an evaluator at a Catholic High School in Philadelphia. She stated “evaluating another school allowed me to gain knowledge of what we can focus on for our school. It also gave me a perspective on how schools get evaluated.”

Middle States emphasize functions rather than specific structures, recognizing that there are many different models for educational and operational excellence. Ms. Velekei says “When middle states come here, we as a school need to make them feel welcome. We also share with them information of our goals and aid them in evaluating our school.

Middle States has seven standards and fifteen requirements. These serve as an ongoing guide for those institutions considering application for membership. Those accepted as candidate, and those accredited institutions engaged in self-review and peer evaluation. Each standard is expressed in one or two sentences and then followed by criteria. Ms. Velekei says “As a group we have set goals to better our community. For instance we have focused on student activity, facility, career readiness and many other things.”

By the last day of the visit at Marian by the Middle States committee, they had visited with teachers and students as well as observing both in action in the classroom. Then they met with the teachers of the school to announce their decision which was they would recommend that Marian once again be accredited by the Middle States Organization. Congratulations to All!



MIDDLE States came to Marian to evaluate our school. In this picture our students are talking about current issues we as a school should work together and fix.

FIVE evaluators are talking to Marian faculty to help improve our school.



Upcoming events -

May 1 – May Procession

May 2 - Academic Dinner

May 12 – Senior Prom

May 15 – Motivational Speaker

May 23 – Spring Concert

May 23 - 24 - Sr. Exams

May 25 –Ascension Mass & Athletic Awards

May 26 – Sr. Appreciation Day

May 29 – Memorial Day - Off

Newspapers should proofread!

Parents keep kids home to protest school closure



He is Risen!

By Briana Wanick

Easter falls every year on the first Sunday after the First full moon after the Vernal Equinox (March 21). This year we were luck and it fell on a lovely day in April. Easter is the day we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead. We celebrate Easter in many ways. Many families go to church early Easter morning. Some children go on Easter egg hunts to get gifts/ candy from the Easter bunny. Some families dye Easter eggs to leave out for the Easter Bunny. This Holiday is also a time when all families get together and have a good time seeing each other – a time for family. Even the Marian family celebrated Easter with an Easter egg hunt for children, stations of the cross and of course mass as the celebration of life.



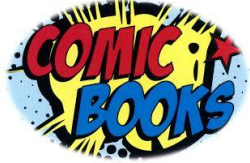
THE EASTER Bunny waits for the children to hunt eggs at the Marian Easter Egg Hunt on the school grounds on Saturday April 15

Marian Alumnus Josh Laughlin is having a display of his artwork during May at the Tamaqua Public Library. Josh graduated from Marian in 2002 and was already a great artist. The library at Marian has some of his work.



Now his comic book art is being seen by many. He will be at the Comic Book Day at the library (see ad) helping to give away free comics. Come check out his work. It's beautiful.

TAMAQUA PUBLIC LIBRARY
Presents
Free Comic Book Day!



SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2017
9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Bring your family and enjoy a fun-filled day with crafts, Super Hero movies, and creating your own comic strips!

Receive **ONE (1) Comic Book PER FAMILY**
From a varied selection of comics.
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Green Club keeps America beautiful

By: Alexis Eschbach

Earth Day originated when Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin was disturbed that an issue as important as our environment was not addressed in politics or by the media, so he created the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970. It's an annual celebration during which events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. This day is important because our planet is truly a magnificent place and we need to take care of it.

The most common practice of celebration is planting new trees around your environment. There are plenty of ways you could do your part in saving the environment. Some of Marian Catholic High Schools Green Club members participated in the Schuylkill County Clean-up Competition which was held on April 20th. Each high school competing had to have one team of nine students.

They were to select a location of excessive litter with the maximum of three hours to clean. The clean-up had to be completed by 11:30am. With the number of bags collected, you could say that the day was a success, but in reality, a success would be no trash to pick up.

According to Senator Gaylord Nelson, "Our goal is not just an environment of clean air and water and scenic beauty. The objective is an environment of decency, quality and mutual respect for all other human beings and all other living creatures." Great Job Green Club!



MEMBERS of the Green Club cleaned up Marian Avenue on April 20th with their mentor Ms. Bechtel.

Photo taken by: Ms. Bechtel

Blood drive

By Jarred Maylath

Marian Catholic High School held its annual Miller-Keystone blood drive Friday, March 7th. Faculty and students donate blood to people who are in need. The drive was another success after Mrs. Rita Nietz, moderator of NHS, worked with the school and the students. Jenna O'Donnell and Megan Ferello, members of NHS, to orchestrate the blood drive.

This year marked the first year for using a mobile truck, mainly due to the fact that the Chinese Auction was being set up in the gym. Whoever volunteered to donate blood went to the truck, parked outside of the gymnasium doors. The blood drive collected 40 units of blood- a great accomplishment for a small school. The day can be summed up by Alexis, who is shown in the picture below, saying "There is no better feeling than helping people"

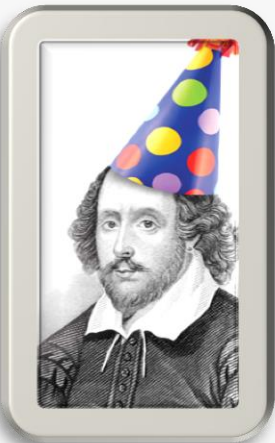


ALEXUS Eschbach is seen here after she donated her blood. Afterwards they were advised to stay sitting down until they were assured that there were no lightheadedness. She even received a complimentary soda.

Happy Birthday Will!

By Gabriel Miller

William Shakespeare was an English poet, playwright, and actor. He was widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. He was born on April 23, and although he is long gone, people still celebrate this great author's birthday. In Stratford-upon-Avon people line the streets to celebrate Shakespeare's 453rd birthday. There are parades, plays, and many other activities in which you can be involved. There was also live music, poetry reading aboard the chain ferry by RSC actors and a chance to visit two current exhibitions. Although it may be too late to head over to Europe for the celebrations, I encourage you to celebrate this great playwrights birthday in the comfort of your own home.



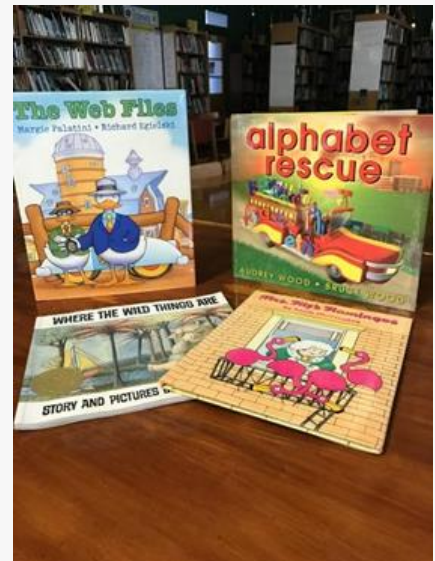
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<https://www.avc.edu/news/2016/march/hbdshakespeare>

International Children's Book Day!

BY Mikhaila Racho

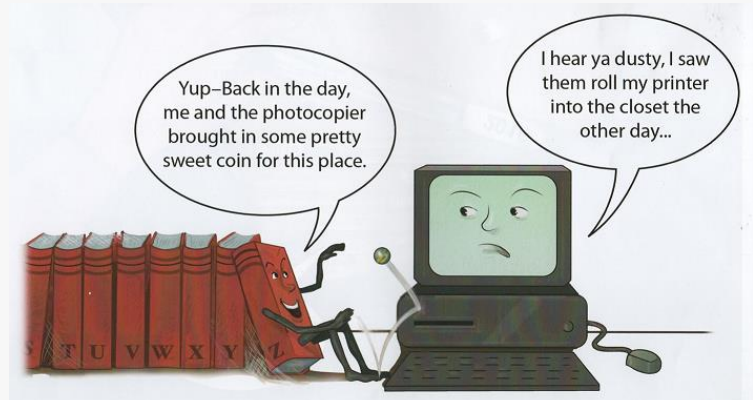
Established in 1967, the International Board on Books for Young People, also known as "IBBY", created the International Children's Book day on April 2nd. What IBBY does is work as a nonprofit organization to promote reading to all sorts of ages. Additionally, they promote reading in public libraries, school libraries, and many other types of places either public or private.

Do you have a favorite book you used to read as a child or young adult? Well, here's a day where you are encouraged to go out and read. Today's the day where you are encouraged to go out and get your sister, brother, sons, daughters, nieces and nephews to take a trip down memory lane. Each year a different National section of IBBY will get the opportunity to be a sponsor of International Children's Book day. Being a sponsor encourages you to decide upon a (different) theme each year and invite a prominent author. With that invite they are encouraged to express a prominent message to all children of the world.



HERE are four books that can take you on a trip down memory lane here in Marian Catholic High school!

Picture taken by: Mikhaila Racho



Getting *loose* at Marian

By Daniel Simmons

Seniors at Marian Catholic performed *Footloose* as their senior play on April 28th, 29th, and 30th. They also performed the first act for future high school students, meaning our 7th and 8th grade feeder school kids, on the 26th. Every year the seniors put on a play during April, this year's play was *Footloose*. *Footloose* is about a Chicago boy who moves with his mother to Bomont where dancing is illegal and he just wants to dance. *Footloose* celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and open mind. Senior Daniel Simmons says "even though as hectic as it was and the work load crazy, we did a good job. Hope you got the chance to see it. If not, I know the library will soon have a DVD of it."

The whole cast of the play did an amazing job, everyone from Ron (Jeff Thomas) to Ariel (Camryn Wheeler) and the whole dancing crew. Good Job



Marian seniors rehearsing in costumes a scene from *Footloose* for grade school students on April 26th. Photo taken by Daniel Simmons.





And never forget:



Some monthly highlights:



Members of the Marian Chapter of FBLA attended and competed in State Conference, Hersehy, PA

Six members placed in the top 10 at the PAFBLA State Conference. Four of them will be attending the National Conference in Anaheim, CA in June. Left to right: Colin McCarrie, Kobie Arndt, Joseph Maguschak, Henry Kreisl, Michael Witzak, Aaron Srinivasan.



Autism Awareness Month

By: Bradley Lentz

As human beings we all have to deal with something. It could be something serious and even life threatening or you can be like the 90% of teenagers and freak out over our phones being dead. But some of us have to deal with things we can't help, something we can't control. One of those things is autism. For those who don't know, autism is a developmental disorder that affects the way a person communicates and interacts. Autism effects one in sixty two children and is one of the fastest growing disorders in the United States.

About a quarter century ago, the Autism Society started Autism Awareness month to insure everyone with the disorder can have a better life and that they are not alone. Don't just stand by, find them online and try to help! This isn't something we should be take lightly. Autism Awareness Month is every April.



Language Honors at Marian

Marian inducted new members to the Spanish and French Language Honor Societies on March 29 at mass. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Ron Minner, a favorite of many, and the mass was conducted in French, Spanish as well as English. The new members were inducted by the moderators of each group, Mrs. Debbie Coles for Spanish and Mrs. Maureen Heffelfinger for French. Congratulations to all the new members (and old) of the Language Honor Societies.



New members of the French and Spanish Honor Societies at Marian High School

A foolish day in history

by: Brandon Novatnak

April fool's day is a day where people tell a joke and is the only day you can possibly contradict the meaning of the joke and say "April fools". The person who tells the joke says "April fools" they're basically exposing their joke and this gives a reasonable allowance to tell the joke in the first place. Although April fool's day is celebrated worldwide (almost), there is no specific origin or history behind it. There are many stories of the origin such as Rome being the start of the day from people dressing up in disguises at the end of March. There's also a story of April fool's day being tied to the vernal equinox or the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere where mother nature fooled people with changing unpredictable weather. You can believe whatever origin story you would like to but the day is for having fun and will be carried out for many years to come.



Always Remember

By: Gabbi Frask

The year 1933 began the most historic and tragic event in history - The Holocaust. The Holocaust was a "relocation of the Jews." I know this sounds pretty okay not harmful, but you're wrong. The Holocaust was a genocide of millions of European Jews.

We remember this tragic event, because it impacted 6 to 11 million people who were killed. Also it hasn't even been a 100 years since it happened. Lastly, it's a part of our human history and may today have family that died or survived the death camps.

In Washington DC, the Holocaust Museum, a new facility, reflects the highest standards for preservation and security of artifacts and will accommodate the planned growth of the collection, which is expected to double in size in the next 10 years. On the website it doesn't say what it is going to do.

All of this brings us to the Holocaust Remembrance Day (April 24), a yearly reminder that this kind of thing should never happen. A reminder of all these who suffer oppression and violence because of their race or religion. Let us remember this day so as NEVER to forget.



This picture is the "Tower of Faces" at the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC. The walls show most of the names and faces of the people that died during the Holocaust. A teacher, from a local high school said "it was breath-taking to look at because it was so sad to see all the faces of the people who died."

Student Council News

The new leaders of Marian's student council were elected on April 20, 2017. The following will be leading next years student body:

President - Alex Tate

Vice-President - Tina Capparell

Secretary - Megan Weber

Treasurer - Aaron Srinivasan

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