

# MARIANEWS

Marian High School – Tamaqua, PA 18252

March 2019

## LET THE LENT SEASON BEGIN

### Marian Catholic Holds Annual Ash Wednesday Mass

By Christian Smith

**HOMETOWN:** Marian Catholic students, faculty and staff did not have to worry about going to mass after school to get their ashes to begin our Lenten season.

Like every other Wednesday, the school's chaplain, Father Brian Miller, celebrated mass on one of the holiest days of the year in the Catholic Church: Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent in the Catholic Church.

During his homily at the mass, Father Brian Miller expressed the importance of Ash Wednesday and the entire Lenten season to the students, faculty and staff. He preached about the importance of not only fasting and abstinence, but also getting closer to God through more prayer, meditation, and the Sacrament of Confession.

Fr. Miller made it known to the Marian family that, if they put their all into it, then what they do during Lent can carry over to the rest of the year.

One of Marian Catholic High School's main objectives is to make the Catholic faith present in the school as much as possible. Therefore, they make sure their students not only get to celebrate the holier days, like Ash Wednesday, but also mass nearly every week - usually on Wednesdays and Holy Days of Obligations.

Throughout the day, the students, faculty and staff, were able to proudly show off their ashes, which is a true symbol of their Catholic Faith.



Mrs. Teresa Sheer, Director of Studies/Enrollment and math teacher, receives her ashes from Miss Judith Martini, Theology Chairperson and teacher as Mr. Peter Sanfilippo, Dean of Students, waits in line.

Senior Jacob McLaughlin receives his ashes from School Chaplain, Father Brian Miller.



#### Upcoming events -

April 2 – National Spanish Exam  
April 5-7 – Senior Play  
April 11 – Blue Activity  
April 13 – Drama Club trip  
April 18 – Retreat Day Early dismissal

April 19 – Good Friday

April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt

April 21 – Easter

April 24 – Language Mass

April 30 – Gold Activity

May 3 – May Procession

Church Bulletins should proofread!

The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water. Sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.



## Saint Patrick's Day

By: Maggie O'Rourke

Saint Patrick's Day is not just an excuse to drink and have parties. Saint Patrick is best known for being associated with Ireland. But he was not born in Ireland, he was actually born in Britain and sold into slavery when he was 16 which turned him to God. At the age of 22 Saint Patrick became a missionary and started spreading God's word. In 432 he went to Ireland and started his mission. Ireland was his most successful mission trip turning almost half the country to Christianity, especially using the Shamrock to teach the Trinity.



The first Saint Patrick's day parade was held in New York City on March 17, 1762 by Irish soldiers. The increase of Irish immigrants to the United States caused the feast to become celebrated all over the nation, even by those that are not Irish. In the 1990s Ireland started hosting a Saint Patrick's Day festival in Dublin with a carnival, music, dancing, and a parade.



Saint Patrick's day float at Dublin's parade.

## Mardi Gras

By Gabe Bauer

Mardi Gras, in the French speaking parts of the world and in some US southern states is the last day of carnival festivities preceding Lent, the time of penitence observed by Christians in preparation for Easter. Mardi Gras is a French term for Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent. The date changes year to year due to the date of Easter changing.

Traditionally in the days leading up to Lent, merrymakers would binge on all the rich fatty foods meat, eggs, milk, lard, cheese that remained in their homes, in anticipation of several weeks of eating only fish and different types of fasting.

In America Mardi Gras is mostly celebrated in New Orleans. It begins on the day of The Three Kings, also called Epiphany, and goes until the day before Ash Wednesday. This celebration includes parties, parades, and even masked balls.



This frosted yeast bread is the highlight of any annual Mardi Gras party. It is called a King Cake. Usually a small figure of a baby is hidden in the cake. The one who finds the baby has good luck throughout the year. But also they are the ones to supply the cake next year and put the baby back into it



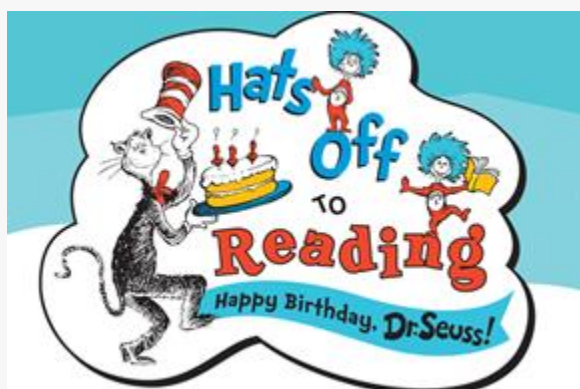
## Read Across America Day

By: Brandon Cann

Read Across America Day, also known as Dr. Seuss day, is an annual reading day to motivate and show awareness for books. It is a program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss who created many famous books like *The Cat in The Hat*, *The Lorax*, and *Green Eggs and Ham*.

This was created by the National Education Association (NEA) with teachers, teenagers, librarians, politicians, actors, athletes, parents, grandparents, and others developing Read Across America activities to bring reading excitement to children of all ages and show them how important it is to read not just a book, but anything informational.

In May 1997, a small reading task force at NEA came up with a big idea. "Let's create a day to celebrate reading," the group decided. "We hold pep rallies to get kids excited about football. Then they decided to use the program to get kids excited about reading. On Dr. Seuss Day it is customary to read a favorite book with your child. It could be one of Dr. Seuss's books or it could be another children's book author. The whole point of the day is to engage children in reading and to get them to read on a regular basis.



Picture of The Cat in The Hat on Dr. Seuss' Birthday.

<https://www.cmhouston.org/event/drseuss-diffendoofer-day>

## Fat Tuesday

By Nacin Rojas

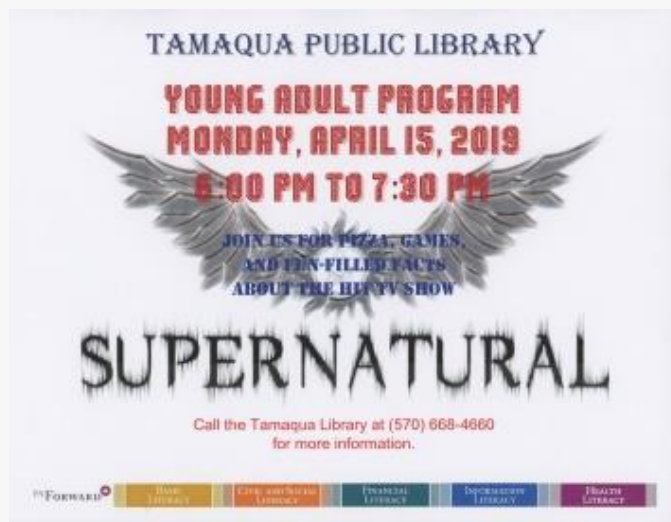
The origin of Fat Tuesday has a complicated history. It first began thousands of years ago as part of pagan festivals for fertility and spring. Then when Rome began to spread Christianity to the people, Fat Tuesday became something they wanted to incorporate. Fat Tuesday at the height of Rome's influence spread with Christianity, the celebration of Fat Tuesday spread all over Europe.

Later it was brought over to America by French explorers Sieur de Bienville and Pierre Le Moyne d'iberville on March 3 1699. They landed in the area we now call New Orleans and shared it with the inhabitants there.

So now let's fast forward to today where Fat Tuesday is celebrated worldwide by Christian and is as popular as ever. Every year the holiday is celebrated by big corporations like Dunkin Doughnuts and Krispy Kreme. The reason we celebrate Fat Tuesday is to reflect on the day before Lent when we indulge before our great fast of Lent.



Every year, people flock to their local donut shop to get their hands on them before they come into the Lenten season



## Marian Students give blood

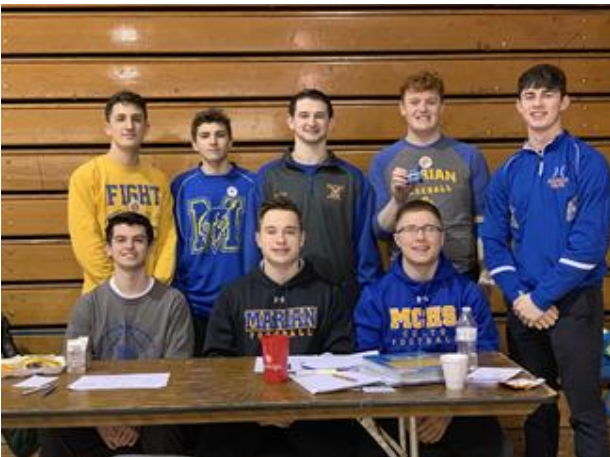
By Anika Hahn

A blood drive was held at Marian on March 8, 2019 and sponsored by the National Honor Society. As everyone knows, blood is life and there are many people who need blood transfusions to survive. Marian students wanted to do their part to help others, so they donated their blood. You had to be 16 years or older to donate and needed a parents permission. You had to answer questions and provide photo ID to donate blood.

All the blood goes to local hospitals. Students signed up in advanced and got out of class to go to the gym where Keystone Miller, the company that draws the blood, was waiting for you. The total goal was 30 pints of blood. Approximately 25 pints were collected. We are very proud of the participants and thankful for all the blood donations.



Matthew Dougherty and Victoria Dutz, They both just donated blood and are enjoying there snack.



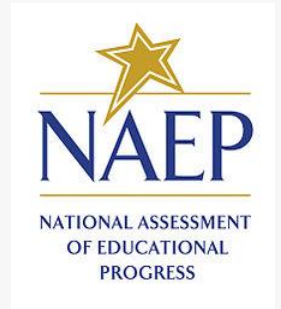
Some members of the National Honor Society who helped run the blood drive.

## NAEP Testing

By Meghan Moyer

The nationwide test NAEP was given to Marian seniors, on Monday February 25, 2019. NAEP stands for National Assessment of Educational Progress. On the tests students got different tests such as math, reading or science. There were also many questions that were about personal life, such as how many people are in your family, and also some ideas we might do after school. Many students after testing said that some of the testing was easy for them, while others said the testing was harder.

This test is sometimes called the Nation's Report Card. It tells us how U.S. students are doing across various subjects, not just the usual math and reading. Hopefully Marian student's results will make us proud.



## Pi Day

By:Jun Lynn Pham

For all you geeks who love pie, well who would have thought a math day is name after it. Thursday, March 14 is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant  $\pi$ , called pi. If you don't know what  $\pi$  is, you divide the circumference of a circle by its diameter, the answer (whether for a pie on a plate) is approximately 2.14, a number we represent with the Greek letter. If you chose to keep dividing you would see yourself with numbers that will literally go on forever without any patterns, how about that?

There are many ways you can celebrate pi day: you could have a pie baking contest, have a pi recitation contest and see who can recite the most digits, embrace your geekness and show it all by wearing a t-shirt with the number of pi or some type of accessories, and eat different foods that start with pi, for instance pizza and pineapples. So if you're a Geek divide your day with the power of  $\pi$



## Marian Boys basketball season

By: Joey Wargo

The 2018-19 Boys Basketball team finished 12-11 overall on the year. Coach John Patton's Colts had a very emotional season with Tyler Fritz breaking the 1,000 point mark at Nativity. Marian finished a low 437 rank in the state, but within their conference they finished 7-6. This season they are losing senior Brandon Sabulsky, who averaged 10.9 points a game, and Senior Keith McCall, who finished the season averaging 1.6 points per game. This year our staff did a great job keeping our athletes in shape and physically fit, Coach Patton, Brennon, Fritz, and Agosti all included.



## An "Ide" a for Roman Senators

By Brian Bauer

The roman ruler Julius Caesar was an amazing man, great dictator, and the life of the party. A knife party that is. Yes, 30 of his own senators stabbed him, 30 times on the Ides of March. The day itself is not too special, but the meaning is. The Ides truly are just another day, the ide happens every month. On the Julian calendar, his system used Ides as 15th day. Because of what happened to Julius Caesar it makes this day seem like an unlucky day. William Shakespeare makes this day out to be more popular because of his warning "Beware the Ides of March!" from his play, *Julius Caesar*.

Nowadays not many people notice this holiday because it has little significance in the average person's life. However, for the Romans, everything changed. Julius Caesar made himself "dictator for life" and the Romans didn't like that, nor any one person having complete control over the government. He made many changes to Rome such as their coinage and their entire structure for their calendar. It wasn't too surprising that he was taken out; many people felt he had too much power and he was taken out by the people he never expected.

This day is a good day for people in power to remember where they are and how much power they have and if they are abusing said power. "Beware the Ides of March" should be taken to heart by all leaders to be aware of unexpected threats.



<https://www.history.com/news/what-are-the-ides-of-march>

Julius Caesar being stabbed by Brutus on March 15th 44 B.C. in the Curia of Pompey.



Our senior anatomy class took time out from learning to pose with our State Swim Champion Danny Berlitz.



Congratulations to Robert Kuznicki and Gavin Grega for doing an awesome job at the Penn State Hazleton Regional STEM Research Fair. We were one of three schools there including the STEM school from Hazleton.

## International Women's Day

By Eddie Gimeno

International Women's Day was celebrated on Friday, March 8th this year. This celebration of women started in New York back in 1910 to honor the garment workers strike against poor working conditions. Then it was decided that it should be celebrated every year. We as people celebrate this day to cherish the strong women we see every day such as singers, politicians, etc. We use this day to celebrate equality for all women across the world that fight for equal rights, and make a positive difference for women every day.

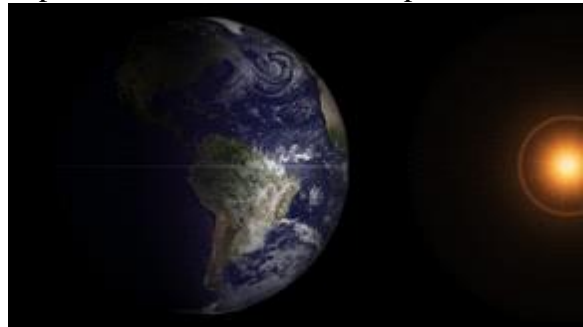
Here in America we chose to enlarge this celebration by celebrating the entire month of March as Women's History month, why only celebrate one day. From today and into the future, the world will witness a significant change in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and strength. Women have gained more power in the legislature, and have grown to be powerful role models for the next generation.



## Spring has sprung

By Adam Gilbert

Spring time has just started for all of the people living in the northern hemisphere. The Spring Equinox (also known as the Vernal equinox) occurred on Wednesday, March 20, which means the sun is sitting right above the world's celestial equator. Equinox comes from the Latin words for "equal night"—*aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). If you were standing on the equator, the Sun would pass directly overhead on its way north. Equinoxes are the only two times a year that the Sun only rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth. Since it is now officially spring, days will noticeably start to get longer. That's because the northern hemisphere begins to tilt towards the sun, which gives more light exposure to the northern hemisphere



The sun sitting directly above the earth's equator

Credit: NASA

<https://www.nhpr.org/post/something-wild-vernal->

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### FUTURE MEETINGS

MAY 27, 2019

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JULY 29, 2019